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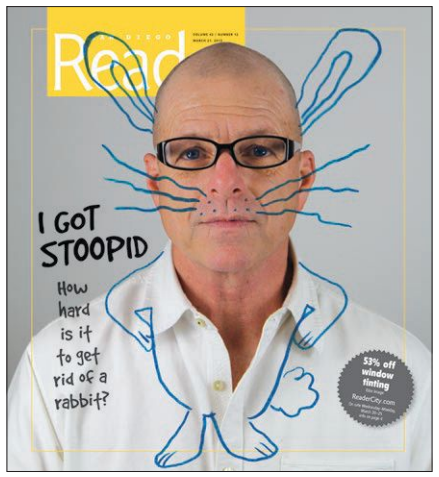
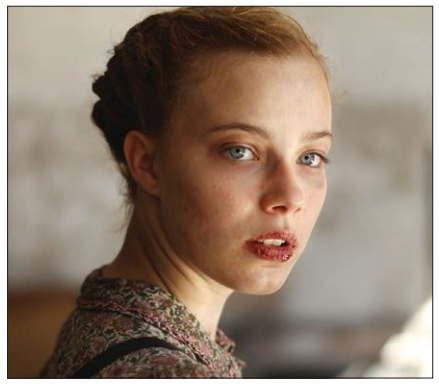


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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Protesters crash big banks' party

Group storms convention, says Wells Fargo failed in offering loan modifications

Carlsbad — **The Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) caused a chaotic scene this morning when 60 or more protesters stormed the Best Practices in Retail Financial Services Symposium being held March 13–15 at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad.**



Homeowner Betty Badro confronts Wells Fargo president and CEO John Stumpf

ACCE, which has been linked to the much-maligned and now-defunct ACORN community organization, was at the conference to make an appeal to Wells Fargo president and CEO John Stumpf to stop the scheduled foreclosure of the home of Betty Badro, a resident of the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale.

Badro says that when she attempted to negotiate a loan modification to assist her in making payments, she was advised by a Wells Fargo representative that she should stop making the payments in order to get her modification request considered, a commonly reported practice. After taking the bank's advice, Badro was placed into default in November of 2010, her modification request was denied, and Wells Fargo has been attempting to foreclose on the property since April of 2011. Badro has said that she's willing and able to resume making mortgage payments if the bank will stop the foreclosure and work with her on a modification.

"I've been working hard all my life," says Badro, a state employee. "I have income, I want to pay my mortgage, I just want a modification with principal reduction so that I can stay in my home. John Stumpf and Wells Fargo are raking in money — they just had their most profitable year ever — but they're profiting off the homes and livelihoods of American families."

The morning of Stumpf's speech before symposium attendees, ACCE members assembled in a conference room down the hall (which had been rented under a pseudonym) before storming into the main ballroom behind Badro, who took the stage while Stumpf was speaking, introduced herself, and began to explain her situation. Hotel security stepped in front of Badro, and Stumpf hastily left the stage.

Some convention attendees watched Badro amusedly for a few minutes, while others hastily left the room, creating problems for hotel staffers at the main doors, some of whom had engaged in shoving matches with protesters still filing into the room. Eventually, the lights and microphone were turned off, leaving the protest group to take over the stage. ACCE later posted a YouTube video of a portion of their exploits.

Badro was informed later in the day that her foreclosure sale date had been postponed indefinitely.

Dave Rice, March 14

Build, baby, build

Papa Doug moves forward with mixed-use development at *U-T* headquarters

Mission Valley — **The uptick in the real estate market that Doug Manchester was waiting for appears to have arrived. Yesterday, the City of San Diego gave notice that the developer and owner of the *U-T San Diego* is moving closer to building a large mixed-use development project at the site of the paper's Mission Valley headquarters.**

According to the notice posted on the city's website, Manchester will be preparing a draft environmental impact report for a 12.86-acre mixed-use project that consists of "194 multiple dwelling units, 243,680 square-feet of office space, 5,000 square feet of restaurant space, and 6,790 of retail space."

There are, however, some obstacles Manchester must clear before proceeding on the project, such as lack of parking, traffic, density, and concerns regarding the project's compatibility with the surrounding community. There are also a fair share of environmental issues as well.



Doug Manchester moves to replace *U-T* headquarters with "dwelling units," restaurant space, and retail stores

The City of San Diego will be holding a scoping meeting on the project on March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the *Union-Tribune* building to hear comments and concerns regarding the impact to the environment and the surrounding community.

Dorian Hargrove, March 14

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Fistful of blonde hair

By Eva Knott

Kathleen stood with the woman's hair in one hand and her shirt in the other, but the woman was gone. "I was so surprised. I was not able to contain her."

The conflict began when Kathleen drove up to her house on Hunsaker Street in Oceanside. It was after 3:00 o'clock on December 7, 2012.

As she slowed in front of her modest one-story home, Kathleen noticed something about the house wasn't right. "The screen that was on my bedroom window was gone. It was on the ground." And the window was opened wider than she remembered. "I had left it open; it had been fairly warm that day." Then she noticed that a metal gasoline can was taken from another place and moved over to that corner of her house.

Kathleen parked in her garage as usual and hurried out to investigate. As she passed behind her car to go to the front of her home, she heard her front door slam. She hurried to the front of the house and saw a woman coming down the front-porch steps.



When Kathleen returned home and found her house had been broken into, she confronted and grappled with the burglar.

Kathleen was stunned. "I was in a real sense of shock and disbelief." She asked the woman what she was doing in her house. "She said she had not been in my house." The stranger was carrying a load of "stuff" in her arms. Kathleen again demanded to know what the stranger was doing in her home. And Kathleen tried to stop the woman by blocking her path. But the tall, thin blonde continued to walk forward. The stranger tried to pass to the side, so Kathleen put her arms out while she demanded answers.

The thin blonde maneuvered around Kathleen and again denied being in the

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Sherri Lynn Difrancesco pleaded not guilty to the burglary, though Kathleen's jewelry was found in her possession.

house. Then she tripped. The things she had been carrying spilled out of her arms as she fell to the ground. Kathleen tried to keep the woman down on the ground by taking hold of her hair. But the stranger struggled and managed to pick up some of the items she dropped. Then Kathleen grabbed at the woman's shirt and tried to restrain her.

Next thing she knew, Kathleen was standing there with a clump of hair in one hand and a shirt in the other hand. The blonde stranger was gone.

Kathleen inventoried all the clothing and jewelry missing from her home and estimated the value of her stolen property between $40,000 and $50,000.

About a week later, on December 13, Oceanside police were notified they had a fingerprint match, but it was from a different burglary. In October, a couple who lived on South Ditmar Street reported that someone had entered their home through an open window and stolen some property. A police evidence technician was able to lift a good fingerprint from a glass jar that had been emptied of coins. That fingerprint was put into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System and came up with a match.

Detective Karla Williams was notified that the fingerprint belonged to Sherri Lynn Difrancesco; it was her right ring finger. Detective Williams looked at the photograph of Sherri Lynn and realized that suspect matched the description of the suspected burglar who left some of her hair and all of her shirt on Hunsaker Street.



Oceanside police detective Karla Williams arrested Difrancesco after the latter left a bag of jewelry with a bail bondsman.

It was after midnight, the early morning hours of December 15, when sheriff's deputy Aaron Boer arrested a woman in the parking lot of Harrah's Rincon Casino. The woman had methamphetamine and syringes in her car, and the deputy said he noticed "fresh injection marks" on the thin blonde. Difrancesco was booked into Vista jail for drug possession, being under the influence, and possession of paraphernalia.

Late that same night, a bail bondsman went to the Vista jail to bail out Difrancesco. Rogelio works for Bail Mart. He said he already knew Difrancesco: "I had dealt with her in the past." But Rogelio knew this client as Sherri Kingston (she also has a criminal record under that name). When Rogelio bailed out Sherri late that Saturday night, she gave him a bag of jewelry as "a promise to pay." The jewelry was in a "property bag" from the jail, a clear plastic bag labeled with the name of the person in custody. Rogelio didn't want jewelry; he wanted cash, but he agreed to hold on to the promise-to-pay bag until Sherri could show up with $500 cash.

Under the name Sherri Lynn Kingston, the 44-year-old woman has four active criminal cases listed in the sheriff's records. Two days later, on December 17, Oceanside police learned that their burglary suspect was expected to show up at Bail Mart on El Camino Real; she was expected to bring cash to pick up the

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UNDER THE RADAR

Of toilets and implosions

How much does it cost for the care and feeding of about 600 local VIPs and various hangers-on invited to watch a power plant being blown to smithereens? In the case of the San Diego Unified Port District's February 2 South Bay generating station implosion, the port's out-of-pocket tab came to $11,667, including a news conference called the day before to hype the event. A "Trailer-Mounted Bleacher Unit Rental" was $1500; catering cost $4860; party rentals were $3414; security cost $285; and portable toilets were $142.



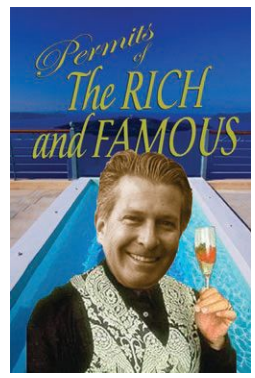
Portable toilets became an issue after the port's power-plant implosion.

In a planning memo dated January 18, the port's **Tanya Castaneda** wrote: "5 a.m.–8 a.m., Chula Vista Marina View Park: The private VIP event will take place here. There will be a tent with heaters, tables, chairs, coffee station, audiovisual equipment, displays and a podium where Chair Moore will give a 30-second welcome to those in attendance. There will be no speeches at this event. Park restrooms as well as portable toilets will be provided."

Said the invitation subsequently dispatched to the dignitaries: "Conditions permitting, and from a safe distance, the Port of San Diego invites you to watch the implosion of the South Bay Power Plant, which has been a fixture of the Chula Vista bay front since the late 1950's. We will celebrate the carefully executed implosion and enjoy newfound views of the horizon at Chula Vista Marina View Park. As a confirmed VIP guest, you will be issued a numbered parking pass and allowed access to the VIP area with refreshments and preferred viewing."

To provide even more amenities for the occasion, Castaneda emailed **Steve Miesen** of Allied Waste Services on January 28 in search of cash donations, suggesting two options: "1. $1,000 to sponsor hot coffee stations for the 400 guests, 2. $300 for Dole bananas for the guest (sic). We could put up placards saying 'Sponsored by Republic Services.' This is going to be a great event!" Replied Miesen: "I will bite on the Banana. Need to keep the attendees healthy. Please send me an invoice and I will get it processed."

So many VIPs confirmed their invitations that parking quickly became an issue. "Because we have such a large number of VIP's that have RSVP'ed, we have decided to use the entire dirt lot for that group and park the public at Bayfront Park and curb side if necessary," wrote port permits coordinator **Sofi Bayardo** to fellow staffers on January 28. "What we need to talk about is your suggestion as to how to best park the vehicles to get the most cars in as possible. Do you want to use both entrances? If only one entrance, which one? All the VIP's will have placards on their dashboard."



Lobbyist Matt Peterson specializes in obtaining permits for the fabulously wealthy.

All the while, as word of the event circulated, big shots and their friends with connections were clamoring for even more tickets. Wrote ex–port commissioner **Lee Burdick** — now a top aide to San Diego mayor **Bob Filner** — on January 29: "I registered for this event for me only. Is there a chance I can bring a guest?" **Diane Rose** of the South County Career Center wrote port commissioner **Dan Malcolm** on January 15: "Hi Dan, Is there a VIP viewing area? If so — would love to be invited." Former commissioner and San Diego mayoral candidate **Peter Q. Davis** emailed the port's **Donna Morales** on January 27: "Is it possible to bring a grand son (age 12) to the Feb. 2nd event?"

In the end, the old electrical plant went down on schedule and the VIPs presumably went away happy. But at least one member of the general public who showed up to see the implosion was discontented. "Why the VIP viewing stands and parking for your elite associates and no provisions for the 'common hoard,' ie toilets?" **Jon Skorepa** emailed Castaneda after the event. "Nice to see once again that you-all are grateful for the money you receive from the we peon common tax payers." She replied: "I checked with the team, and it turns out you were right — we did not end up having portable toilets at the public viewing areas. We did have the multi-stall bathrooms in both parks open at 5 a.m. that morning, and available for the public.

"In our initial planning for this event, we had decided to rent portable toilets. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, they were not ordered. I apologize for giving you wrong information earlier, which is why I wanted to call and speak with you personally."

Foreclosing permit options Business is booming for La Jolla lobbyist **Matt Peterson**, whose most well known client is failed GOP presidential

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100% Depression

I would like to thank the author of the article "100% Commission at Nordstrom," (March 14 cover story) and also the *Reader* for publishing it.

Last year, my older brother was hired at Nordstrom. After several months, he transferred to the shoe department, hoping to start making enough money to finally stop struggling financially. My brother is a sales star, with a consistent positive attitude and a general charisma for life. After transferring departments, his new manager treated him with such cruelty that after just two weeks, he was so overwhelmed with anxiety and depression that he was unable to even go into work. I understand that this woman has a track record of extremely harsh and unethical behavior, and that one of her employees even committed suicide over the winter.

My big brother's bright light has been diminished to a flicker. He is now back at square one, and his experience at Nordstrom has left him with little hope, and some very serious residual emotional turmoil. Something must be done within this corporation. It breaks my heart to see my brother go through this, and also to know that he isn't the only one.

Thanks again to the author for shedding some light into "one of the best companies to work for."

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Untouchable Recyclables

Regarding homeless people pulling recyclables of cans, bottles, and plastic out of the trash bins (Neighborhood News: "Illegal Recycler Found," March 7), wherein a police officer stated that scavengers have siphoned millions of dollars from the waste-management program.

What?! Are you kidding me? Sure, recyclables are not of Mother Earth, but what

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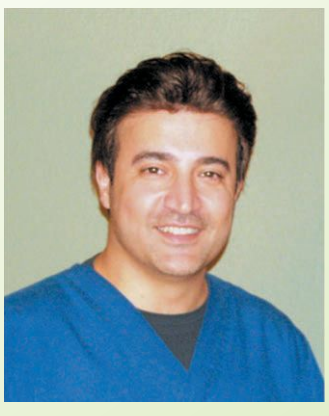
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Sweetwater ridiculousness (continued)

Superintendent Brand calls employer of board-meeting speaker

Is there a concerted attempt by the Sweetwater Union High School District to silence or stifle criticism? That's what many public speakers told the trustees during the March



Nick Marinovich

11 board meeting.

The meeting was prefaced by a lecture on civility given by Sweetwater attorney Dan Shinoff. During public comment, former adult-school teacher and community advocate Fran Brinkman asked the superintendent and trustees, "How dare you lecture us on civility?"

Brinkman recounted a litany of actions she alleges have been used to intimidate or reduce the public's right to speak. Her list included: changing board times, cutting time allotted to speakers, moving public comment to the end of meetings, removing chairs from the board room, censoring board tapes, paying the legal fees for one trustee's "bogus" restraining order, and calling the employers of public speakers.

During the public-comment portion of the meeting, more than five speakers expressed outrage at the idea that district superintendent Ed Brand would call someone's employer.

Kevin O'Neill, who sits on the district's Proposition O bond oversight board, explained to the trustees that a woman who had addressed them at a February meeting subsequently learned from her employer that Brand had called her boss, a captain in one of the branches of the armed services. According to O'Neill, Brand spoke to her captain about the woman expressing her opinion.

A similar concern was brought to the trustees' attention by bond-oversight chair Nick Marinovich.

On February 21, Marinovich received a letter from the district's attorney, Shinoff, that read: "It has come to our attention that your conduct at the District's most recent board meeting warrants our involvement. It is important that civility is maintained at all times when the Board is conducting their business."

The letter inaccurately referred to a board meeting. A clarification letter followed from Shinoff; the warning was in regard to a bond-oversight meeting.

In a March 15 interview, Marinovich, said, "This is the first letter of reprimand I have received in my entire life." Marinovich worked for the County of San Diego for 32 years.

"Sending letters like this just makes the district look foolish…. It is in reference to the entire bond-oversight committee — not just myself — asking hard questions of a district representative about iPad expenditures."

SUSAN LUZZARO, MARCH 15

CARDIFF

Homeowners sitting pretty

Low real estate inventory makes for a sellers' market

On the front page of the *Los Angeles Times*' business section this week, Cardiff-by-the-Sea 92007 was rated in the top ten Southern California zip codes that have best rebounded from the real estate disaster.

According to the report, the median price of sold homes in Cardiff during the fourth quarter of 2012 went up 81 percent, compared to the same period one year ago.

Cardiff ranked fourth, behind Compton (97 percent), South Park/San Diego 92102 (96 percent), and LA's Hancock Park/Koreatown district 90004 (86 percent).

On March 12, I checked the MLS listings for Cardiff. In the past 60 days, 44 homes were listed for sale. Of those, 15 have been closed already and 13 are in escrow, which leaves an inventory of only 16 homes for sale.

At Pacific Coast Homes this week, real estate agents Kurt Hubert and Seth Chalnick pointed to a home that closed escrow at 20 percent higher than the asking price. They claim the prices are rising quickly due to low inventory.

"I've never seen anything like this before," said Chalnick. "It's just been in the last four to six weeks, it's gone crazy."

At Steele Realty, brokers Betty Steele and Patrick Conahan have been selling Cardiff homes since 1979. Conahan said, "Buyers are getting frustrated [because of lack of inventory] and sellers are getting top dollar." Steele believes Cardiff's home prices will soon equal the value seen before the real estate collapse.

Broker Dennis Smith of RE/MAX by the Sea says the reason Cardiff's home values are rebounding quicker is because, unlike Escondido or Oceanside, there weren't as many zero-down homes purchased before the downturn, thus not as many foreclosures.

KEN HARRISON, MARCH 15

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RV residents chased from Sports Arena

As authorities in beach areas and on Shelter Island have been cracking down on prolonged parking of motor-homes, some of those RV residents have migrated to the Sports Arena area's parking lots.

However, businesses — particularly in the Target/Ralphs shopping-center parking lots along the 3200 block of Sports Arena Boulevard — have 24-hour security guards. Transient residents are finding that they aren't welcome to homestead the asphalt there.

I watched this week as a security guard spent a long time talking to an RV resident who had his dog running loose near his motor home. The security guard eventually managed



A security guard talks to an RV owner near the Sports Arena

to wrangle the man's dog back into the vehicle and the owner soon drove off.

Later, the same guard had to warn a well-dressed, self-described "veteran" for trespassing when the man hit up Target shoppers for money as they exited the store.

I questioned the guard later on in front of Target. He acknowledged the frustration of having to continually chase off "a constant parade of RVs and homeless."

JUSTIN POWELL, MARCH 14

CHULA VISTA

Board axes program and teachers

In narrow vote, district's career training program eliminated

At the March 11 Sweetwater Union High School District meeting, scores of soon-to-be-displaced Regional Occupation Program/Career Technical Education teachers, students, and students' children stood outside the boardroom or crowded the entryway, hoping for a chance to speak.

The agenda was freighted with issues and many people waited well into the night to address the board and explain the importance of the ROP/CTE program — which predominantly serves the west side of Chula Vista.

One speaker, Vanessa Elario, who is taking a phlebotomy course through the program, explained that she is one of those who

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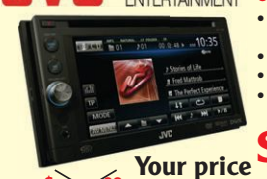
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Heavy silence

by Barbarella

"Why do you think it's always boys and never girls who go on these mass-shooting rampages?" I asked David, mostly rhetorically, because I already had my answer. "I think I know why; shooters are mostly suicidal teens, right? Suicidal tendencies go hand-in-hand with depression, but there's one major difference between girls and boys — girls want to be liked and admired, while boys want to be respected and feared. But the underlying goal is the same, and that's to drastically change what they think other people think of them."

David nodded at my armchair-psychologist hypothesis and I nodded back. Then I un-paused the *Nova* episode we'd been watching, titled "Mind of a Rampage Killer." The PBS science show is one of the few programs we have set to record on our DVR. While I enjoy hearing scientific speculation about life in ancient Egypt and learning research-based information such as what's really happening beneath the surface of the earth during major quakes, it's the stories that reveal secrets about our bodies and minds that fascinate me most.

"I knew I'd never actually attempt to kill myself — I don't think it's in my chemical makeup. But...yeah, I thought about it. Mostly about how people would react."

As we continued to watch, we saw brain scans of "depressed, suicidal" people compared with those of "healthy" people. The reporter narrated, "Researchers say 60 percent of rampage-shooters are suicidal before the carnage."

"Yeah, but that's no indicator," I said, more to the TV than to David. "I mean, every teen is depressed and has suicidal thoughts. It's part of being a teenager."

This time, it was David who paused the program. He turned to me with a serious look. "No, they don't," he said and searched my face for I don't know what. "Are you joking, or do you really think that?"

"Okay, maybe not everyone wants to kill themselves, but teen years are hard. Are you telling me you were never depressed as a teen?"

"No, I wasn't," he said.

"Did you have a lot of friends?"

"I wasn't Mr. Popular, but I had friends."

"And you never had thoughts about what it would be like if you died, like in the movie *Heathers*, how people always talked about how much they liked and admired the girl who committed suicide? How they all claimed to be her friend, even the people who were mean to her?"

"No." Rather than looking annoyed at me for not accepting his answer at face value (as he might usually do in such an exchange), David's face was a study in concern. "Did you ever want to kill yourself?"

I was tempted to crack a joke; at least that would provide an excuse for the nervous smile that had crept its way onto my face. David, aware that I can't bear the weight of a heavy silence for long, waited me out, as indefatigable as a mountain.

"Let me make one thing clear," I said, choosing my words carefully. "I knew I'd never actually attempt to kill myself — I don't think it's in my chemical makeup. But...yeah, I thought about it. Mostly about how people would react. Like, maybe they'd like me better or say nice things about me, you know, if I were dead. It's not a big deal; I think a lot of people feel that way, especially kids."

David's face was so damned listen-y that my eyes started to leak. I have a tough time expressing honest feelings without crying, especially when I'm talking to someone who appears to actually give a shit; it's a thing. David wasn't surprised or bothered by my tears because he's familiar with this aspect of my being.

"I thought I was a typical teenager, you know? Happy on the outside, miserable on the inside," I explained as I wiped at my face with my shirtsleeves. "That's what I'm talking about with the difference between girls and boys — boys blame others for their misery. I blamed myself. I didn't want anyone to realize I was so unhappy because that would be like some kind of failure. My dad was always saying you choose how you feel. I really hated myself, and when people at school made fun of me, it just reaffirmed what I already felt I knew — that I was worthless."

I gestured at the television with one hand and wiped both my cheeks with the other. "I was like that one kid they just talked about, the one who nobody realized was depressed, only I never had any violent tendencies — I didn't want to hurt anyone. But I did want to punish them somehow, and I thought — not a lot, but sometimes — that if I killed myself, it would make them all feel bad for not being nicer to me."

I told David about some of my friends in school, girls who'd attempted suicide. I had been envious of the attention they received, but not enough to go playing with razors or pills. "My friends always came to me when they were hurting," I said. "Funny, I never let on to any of them that I was so sad. I always wanted to be entertaining and fun. I just wanted everyone to like me."

I took a deep breath and let it out slowly. My eyes were drying. "You know," I said to David, whose attention had, at some point during my monologue, gone from aggravating to encouraging. "My parents found one of my journals. I used to write poetry; a lot of it was pretty bleak. But when I found out they were reading it, I was so angry."

I laughed, less from humor than from realization. "But now, looking back, I admit that it felt good when they showed their concern. I was all pissed that they wanted me to see a shrink, and I only went once — that woman was crazier than I could ever be — but just the fact that they got all up in my shit, as indignant and sullen as I acted, on some level I wouldn't admit to at the time, it made me feel loved." ■ *(@barbarellaf)*

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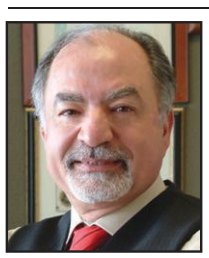


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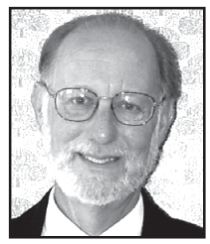
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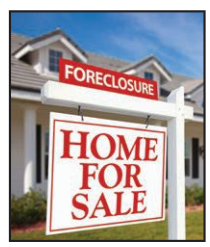
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General Atomics Predator Drone Receives First-Ever "Drone Medal"

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STARING BRAVELY AHEAD INTO A FUTURE THAT WILL ABSOLUTELY HOPEFULLY NOT INCLUDE ROGUE DRONES RAINING DEATH FROM ABOVE ON U.S. CITIZENS — Secretary of Defense Charles "Chuck" Hagel today presented the United States military's first Distinguished Warfare Medal to *Palindrone*, the locally built General Atomics MQ-1 Predator Drone responsible for the death of senior Al-Qaeda official Haitham al-Yemeni. Named for then-governor Sarah Palin, *Palindrone* took out the terrorist operative from a height of 45,000 feet while flying over Pakistan in May of 2005.



The Distinguished Warfare Medal has become known as the "drone medal" because it can be awarded to drones for "heroic service deemed too dangerous, too laborious, or simply too time-consuming for actual human American soldiers." It currently ranks above both the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, a fact that has more than a few soldiers and politicians up in arms.

"It's outrageous," said Representative Duncan Hunter via text from his backyard bomb shelter. "The very idea that some robot plane is more deserving of honor than our brave men and women in the service." Rep. Hunter continued by texting, "I fully intend to use my position as" before mysteriously falling silent. Repeated attempts to renew contact have proven unsuccessful.

During the ceremony, Secretary Hagel praised *Palindrone*'s deadly accuracy and "machine-like efficiency" in carrying out the strike, and took time to note that while subsequent missions did involve "unintended civilian casualties," these casualties were the result of bad intelligence or "human error."

"In every instance," continued Hagel, "*Palindrone* performed to perfection, unlike his human support team. It is therefore my very great honor to award this medal in recognition of his excellent service and unassailable character." Hagel then backed away slowly from the aircraft, smiling and nodding.

National Pit Bull Association President Speaks Out Following Cornelio Sentencing

President Grippe: "If you outlaw pit bulls, then only outlaws will have pit bulls."

NERVOUSLY PROFFERING A MILK BONE, PARADISE HILLS — Carla Cornelio was sentenced to four years in prison today following her conviction for involuntary manslaughter and two counts of owning a mischievous animal that caused a death. The mischievous animals in question were Cornelio's two pit bulls, which slipped through a hole in her fence in July of 2011 and mauled her neighbor, Emako Mendoza. Mendoza later died from complications brought on by her injuries.

But even as mourners gather and protesters mobilize, National Pit Bull Association president Ron Grippe is going on the attack. "People are going to try and politicize this tragedy," he told *SD on the QT*. "They're going to call for increased pit-bull regulation. But we already have pit-bull regulation. What's needed is enforcement. Or, in this case, enfencement."

"We have our principles," continued Grippe. "And no matter how much the opposition bucks and heaves, we are going to hold on to those principles. If you're going to outlaw pit bulls, you might as well outlaw cows. The last tainted-beef outbreak in the United States killed 67 people. That's ten times as many people as died from pit-bull attacks last year....

"We will not yield to this breedist attempt to demonize an entire group based on the tragic actions of an aberrant few," concluded Grippe.



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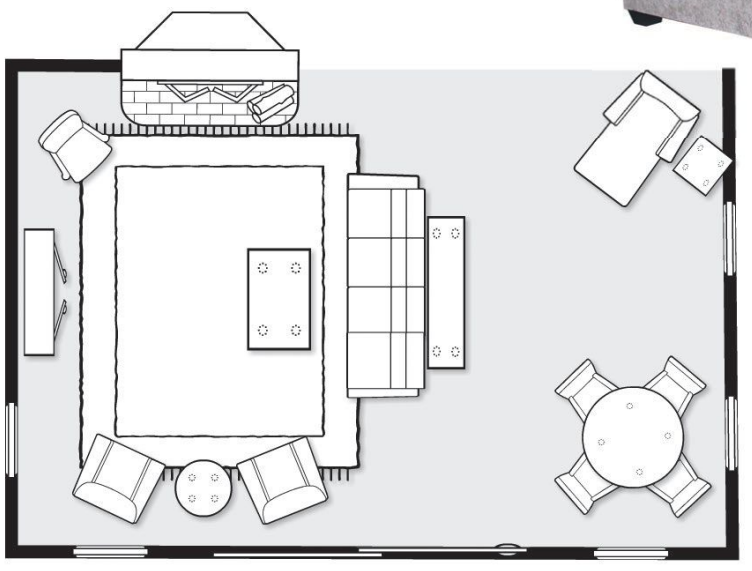
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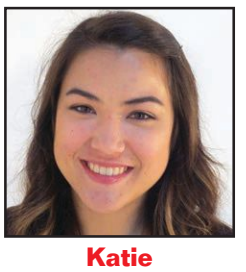






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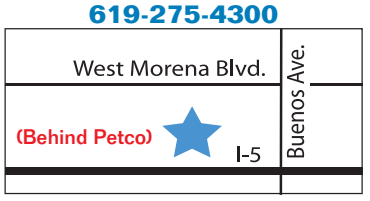
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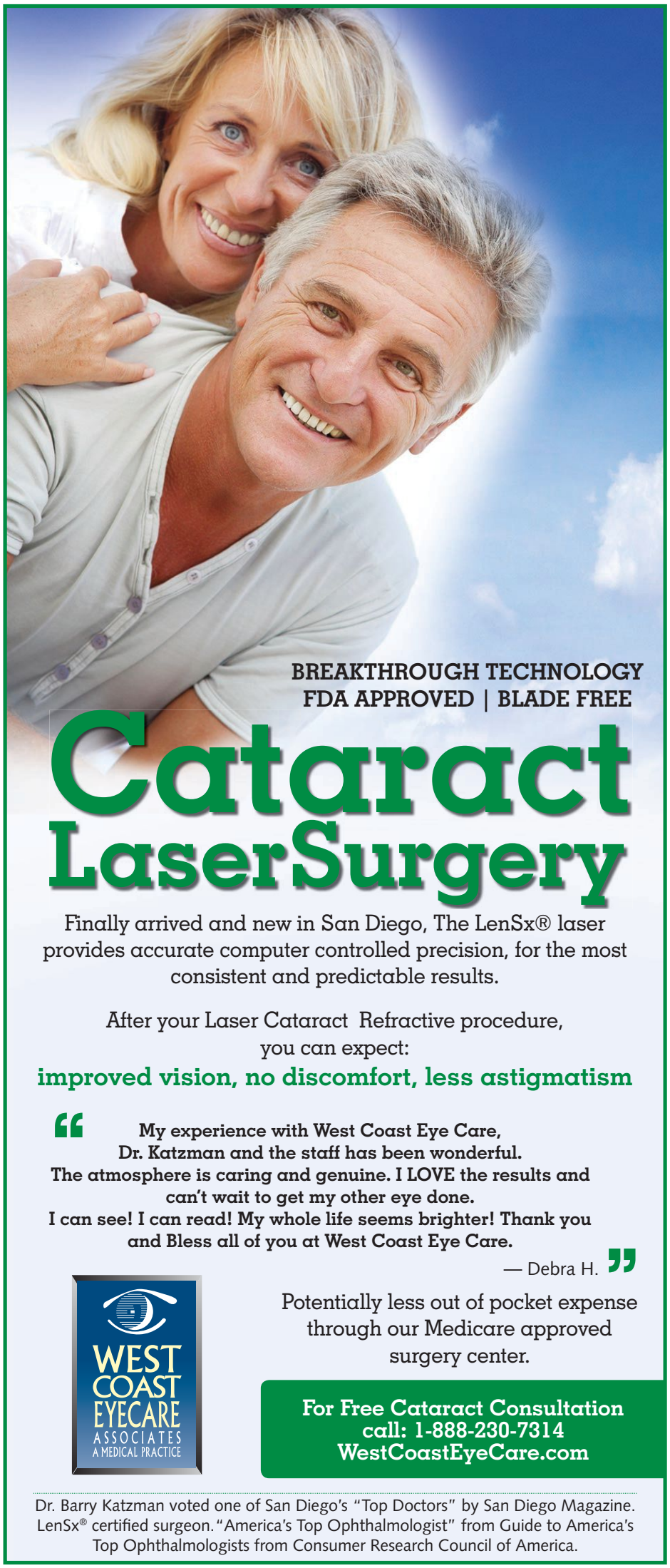


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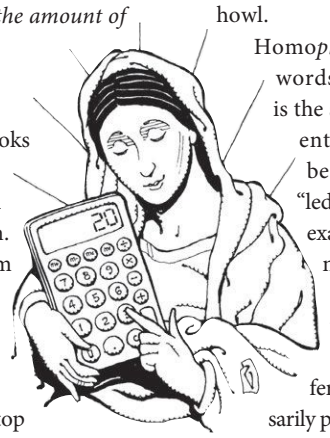


STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

ILLUSTRATION BY RICK GEARY

Heymatt:
If the Duggars have 20 kids — that's a lot, by the way — I was wondering what Ma & Pa Duggar claim on their taxes. Is it possible to claim all the kids that live at home? I believe that there are 18 or 19 children under the age of 18 in their household. Is there a limit to the amount of kids you can claim?
— Jay



There's no rule on the IRS books that limits the number of qualifying dependents someone can claim on his or her tax return. If the Duggars wanted to claim 18 child dependents on their taxes and multiply the standard $3650-per-child deduction by 18, for a whopping $65,700 tax write-off, nothing is going to stop them. Before they were famous on TV, that deduction probably made a big difference in their tax burden. Now, if you or I tried to make such a claim on our taxes in an effort to dupe the Internal Revenue Service, it would almost surely trigger an audit, since having 18 or 20 children is *extremely* unlikely.

The Duggars' taxes would be interesting to look at from the days before they were raking in extra income from television. Jim Bob Duggar is a corporate real estate investor, which implies he was making sufficient money to begin with, but I bet there were some years where his personal finances approached, maybe even reached, a net loss! The IRS, in that situation, would have to make a ruling about how to handle such an unlikely scenario.

Heymatt:
I've wondered about this for many long years and I've never found the answer. I went to grade school about 70 years ago. Homonyms are words that sound alike but are spelled differently, like "red" and "read," or "led" and "lead." What I would like to know is what to call the words that are spelled the same but sound different. Like lead and lead [pronounced leed]. Wind and wind [pronounced whined]. Like minute and minute [as in small]. There's many more — I just can't think of them offhand. What's the term for those things? What's the opposite of a homonym?
— Confused

Generally, we use the word "homonym" incorrectly, applying it too widely and covering lots of different linguistic terms. You're doing it, but its probably not your fault. Most people were given the wrong information as kids and they never ran afoul of a linguistics expert who sets them straight, as happened to me one strange day in the hallways of Alice University. The easiest way to clarify this is with a list:

Homo*nyms* (literally "same name") are words that are spelled the same, pronounced the same, yet have different meanings. E.g., "bay" can mean a body of water or a beagle's howl.

Homo*phones* ("same sounds") are words where the pronunciation is the same, the meaning is different, and the spelling can also be different. Your example of "led" and "lead" (the metal) is an example of a homophone that's not a true homonym.

Homo*graphs* ("same writing") are words that are spelled the same, mean different things, and aren't necessarily pronounced the same. "Wind" (as in blowing) and "wind" (as in wind the clock) are homographs.

Heterographs ("different writing") are words that are spelled differently, mean different things, yet are pronounced the same way. Your example of "red" (the color) and "read" (the past participle) demonstrates this.

Finally, we come to heteronyms ("different name"), which are the opposite of homonyms. Those are words that are spelled the same, pronounced differently, and have different meanings. That's where "minute" (60 seconds) and "minute" (teeny-tiny) fit in.

That should be enough to process for now. Sorry you had to wait seventy years to get the answer on this one.

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Those are property markers, embedded in the sidewalks during development. They demarcate the boundaries, usually the corners, of property as measured by professional surveyors. The numbers are the individual surveyor's identification, because they have to tag every monument they put down during land surveying, regardless of location. The monuments are useful to the city when workers go in and start tearing things up to fix water lines or whatever they're digging around for, because it lets them know into whose property they're digging. Occasionally, historical monuments get pegged into the sidewalks, but they're usually a little bigger and can have more conventional text.

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by Dave Rice



The grounds feature landscaping modeled after Monet's gardens.

This week, we visit a property that represents the highest of high end: the most expensive home currently offered for sale to the general public in San Diego County.

Villa Nafisa is a 39-acre estate constructed in 1995 and located at 5992 Calle Camposeco in the tony North County enclave of Rancho Santa Fe, home to notable names such as weight-loss guru Jenny Craig and currently-disgruntled Californian golf pro Phil Mickelson.

"Wooden gates lead into the Villa, which is ensconced in a gated community with 24-hour security," intones a voice reading the listing's remarks in a YouTube slide show promoting the property.

In addition to a 16,000-square-foot 8-bedroom, 8½-bathroom main residence, the property comes with two guest houses, adding another 10 bedrooms, a separate reading room, a "resort club," and a gymnasium, for a total of just under 31,000 square feet of living space.

"Floor to ceiling hand carved windows in the living area frame the lush surroundings, while gleaming marble floors reflect the abundant natural light," according to the listing agent's description of the primary house.

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Mohammed Abduljawad, a noted Saudi Arabian businessman. A 1996 article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* stated the



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owner was actually Ziyad Abduljawad. In the investigation that exposed the criminal behavior of former congressional representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham in 2006, it was uncovered that Ziyad had paid for Cunningham and two alleged co-conspirators to accompany him to Saudi Arabia, where they met with crown prince (now king) Abdullah bin Abdulaziz "to promote discourse and better relations between the two nations." It was reported that no staff from Cunningham's office was invited on the trip.

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POST TITLE: **Burn It! (Irony)**
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"Burn it and salt the earth with it so it will rise no more."

That's how one review for *OUT* on *Goodreads* read this week. I have to say, I've pretty much never had anybody hate my writing that much. It's at once kind of awe-inspiring, terrifying, mystifying, and baffling.



Waiting for hate mail...

When I started to write *OUT*, I really didn't think about who would be pleased or displeased. I just had an idea that I really found engaging and interesting, and I went with it. But I honestly didn't expect the negative comments to come from the pro-LGBT camp. I expected right-wing Christians might object to it because it paints conservatives in a rather negative light. I figured the Anglican Church might be a tad upset that I chose to use the fictional sect "Anglicant" for my model religion. But so far, neither of those groups knows the book exists, I suppose. I'll get that hate mail another day.

No, this reaction is coming from people who have decided the book is homophobic, that I am some anti-gay activist writer seeking to paint all LGBT people as evil, and they've totally managed to miss the point.

The gay community already accepts gay people. There is no need to convince them. The people who object to LGBT unions are people in the majority, specifically straight people. I purposefully called the groups in my book Parallel and Perpendicular because I didn't want people to forget that it was fiction, that it wasn't about the gay citizens of our world today.

It is an opportunity for people in the majority to step into the shoes of the minority. What if straight people in our world were assaulted, sent to reconditioning camps, outcast, disowned? How would they feel? That was what I wanted to explore in *OUT*. It wasn't designed to give people ammunition to target LGBT people. Is it realistic to think that this world would ever come to be? No. It's called speculative fiction.

From what I've seen, the people who are most rabidly protesting the book haven't even read it. (To be fair, a couple have read it, but I think they decided before they even cracked it open that it was a homophobic diatribe. With goggles like that on, I doubt they could see it for what it really is. If someone comments, "I'll read it, but there's no way it's not a homophobic book," you pretty much know their opinion is not going to change.)

These same people will rail against narrow-minded individuals who won't consider same-sex marriage. They'll condemn those who can't see things from their perspective. But they're doing the exact same thing.

In the writing business, we call this irony.

POST TITLE: **Knee Jerks**
POST DATE: **January 18, 2013**

Some people, people who haven't read the book, think *OUT* is anti-LGBT.

This reminds me of the novel *Huckleberry Finn*. Over time, people decided it was a racist book because it featured the n-word 264 times. It was banned in many schools based only on this fact. Some people still think this...and all of them are people who haven't read the book.

Huckleberry Finn is actually one of the least racist books around. If you read it in context and understand the world in which it was written, you realize that Mark Twain created the character of Jim, a runaway slave, and gave him all the virtues that racist whites attributed to themselves alone. He was more noble, more compassionate, more selfless, and more human than anyone else in the book.

The complaint I hear from people is that in *OUT*, the same-sex couples are depicted as the bad guys. This is a necessary conceit for the idea of the book to work. Also, many of the Parallels in the book work in the resistance, trying to change the world they feel is wrong. The bottom line is this: people who still feel that LGBT people don't deserve the right to love the person they love need to see what it would feel like to be in that position. I believe that if they could see through my book what it would be like to be ostracized for being who they are, maybe they could understand this struggle.

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SportingBox
BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

March Madness edition



And the 2013 Most Improbable Team trophy goes to...

Time for our annual NCAA Tournament preview, wherein the Box picks the most improbable team to receive an invitation and gives you, oh Sporting Box regulars, an inside line. This year's honoree is Liberty University of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Even counting a five-game winning streak capped with a Big South tournament victory, the L.U. Flames finished with a 15–20 record and .429 winning percentage. That's what it takes, Pilgrim, to earn the 2013 Most Improbable Team trophy.

I'm on the phone with Damien Sordelett, a sports writer for Lynchburg's *The News & Advance*. Sordelett, 27, graduated in communications from George Mason, interned at *USA Today*, and is working his way up the newspaper food chain, moving to a larger paper with each new job. I mention that Liberty University is a much bigger school than I thought it was.

Sordelett says, "They have 12,000 or 13,000 kids living on campus, 60,000 kids taking online classes. They've just finished an expansion of their football stadium, they're building a new baseball facility, and adding practice courts to their basketball facility."

On to business. I ask, "What's your take on the men's basketball team?"

"No one really expected the men to do much of anything. Home attendance during the year averaged 2000 to 3000. This is an 8000-seat facility they play in. No one figured they would get as far as they got.

"Gayle Layer, the coach, said in early January, after they completed their first three-game winning streak, that they were a month behind. Injuries hurt them to start the year. Antwan Burrus [forward] injured his foot before the season started. Joel Vander Pol, who played his best during the conference tournament, had two back surgeries during the off-season. Tomasz Gielo — 6 feet, 9 inches, he'd play wing, he'd play post — had a hip injury a week prior to the season opener and missed the first several weeks.

"They were constantly integrating new pieces throughout the season. They had to replace Jesse Sanders, who was a point guard, the only player in Division I history to have a triple double in each of his four seasons. They replaced him with Devon Marshall, who had never played point guard before this year. They had to integrate a new center in JR Coronado, who ended up starting most every game throughout the year.

"They had to find ways to integrate all these new pieces, which is why, when their season started, they were in training-camp mode. By the time they got to January, they were a couple months behind. By the time they got to February, they were a month behind. Right near the end of February, they caught up with everyone."

I ask, "Are they a pretty good team now?"

Sordelett says, "They're a good team with a full, healthy post rotation. They have 6-foot, 10-inch and 6-foot, 8-inch centers. They have a 6-foot, 9-inch athletic power forward. You put in Tomasz Gielo at 6 feet, 9 inches, and they have some length. They go with the four guard rotation with Devon Marshall, who was the tournament MVP. You have John Caleb Sanders, who has developed into his own this year — led the team in scoring, led the team in assists, one of the top rebounders. He found his role being a facilitator off-guard."

"How would you rank this team against an ACC or Big Ten team?"

"They're a Big South team, nowhere near as good as those ACC teams. We're on the level of a Mountain West team or a West Coast [Conference] team."

Everybody loves Cinderella. I ask, "Can Liberty beat somebody?"

"Oh, yeah," Sordelett says. "They're like the VALPO [Valparaiso] team that made the Sweet 16 run in the late '90s. They have those types of pieces. They're not great, but they're a good team. They play well together, and that's what you saw once they caught up with everyone. Marshall went 17 for 24 from three-point range in the four games during the [championship] week. If you need a basket, he's the one who can get it for you.

"If you look at the conference tournament, they beat Coastal Carolina on its home court in the opening round. They beat the top seed from their division in High Point. Then they beat the hottest team in the league, Gardner-Webb, in the semifinals, and then they beat the number-one overall team in the championship game. You can't really say they fluked into it.

"They'll likely be that 16th seed in the play-in game. They could stay hot and win, but then comes the reality of playing an Indiana or a Gonzaga or Duke. Then you'll see the gap between the top teams and these other schools."

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"I did a Lexus LFA last week. That's a $400,000 supercar."

'Shaggy and Scooby must be jealous," Patrick said when Bernice pulled her bright yellow Dodge Sprinter down our driveway. The Sprinter has 12 seats, just like our Chevy Express, but it rides about two feet higher — over nine feet. "I love being able to look down on jacked-up pickups," grinned Bernice, "but it comes at a price. Drive-thrus and parking garages are off-limits. And the worst part is finding a place to wash the thing."



"We wash motorhomes, RVs, box trucks, motorcycles...really, anything on wheels," said Robert Salas. Together with his business partner Joseph Seals, Salas is owner of the So-Cal Way (888-932-6632; *thesocalway.com*), a mobile auto-detailing company. "I've done Sprinters before. We consider them extra-large vehicles, so the price for a full-service wash would be **$45**. That includes washing the windows, inside and out, rims, tires, doorjambs, and a wipedown and vacuum of the interior. We come to you. We're completely self-contained: we bring our own water and electricity. We use a pressure washer and an air compressor" — the latter to blow out dust from hard-to-reach places. "It has nozzles and brushes for getting into the vents. We also bring ladders and long brushes, so that we can scrub the roof with soap and water. The car will be rinsed and hand-dried." Salas cleans the glass with a product known as Invisible Glass. "It's a two-towel process. One towel to apply the product and then a dry microfiber towel to buff it out."



For vehicles larger than Bernice's, Salas charges by the foot: **$3.50** per. "Something like the Sprinter should be done in about an hour," he said.

Josh Vanderwaall, owner of Detail Green (800-828-9291; *detailgreenusa.com*), also offers a mobile washing service — with an eco-friendly aspect. "We have a concentrate that we mix with a small amount of water. It's basically an emulsifying product, and we spray it onto the car. It lifts the dirt away and leaves a layer of lubrication. We wipe the dirt away, then use a microfiber towel to buff out the car so that there are no streaks and no runoff. We can also use a high-pressure steam-cleaner, which does the same thing with steam. Again, there is no runoff."

Vanderwaall noted his company used to stick with steam alone because the chemical emulsifier tended to mar automobile paint jobs. But the products have improved to the point where he feels safe rubbing them onto the most expensive cars out there. "I did a Lexus LFA last week. That's a $400,000 supercar. The majority of stuff we do is very high end." He added that his company was insured, "so that if anything did happen to your car while we were cleaning it, it would be covered. Also, we don't use high-speed buffers. They're fine if you're trying to remove deep scratches, but they can create an uneven surface on your car's clear coat. Instead, we use dual-action polishers that mimic the action of the hand at a really high rate."

Detail Green often needs a couple of days' advance notice for your wash, said Vanderwaall. "The basic package includes an interior vacuum and a wipedown of all major compartments. We clean the wheels, dress the tires, and wash the windows inside and out. The cost is **$65**. We can also do a wax coat for an additional **$35**, as well as other services. Depending on what you choose, the job can take from 90 minutes to five hours."

In the self-serve department, I found Happy Cow Car Wash in El Cajon (619-922-5966; *happycowcarwash.com*). Bernice couldn't fit the Sprinter on their automated wash track, but she could take it into their self-service wash bays. "They're 16 feet tall," said employee Mark, "and they have concrete platforms alongside so you can reach the top of your vehicle. The bays include foam soap, brushes, clear-coat polish protectant, high-pressure hoses, tire-bug-engine cleaner, and a blow-dry system. The machines take credit cards, debit cards, bills, and coins; cost is **$3** for five minutes or a cash price of **$5** for ten minutes. We have a vacuum in an alleyway where you can vacuum the Sprinter — there's no awning there. The vacuum is **$2** for five minutes, but it's a turbo vacuum — it sucks really hard."

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UNIQUE ANIMALS

by Chad Deal



Otras Obras is a six-month temporary art space in downtown Tijuana.



"The camera is the dancer, and the television is the mirror."



Forecast, *by Dutch artist and photographer Anne de Vries*

Indian mystic Meher Baba defined involution as "the inner path of the human soul to the Self," in which the ecstatic rapture of realization is the highest and ultimate purpose of the illusory material world.

Tijuana art space Otras Obras may or may not have had this meaning in mind for their February video exhibition of the same name, but the connotation is indicative of the gallery's aims.

A joint endeavor of Los Angeles/Tijuana artist Michael Ray-Von and New York festival promoter Todd Patrick, Otras Obras curates installations that deviate from the dominant storylines of contemporary art in Tijuana and, in doing so, provide a forum for shocks of insight and epiphany.

Says Meher Baba, "Before he can know Who he is, man has to unlearn the mass of illusory knowledge he has burdened himself with on the journey from unconsciousness to consciousness."

Correspondingly, *Involution*'s curator statement comes off as a fusion of esoteric texts and a wine-fueled Hakim Bey manifesto:

"Involution as a radical rethinking of historical narratives and social formations. A social architecture is an assemblage of images, the form of which constitutes a temporary continuum of identity...innumerable heads inhabiting a single body; a coexistence of influences. By exploiting or exploding the tendencies, or tropes, of a given formation, alternate formations occur. The result is a lingering self-recognition, a turning out upon itself, an involution.... The dancer is practicing in front of the mirror. The mirror is practicing in front of the dancer. The camera is the dancer, and the television is the mirror. And the video-feedback itself is neither the camera nor the television, it's something that's between the two terms. And it's always-already occurring everywhere all the time.... Involution is an auto-betrayal."

> Tijuana is going through a process of involution.

You could even say that Tijuana itself is going through a process of involution. The streets of Zona Centro certainly suggest so.

Calle Sexta, located half a block north of Otras Obras, is the aorta of revived nightlife in the mercurial border city. In the absence of Navy jerks and college-kids-gone-wild humping binge visions of spring break everlasting, the brief downtown stretch is now a bustling node of bars and restaurants catering to local predilections.

Zona Centro is also home to a handful of independent art spaces that — following Baba's metaphysical path of involution — serve as signposts along the way to Tijuana's realization of itself.

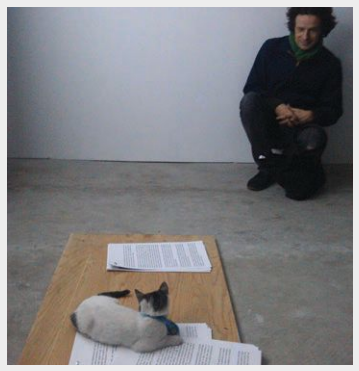
"One of the elements which turn border cities into unique animals is the stream of disjunct influences," says *Involution* co-curator Temra Pavlovic. "The way in which two influences collide and function together is addressed and questioned in the body of *Involution*."

While the gallery's premiere exhibition, *To Preserve Disorde*r, provoked revolutionary sentiments via prison-escapee portraits and a sack of politically charged texts blasted clear across the room by a half-stick of dynamite, *Involution* dealt a subtler hand.

Video works by Ivan Argote, Balam Bartolome, Cristian Franco, Amy Howden-Chapman, Oliver Laric, Lindsay Lawson, Sara Ludy, and Anne de Vries featured re-appropriated footage from the late '40s black-and-white film *Nosotros los Pobres*, images from online archives, and a playful spin on the potter's wheel scene in *Ghost*.

Likewise, the city reinvents itself with borrowed imagery from both sides of the border. Is Tijuana more of a sister city to San Diego or a distant satellite of Distrito Federal? Involution doesn't purport to have the answer.

Says Pavlovic, "We think about the process of involution as a type of movement that presents potential of growth beyond predetermined structures and realities."



Oh, you wanted to read that?

Indeed, Tijuana appears to be doing just that.

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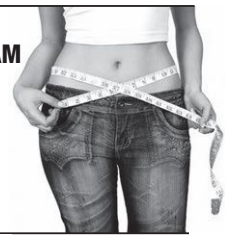


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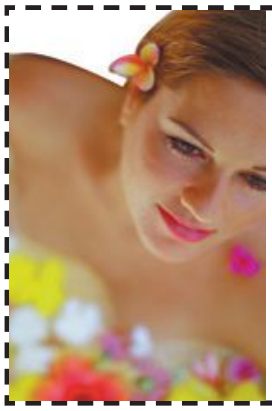
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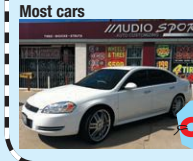
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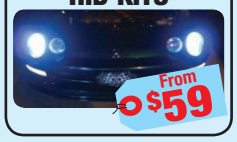
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I GOT STOOPID

How hard is it to get rid of a rabbit?

It is doing what rabbits do.

It hops about, nibbles sticks and leaves, sniffs the afternoon breeze. Even by rabbit standards, the bunny is little: cup the palms of your hands together, and you could contain its entirety. Fuzzy and white, with black and tan spots, it looks as out of place among the wild brown rabbits that infest Lake Murray's shores as would a penguin in the desert. And if the bunny minds that cyclists and the like are stopping along the jogging path to snap pictures like paparazzi, it doesn't show.

"Wait till your mom sees this," a man on a bike says to his children. He poses the kids on the trail with the bunny in the background. "She's gonna love it." But shortly after, the family loses interest and resumes pedaling. Others also move on. The bunny resumes nibbling ditch weeds.

It's a pet gotten loose, my exercise companion concludes, and it needs rescuing. "Give me your hoodie," she says. "I know how to do this." She pounces, and the small white rabbit rockets into the trees.

"I'm sure the lake wardens know about it," I say. "They'll trap it somehow." My friend is dubious. Who knows how

long the bunny can survive out here? "Maybe it'll stay hidden," I say. I am secretly hoping we won't see it again.

But after we jog the lake and return to our starting point, there is the spotted bunny, hopping about in roughly the same place. By now, the warm June afternoon is turning to dusk. I walk up the bank, alone, and sit near the bunny in the lengthening shadows. For the next half hour, I tell it mindless things about wild dogs and coyotes. The lights in the parking lot come on. Finally, the rabbit hops over and sniffs. My fingers sink gently into fur so plush I understand immediately why they make coats out of rabbits.

Later that night, tweezing bloody ticks from around the thing's neck in the clinical glow of my halogen desk lamp, I see it: a word has been tattooed inside the rabbit's left ear. "Stoopid." Now we're getting somewhere. A poor choice for a name, yes, but I am thinking that whoever commissioned the offensive tat likely misses their pet. The next day, I cover the floor of the guest bathroom in my La Mesa home with hay. I lock the bunny inside with water and rabbit pellets and drive back to the lake.

"Oh, it's probably coyote poop by now," the counter man at the bait shop tells me. "That's what happens to rabbits that get turned loose out here. They keep the coyotes fed." Well, not this time, I say. The counter man seems shocked that I've caught the animal. As if to explain his jaded attitude, he says, "People let rabbits go here all the time. They just dump any kind of animal off." A short list of rejected pets includes turtles, goldfish, even frogs and snakes. "You see all those ducks?" He points out the window at a gaggle of large white birds with gold beaks. "Not a one of them is a native." I ask for permission to post some lost-bunny flyers around the lake, and the counter man writes down my phone number.

"I have a video of the bunny. Do you want to come over and watch it?"

Outside the bait shop, a painfully thin man holding several fishing rods approaches. "I overheard you in there," he says quietly. "We run a rabbit rescue, my girlfriend and me." He licks his chapped lips. "If you can't find the owner, we'll take it." He licks his lips again. "Okay?" I write down his phone number. Meanwhile, can he spare a loaner cage? No, he cannot.

The receptionist at the Humane Society in Mission Valley politely informs me that La Mesa is not within their service area. I'm told to instead contact either the El Cajon or Bonita shelter to report the missing bunny. There is no room at the inn, otherwise; all three of the Humane Society's locations are full-up with rabbits.

Calls to El Cajon and Bonita get the same answer: full to capacity, not accepting any rabbits at this time, but do check back. The receptionist at Bonita suggests I place an ad on Craigslist.

"My neighbor lost her bunny a couple of days ago," says the first responder to my found-bunny-at-Lake-Murray posting. I'd purposely not mentioned the ear tattoo to separate opportunists from the real owner. I press the caller for a description. "It's little and it's white, and it has spots with black eyes," he says. Close, but no cigar. The caller insists that the bunny belongs to his neighbor. He gives me her address. He wants me to show it to her. I do the map math: Does the caller realize that, from his neighbor's house, the rabbit would've had to hop across eight lanes of freeway to get to the lake?

"Anything is possible," he says.

Another Craigslist responder claims that he, too, saw a spotted rabbit. It had been hopping about his Lake Murray neighborhood during the last week or so. He fed it lettuce. According to the caller, the bunny was very friendly. Then, he says, it just sort of disappeared one day. I ask if it ever occurred to him to call Animal Control — or if pet bunnies simply roamed about loose in his neighborhood. He has no answer to this. Then he says, "I have a video of the bunny. Do you want to come over and watch it?"

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produces a list of local independent rabbit shelters, including the Companion Rabbit Society and the House Rabbit Society (one and the same organization, it turns out). Like their civic counterparts, none of the shelters has room for rabbits, stray or otherwise. I'm told to check back. Meanwhile, why don't I take the rabbit to a veterinarian to have it scanned? Possibly, whoever tattooed its ear also had it tagged with an identifying microchip.

I purchase a used animal carrier from a thrift store and drive the rabbit to a clinic in Rancho San Diego. A veterinary tech runs a small electronic wand over the bunny again and again, but no dice. "She's not been chipped," the tech says. I show her the ear tattoo and she is somewhat taken aback.

"You might," she says, "call the 4H club."

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According to statistics, says Margo DeMello, rabbits are the third-most euthanized animals in shelters across the country. Raised in Poway, DeMello is an anthropologist/author now based in New Mexico. She's also the president and executive director of the House Rabbit Society, a nonprofit founded in 1988 that is dedicated



Margo DeMello, president and executive director of the House Rabbit Society

to rescuing abandoned rabbits and educating the public about rabbit care. DeMello says that, each year (not counting humane societies or animal shelters), thousands of unwanted rabbits funnel into 30 chapters across the country and into satellite locations in locales as far-flung as Italy and Japan. When we talk by phone, she points out that, while shelter dogs and cats get the lion's share of publicity, rabbits are the most exploited of all companion pets.

"They are eaten, slaughtered for their fur, and used in experiments," she says. If you add the word "hunted" to this list, here in San Diego County rabbits are subject to all of the above.

Rabbit-hunting season opens in our backcountry in July; it ends on the last Sunday in January. According to the Natural History Museum checklist of mammals in San Diego County, we have three types of wild rabbits: the desert cottontail, the black-tailed jackrabbit (a type of hare), and the brush rabbit. All are genetically distinct from the strain of European hares we breed for meat, or for pets, or for show.

For non-hunters, fully dressed rabbit meat is available for sale at retail butchers, such as Iowa Meat Farms in Grantville and at Siesel's Old Fashioned Meats. Rabbit skewers have been offered at the Tractor Room in Hillcrest; ditto for rabbit taquitos at El Take It Easy. But diners at North Park's Linkery did without rabbit in October due to a late-summer heat wave that affected production at Taj Farms in Valley Center, their rabbit-meat supplier.

Kevin Whaley says that, in the 1970s, San Diego was considered to be number one in the country for rabbit-meat production. Whaley has been building cages for rabbit keepers (among other small-animal enthusiasts) for decades, at his Santee-based KW Cages. KW is featured in an upcoming documentary about the world of show rabbits, titled *Rabbit Fever*.

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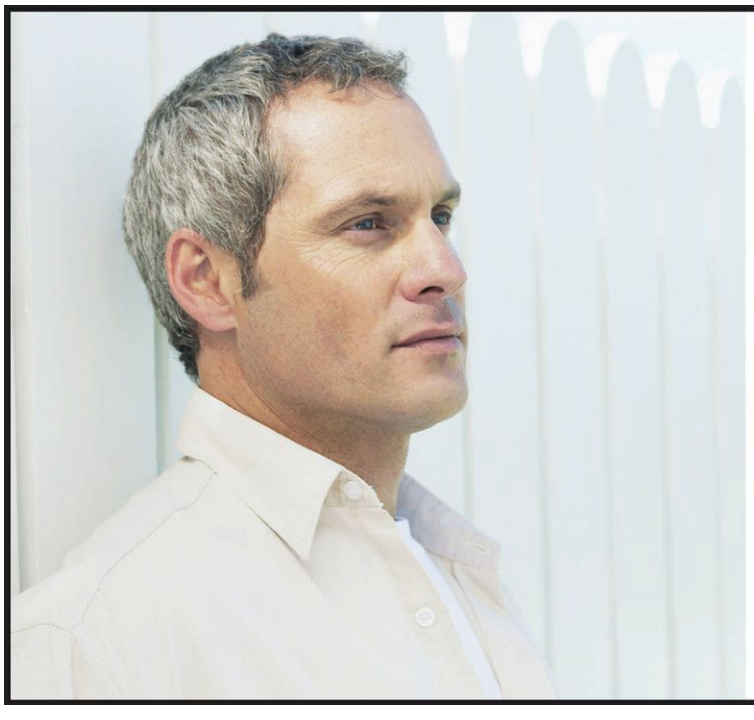
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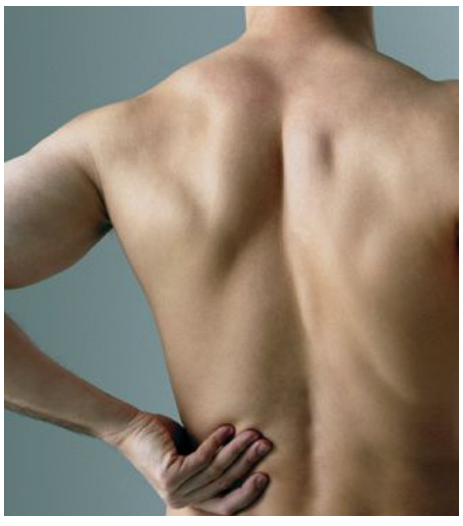
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Over a quarter-million rabbits are used in laboratories across the country each year, says PETA, as living tests for products and medications. For example, in 2004, researchers at UC San Diego induced strokes in their lab rabbits in an attempt to study the effects of a compound thought to have potential for human stroke victims.

PETA also says that, each year, over a billion rabbits are slaughtered around the world to supply the fur industry. On Black Friday 2012, a local group calling themselves the IDA Fur Free Friday Event marched in Fashion Valley to protest the sale of animal-fur garments, items such as the rabbit vests sold at Nordstrom.

Finally, consider the rabbit's role as cultural icon, from Bugs Bunny to Hugh Heffner's Playboy Bunnies to the wearing of a mummified rabbit's foot as a good-luck token and fairy tales that use the rabbit as a sort-of moral compass. In 1901, a British illustrator named Beatrix Potter wrote and published *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, based in part on her own pet bunnies. It became one of the best-selling books of all time. The origin of that most famous of mismatches, Aesop's "The Tortoise and the Hare," a children's classic, dates back to pre-biblical Greece. The Easter Bunny is another thing entirely.

In spring, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus along with the annual return of a rabbit figure with magical properties. In turn, some rabbit breeders ramp up springtime production because baby bunnies at Easter are to the retail pet industry what red roses are to florists on Valentine's Day: dollar signs. Most of the rabbit advocates I spoke with for this story pointed to Easter as a prime source of eventually unwanted rabbits.



Patricia Mulcahy, president of the San Diego chapter of the House Rabbit Society

"Easter bunnies grow up," says Shelly, a San Diego House Rabbit Society volunteer. She prefers not to publish her last name and is private about the number of rabbits she currently fosters for fear of running afoul of zoning regulations in her Spring Valley neighborhood. "When Easter bunnies grow up, they get dumped," she says.

This is a fact of pet-bunny life that the San Diego Humane Society knows all too well, even going so far as to build a slogan-based campaign intended to dissuade the gifting of baby rabbits at Easter: "Make mine chocolate."

My calls and emails to three area pet-rabbit breeders were not returned.

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"I know whose barn your rabbit came out of," says Paulette Sauln, the 4H county council president for San Diego. "I'm a volunteer," she explains. "In the past, I've run the small-animal program." That involves training new 4H club members in leadership and things like showmanship qualities.

She is familiar with my rabbit's odious ear marking. The animal, she says, was bred by a 4H member in Jamul. "Then it was sold to an El Capitan high-school student. I don't know the name of the person." Sauln says she could probably find out if I'm interested. The El Cap student was in an agriculture class and belonged to an organization called the Future Farmers of America. Stoopid, it turns out, was part of a class requirement.

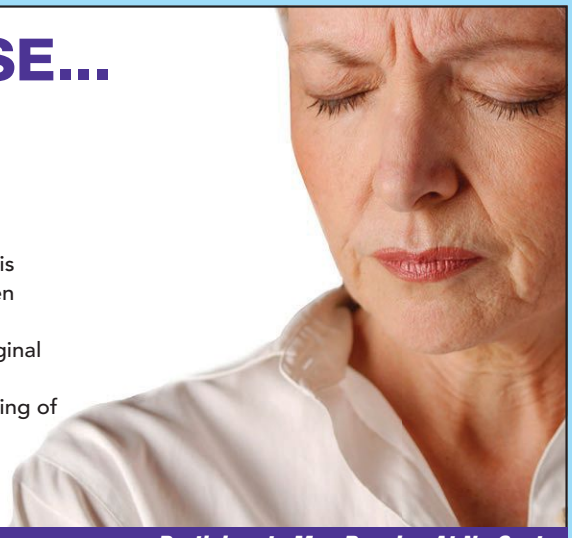
"The rabbit was shown at the Del Mar Fair in 2011 by the student. It was tattooed on the day of the show." An ID tattoo inside an ear is a condition of showing a rabbit at the fair. "And then," she says, "it was dumped."

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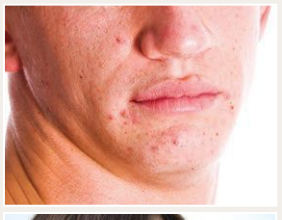
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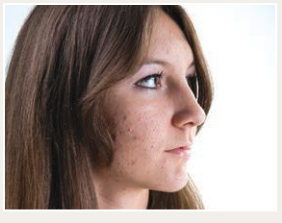
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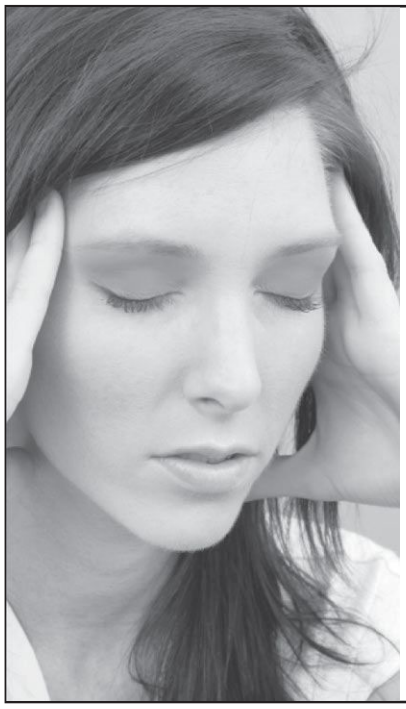
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loose to fend for itself. It's a fairly common solution among students who no longer need a classroom animal or know what to do with it in that circumstance. "I'm pretty sure it was a case of a graduate going off to college."

Are there best intentions involved — as in, possibly thinking that the domestic rabbit will enjoy living with its wild cousins?

"I'd like to think that, but it's not the truth," Sauln says. "They just don't want it anymore."

She is quick to differentiate between 4H kids and Future Farmers. "For the most part, the kids who let animals loose are not 4H-ers." Sauln says that rabbits are the most numerous of the 4H small-animal projects, "because kids can have a rabbit in an apartment." Some kids have breeding projects while others have meat projects.

Sauln would willingly be part of a solution if only she were informed that the student could no longer care for the animal. "If they'd call me," she says, "I'd help them find [the rabbit] a home."

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"We found Moe in a plastic Target shopping bag in a parking lot."

Patricia Mulcahy is president of the San Diego chapter of the House Rabbit Society. Mulcahy once lived on St. Thomas and worked as a sailboat captain. She moved to La Mesa in 2000 and now works as a legal secretary. She's alert, 50-something, with a plume of frizzy hair.

The first thing a visitor encounters upon entering her home — aside from the computerized loom — is a series of wire pet barriers strategically placed to restrict her pet rabbits to certain areas and to keep them from encountering each other. Rabbits chew; rabbits fight.

The first such pet to greet a visitor is named Katie. She's a large, reddish female of the "silk" breed. Katie is friendly and curious, with big feet and big ears. Two other

Baby bunnies at Easter are to the retail pet industry what red roses are to florists on Valentine's Day: dollar signs.

rabbits, Antonio Bunderas and Big Buns, live up a small flight of stairs, in a sitting room off the kitchen. They, and Katie, come hopping when Mulcahy raps loudly on the hardwood floor: her signal for a treat. She feeds each a special grain cookie made for rabbits.

An entire back bedroom has been given over to stacks of wire cages. This is where Mulcahy pens her foster-care rabbits. At present, all fosters — 14 of them — are outside on the covered patio, lounging in large exercise pens. They represent a fraction of House Rabbit Society bunnies awaiting adoption.

I meet Walter and Gracie first, then a small three-legged bunny named Shaggy.

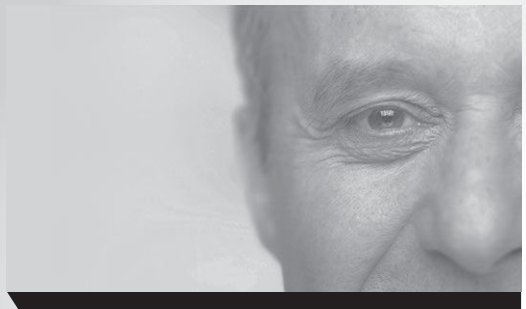
"They come in sometimes with a broken leg because the owners don't want to pay the money to take them to a vet," Mulcahy says. "In most cases, due to a rabbit's high level of activity, a broken leg must be amputated, because if they don't get a chance to set correctly, infection can ensue."

Clover, a gray-and-white Dutch male is also a "tripod," similarly abandoned with a broken hind leg. Mulcahy lets him out of his exercise pen. He hops about the back yard at considerable speed, considering his disability, and investigates everything. "We don't have any problem adopting out tripods," Mulcahy says. Does she feel a twinge of sadness when they go? Not at all. "I don't cry. I'm happy. I can't give them all the individual love and attention they deserve."

When Katie hops by for a visit, Mulcahy gently picks her up and plops her in my lap. She then explains how the Society's hotline works. "We get what we call 'dump calls' — people trying to get rid of their pets — five to six times a week." To solve the problem, they try to find out why a caller needs to loose the pet rabbit; in many cases, the best-case scenario is to keep it in its home.

Earlier, when I spoke with Shelly, who also volunteers as a society hotline worker, she told me, "People threaten us. They say, 'If the shelters are full and you can't take our rabbits, we'll set them free.'" Shelly talks

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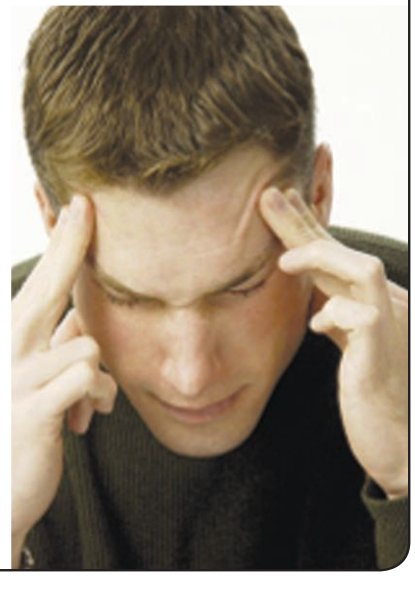
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about trying to corral six black bunnies released at a Jamul stable and about following up on bunny reports on Cowles Mountain in San Carlos, another popular dumping ground.

"Domesticated rabbits can't live in the wild," Shelly says. "For one, there are coyotes, hawks, foxes, and raccoons. Domestic rabbits don't know how to forage for food in the wild. I don't think they know how to get water." Most people are shocked to learn this. "They see wild bunnies, and they think pet bunnies will adapt. We tell them that, instead of turning them loose, [they should] advertise on Craigslist or put up flyers at their veterinarian's office or in pet shops. We tell them to call the shelters every day to see if there are openings."

For the record, it's illegal to turn a pet loose anywhere within San Diego County. It's considered Willful Abandonment, a misdemeanor offense, according to California Penal Code 597s.

How long do rabbits generally remain in a foster home such as Mulcahy's? Walter and Gracie, Mulcahy says, have been with her for about a year. Another rabbit remained in foster for five years, or potentially half its expected lifetime. She explains that the society holds two adoption events per month. Adoption chairman Judith Pierce prequalifies prospective bunny adopters. "If they insist on keeping a rabbit outside, we won't adopt. A rabbit is such a different animal."

"You're the only single man we know with a bunny."

Mulcahy points out the rabbit named Moe in the lot on her patio. He's the one that survived being abandoned in a plastic bag. Moe is two shades of brown. "He's been sun-bleached," Mulcahy explains, a normal condition. "At least the people that dumped him did the right thing. They left him in the parking lot in front of the Pet Emergency Hospital, and they called us."

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Something in my attitude is changing. It's been a gradual turn, not anything I can time-stamp, simply a growing awareness that the found rabbit with "Stoopid" inked into its ear has indeed found a home — mine.

My friends are not amused. "You're the only single man we know with a bunny." I hear that a lot, and indeed, the people I meet at the House Rabbit Society, and bunny-owners elsewhere, tend to be women and children. An ex-girlfriend says, "You're the last person I'd think of that would own a rabbit."

"It's a cult," a fellow bunny owner tells me. We're waiting in line at the House Rabbit Society's weekly rabbit-grooming and nail-trimming session at the headquarters in Kearny Mesa. A Flemish Giant rabbit with feet the size of a small child hops about the room, sniffing everything. "Rabbit people," the woman says, "are a cult."

I purchase a dog's exercise pen and set the rabbit up in my office on a square of secondhand linoleum. In time, the rabbit trains itself to use a litter box, gaining free run of the house, which might once have seemed

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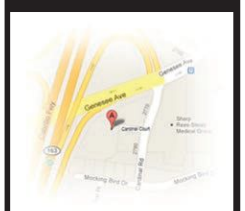
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as inconceivable to me as sprouting wings and flying to the grocery store.

I'm still marveling at this transformation — my journey down the rabbit hole, if you will — the day Linda Harrison brings her pet rabbit over for a play date with my little found bunny.

Snow, Harrison's pet, is a large white lop with bright pink eyes. The rabbit is myopic, somewhat ill-tempered, and a biter. Harrison adopted her for precisely these reasons: she wanted a challenge, a foster rabbit that was undesirable as a pet.

We set up a large wire exercise pen on the front lawn.

"You may get us kicked out," she tells Snow. This is in reference to the rabbit's habit of chewing baseboards and door jambs. Harrison is renting a room from a friend while in the process of selling her Mission Hills condo. I mention that her roommate is progressive in allowing her to have Snow there in the first place, let alone allowing the rabbit to roam about the house. Rabbits have chisels for teeth. I would not allow a renter to have such a pet.

"They'll chew up your stuff," I say.

"Yeah," Harrison says in a way that makes me feel small for having had such a thought. "If you place importance on your stuff."

"Some breeder in Rancho Bernardo called me and said she was gonna come and kick the crap out of me."

She tells me that two pairs is the ideal number of bunnies for her, four house rabbits in total. She owned such a configuration when she lived in Mission Hills. When I ask if guests found it odd to see four bunnies loose in the house, she indicates that things were







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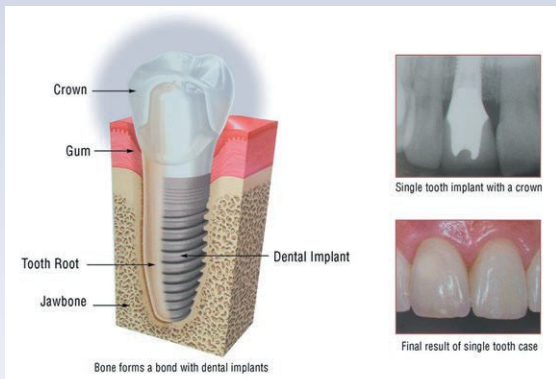
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"One pair stayed under the bed almost all the time," she says.

At the Humane Society headquarters in Mission Valley, I meet Dr. Cecelia, who is not a person, but a large and curious white rabbit similar to Snow and named after a veterinarian. This rabbit, it turns out, is the personal pet of education manager Annie Petersen. She, Humane Society public relations coordinator Kelli Herwehe, and I all sit on the floor inside a wire exercise pen. Dr. Cecelia nibbles dried-apple treats. I scratch under her jowls. She grinds her teeth: rabbit-speak for contentment.

I ask what the average stay is for a bunny in the shelter.

"Longer than the average stay for a dog or a cat," Herwehe says. "Thirty to 60 days on the short end, and, sometimes, as long as a year."

"Connor was here for a year," Petersen says. "People overlooked him because they didn't understand his personality." He was social and friendly, but in a rabbit sort of way. "He didn't like being held and nuzzled so much."

"We had an accident. Six accidents."

Herwehe explains that there are Humane Society facilities in both Oceanside and Vista, collectively referred to as the North Campus. She's not sure how many rabbits they currently have under their care but estimates the number at greater than 100.

"In regards to the cost of care, we estimate that basic care for all animals costs us approximately $16.50 per day. This doesn't include veterinary care, spaying or neutering, the microchip, etcetera." With medical expenses, the cost can ratchet up to between $500–$2000 per rabbit. "But not less than a couple hundred dollars each."

Petersen says that a bunny adoption starts with a meeting with an adoption counselor.

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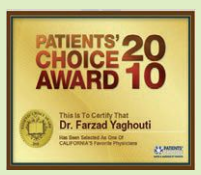
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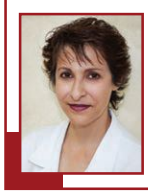
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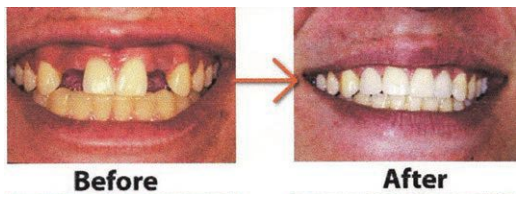
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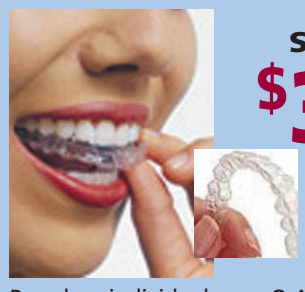
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The process takes a long time, but she thinks it's paying off. "We have a lower return rate than the national average. If the option is to send a rabbit out three or four times or to keep him for a year, we'd rather let him stay here."

That philosophy means that the Humane Society is often closed for incoming bunnies. "Right now," says Herwehe, "at this location alone, we have about 30 rabbits that are ready for adoption."

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"Some breeder in Rancho Bernardo called me and said she was gonna come and kick the crap out of me, if, as she put it, I didn't call off my hounds."

Apparently, House Rabbit Society's Judith Pierce is not a popular person among some rabbit breeders. Volunteers regularly comb Craigslist for listings offering pet rabbits for sale, and, as Pierce explains, "We will tag ads, especially the ones that say they are re-homing babies and they happen to have a lot of different kinds of baby rabbits." Multiple bunnies in a listing is a dead giveaway of a breeder trying to unload surplus stock.

"You're not allowed to actually sell pets in the 'pets' section," Pierce says. "That's reserved for true re-homing." But unscrupulous breeders, or even pet owners, will lie about accidental pregnancies and attempt to sell their animals online.

Volunteers also occasionally find bunnies for sale at area swap meets; for example, Kobey's. Pierce says, "We complained about them for years, but I think they still sell baby bunnies. We especially don't like pet stores, either." Breeder mills take baby bunnies away from their mothers too soon. "And pet-shop workers don't know anything about their care."

Later Pierce says, "Our biggest problem is education. People still think rabbits live in hutches and eat carrots."

One retail outlet that changed its approach to small-animal sales as a result of the House Rabbit Society is Petco. In any Petco store in San Diego County, one can find pet rats and mice and guinea pigs, and even the occasional chinchilla for sale. But there are no rabbits.

That wasn't always their policy, explains Paul Jolly, who serves as the executive director of the Petco Foundation. Since their inception in 1999, the focus of the foundation has been on helping animal-welfare organizations via about $15 million a year in donations and grants. Jolly estimates that the foundation has funded various other rabbit-welfare groups across the country to the tune of $1 million to $1.5 million.

As for the corporate decision to ban in-store rabbit sales, Jolly says, "In years past, when someone wanted a rabbit for a pet, there weren't many options for places they could go. That changed over the years, when more and more shelters began taking rabbits and working with them. Now we promote adoption first."

The local House Rabbit Society chapter has also been the recipient of Petco Foundation money. "What Judith Pierce has done for rabbits in San Diego appealed to us," Jolly

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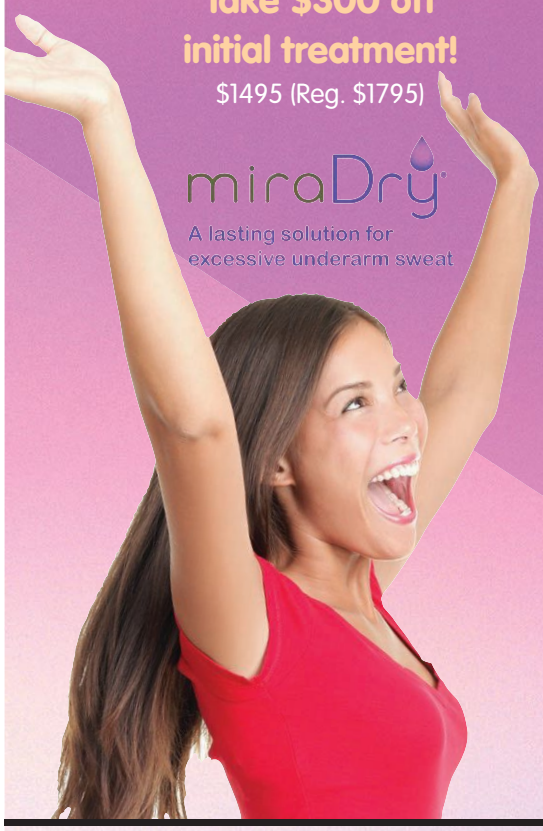
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says. For example, they were given 2000 dollars to purchase a storage shed. At present, the society awaits board approval for a grant proposal that would fund San Diego's first dedicated rabbit shelter.

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At BunnyFest 2012 in Balboa Park, which the Petco Foundation helped underwrite with a $4000 grant, I meet Rochelle Gonzales of Rancho Peñasquitos. BunnyFest is the San Diego House Rabbit Society's annual fundraiser; as such, it's a festival of veterinarians, cage-builders, food suppliers, and 600 or so rabbit enthusiasts.

Some, like Gonzales, have brought their pets. She nods toward cages in the shade, in which six small black bunnies cavort. "We had an accident," she says. "Six accidents." Gonzales would like to find homes for each. "Not just any homes. Good homes. My husband? He wants to give them to anybody. But I just can't."

Roger Gonzales sits in a lawn chair with a tan lion-head lop rabbit in his lap. Of the 13 rabbits in their home at present, Rochelle Gonzales says, "eleven are mine. And two are my sister's."

She introduces me to her pets, beginning with a Netherland Dwarf. "His name is Story. I don't trust this bunny. He's so smart, he opens the cage." Lapine is a Dutch. "And we have a blue-eyed bunny over there." She directs me to a cage that contains an American blue with eyes so startlingly bright it looks as if it's wearing contact lenses. "He's my baby." Gonzales lifts a different Netherland Dwarf, gray, from an enclosure on the lawn. "I watch TV with this bunny on my shoulder." She demonstrates the position.

Among the enthusiasts at BunnyFest 2012 is Karen Callow. She is 40-ish, has owned two house rabbits in the past, and now fosters a friend's rabbit. She lives in University Heights. "I'm an occupational therapist by trade. I work with cancer patients." She tells me a story about a coworker who found an escaped pet rabbit nibbling greens in her garden. "She threw it in the pool and tried to drown it, but rabbits can swim. So she fed it watermelon, to try to explode it. She was a professional," Callow says in amazement, "who worked at the hospital."

In 2004, Callow adopted a female rabbit from the Humane Society. "That was the one that destroyed my house." She says it finally stopped chewing holes in the carpet, but then another problem surfaced: rabbit depression. "I was gone 10–12 hours a day. She stopped eating. Rabbits are social animals, and she was lonely. I took her to the shelter and introduced her to a male." But when Callow got Chester, the new adoptee, home, the two rabbits fought. "I went to the store for an hour. When I came back, there was blood all over. I couldn't find Chester. For a moment, I thought she'd eaten him."

After Chester's wounds were treated, Callow put them in two separate pens. "Two rabbit pens in my home," she says in a tone that sounds surprised at the idea.

The female bunny, her depression long since cured by the presence of Chester, eventually died of kidney failure. "I had her for seven years. She was sick for two years before she died. In the end, I had to have her euthanized."

Chester died suddenly in April 2012. "He had stomach bloat," Callow says. "He died within 24 hours of getting sick. I spent 700 dollars at the vet for nothing. They stuck an IV in his ear. They gave him an X-ray and pain medications. Warm water. That's all they did." ■

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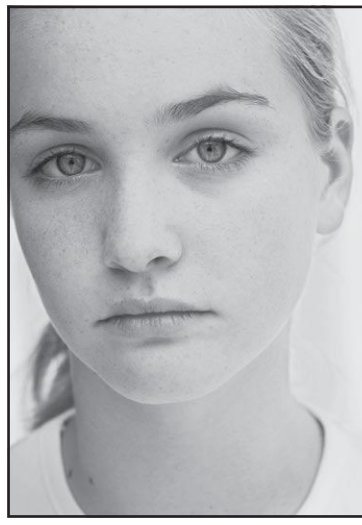
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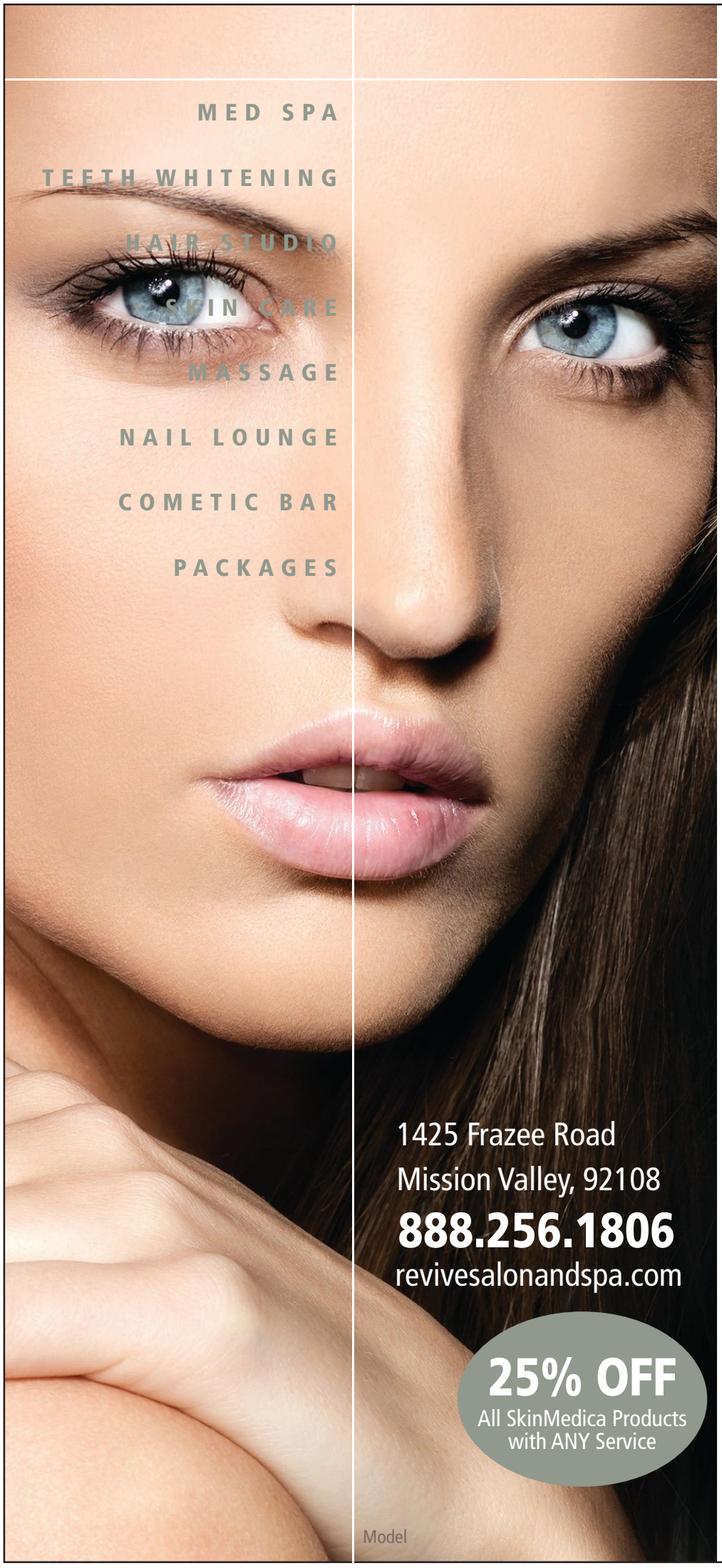
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by Jeff Smith

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Within days, as the Japanese swept through Guam, Wake Island, and the Philippines, the Navy blocked the entrance to San Diego Harbor with submarine nets. Winches, attached to barges on both sides, raised and lowered large metallic barrels and thick, cross-stitched cables. Local sardine trawlers became minesweepers. The Navy ordered all of San Diego's tuna boats to "make port," either in California or in Balboa Harbor at the Panama Canal.

As tuna clippers arrived, the government conscripted them as supply ships for the war effort. Their work was "time-charted," a six-month, renewable lease in effect "until victory."

"They didn't ask," says Ed Madruga, then 27-year-old skipper of the *Paramount*. "They just took them. They said, 'We want your boat.'"

World War II was the first genuinely "world" war. For the Pacific theater, the Navy needed seaworthy supply vessels with large storage capacities able to sail 1000 miles in four days. Tuna boats were a natural. That they might provide a ready-made fleet wasn't a new idea: as early as 1935, the government recognized their value as potential minesweepers, tugs, and "yard patrol craft." Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Japanese admiral Isoruko



Pearl Harbor

QUOTATIONS

1. *San Diego Union*, July 23, 1943: "They might not approach the spit-and-polish navy of peacetime United States…but by all that is holy they were good sailors."

2. John Bunker: "To hundreds of tired and grimy troops on a fever-riddled island in the South Pacific, the little *Paramount* is more important than a battleship."

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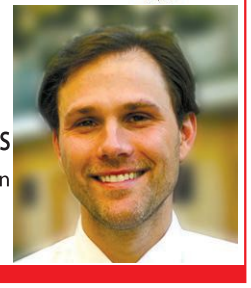
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On February 16, 1942, San Diego Port Director Commander W.J. Morcott (USN Ret.) called a meeting of tuna skippers and crews at the Naval Armory Reserve. "The Navy needs men to man the [clippers] — experienced men, like yourselves. Needless to say, duty in the war zones will be hazardous."

"When Morcott asked for volunteers," writes Joe Brown, "six hundred hands filled the air." The majority came from San Diego's Portuguese and Italian fishing communities.

Though classified 4F — he was married with one child and another on the way — Ed Madruga's hand shot up. "What the heck am I going to do around here? The government's taken all our boats, so let's go with them…. Four or five of my crew on the *Paramount*," including his 20-year-old brother, Joe, "said, 'Sure. Let's go.'"

Told they lacked military training, Ed Madruga laughed. "We know that, but we know these guys are good navigators, and they can handle the boats."

Ed Madruga, five-foot-eight, slender, with a fisherman's master's license, was commissioned a lieutenant. Five-feet-ten and husky, Joe Madruga became the youngest warrant officer in the Navy. "Both men were natural leaders who could get things done," recalls Julius Zolezzi. "Ed was the quiet one, and Joe more outgoing."

Of all the tuna boats, only the *Paramount* had a steel hull. The Navy coated its shining white surface with a dull slate-gray, and the 110-foot clipper became YP-289. The YP, in white letters, stood for "yard patrol." At first, the Navy said clippers would only patrol waters around the Panama Canal. But the "yard" soon expanded to include thousands of remote islands and nameless atolls across the Pacific and the enemy-patrolled vastness in between.

The *Paramount* had a 17-man crew: eight Navy, nine civilian. "It was very, very informal," says Ed Madruga. "There was no saluting. We all ate at the same table…officers and crew all sat together, and we all called each other by the first name."

On Feburary 25, the *Paramount*, 15 other clippers, and 4 sardine purse-seiners sailed to Panama. This "Splinter Fleet" would patrol from the coast out to the Galapagos Islands. Whenever they sighted a ship, any ship, they had to report it. "That was the reason they gave us," said Ed Madruga, "which was a damn good reason."

No fisherman had basic training. There wasn't time. Some were issued navy-blue uniforms in such haste they didn't fit and had to be altered in Panama. The Madruga brothers and their crew left for the five-day, 3000-mile trip south in civilian mufti.

The brothers knew every cape and current from San Diego to Ecuador. Years before, off the Galapagos, Ed had found a fishing bank where upwellings release nutrients that attract fish. He named it after his boat: *Paramount*. Joe found Cadillac Bank, also at the Galapagos. In both cases, the brothers named their discoveries when they could no longer keep them secret.

The Madrugas certainly knew the Gulf of Tehuantepec. The Pacific side of the slender, southern isthmus of Mexico boasts some of the world's roughest waters. Savage winds from the Gulf of Mexico sweep through a gap in the mountains — like a keyhole — and blast the eastern Pacific. They jet at such high speeds that vegetation can't grow on the sand dunes and can blow the shoreline hundreds of yards out to sea. The farther out one sails, the more massive the swells. Sailors today call the notorious winds "T-pecer."

When they neared the gulf, Ed Madruga and the other skippers assumed the fleet would sail "inside," make the 210-mile crossing as close to shore as possible, since any other route was madness. Even hugging the coastline was no snap — a rule of thumb at the gulf: "keep one foot on the shore" — nor was hiding out in a cove, since straight-line winds made dragging anchor a constant threat.

The naval commander thought otherwise. His orders were to reach Panama at once. He said to sail "outside."

"I'm not going to criticize him," Ed Madruga said years later, "but he didn't know exactly what we were doing.... That time of year, *no* tuna boat, or big ship even, goes on the outside."

"Commander said it'll save time," Ed Varely, skipper of the *Azorena* (YP-292), told Madruga.

"Horrible mistake," replied Madruga. He had his crew rig for bad weather. They tied down every loose object on deck and double-tied hatches and lifeboats; this, it turns out, was accomplished just in the nick of time.

A "hellish" storm lashed the fleet, recalled Ed. "And when I say rough, really, I know what rough weather is, and believe me, it's a terrible, terrible ocean that kicks up there."

Violent winds churned the green water iron-gray to the horizon and beyond. Foam turned the troughs between swells white as snow. Gusts buckshot anyone on deck with salt and sand, and could flick a man overboard in a flash.

The fleet scattered into a thousand whitecaps and vanished out to sea. Each had radio equipment, but since few men knew Morse code, several lost touch. The commander's decision had SNAFU written all over it. "They were actually lost," Ed Madruga remembered. "A couple almost went down."

To traverse 25- and 30-foot vertical faces, skippers angled their bows to the southwest. They kept the wind off their portside quarter and climbed the canyon-like walls of water on a diagonal. The narrow lane over swells was the only safe course: too far left or right, they'd capsize.

The maelstrom blew for days. Every minute demanded lifesaving decisions at the helm. If Tehuantepec was a boot camp, the tuna "fleet" didn't need one. Proof came between eight and ten days later as, one by one, the clippers trickled into Panama's Balboa Harbor. All were battered and dazed but intact, thanks to medal-worthy, "blue water" seamanship.

(The Navy is the Navy, and an order is an order. About a year later, YP-289 was in a large convoy off the New Hebrides. When a huge storm blew, the admiral in an aircraft carrier radioed that he'd set the course. And he did, right into the tempest. "But he was in an aircraft carrier," says Ed Madruga's wife, Lucile. "Ed remembered the debacle at Tehuantepec, and said, 'The hell with him. I'm setting my own course.' And he did.")

Another SNAFU greeted the first clipper to arrive at Panama. When captain Frank Gonsalves steered the *Liberty* (YP-278) into Balboa Harbor, "we went through a minefield we didn't even know was there."

More confusion followed. Instead of patrolling, YP-289 lay at anchor "doing absolutely nothing," says Ed. "Nobody knew what the hell was going on."

Several days later, the Navy ordered YP-289 and five other clippers back to San Diego to be refitted for the Pacific theater.

The Campbell Machine shipyard "put a few more tools on the boat," Madruga laughed. "A handful, to be honest." They put two .50 caliber machine guns astern and replaced a bolted down, .20 millimeter cannon on the bow with two .50 caliber cannons. The "pea-shooters" were holdovers from WWI. "They'd get red-hot," says Madruga. "We'd dunk [one] in a barrel of water and put another that's cool back on."

YP-289 had six depth charges stacked astern on racks above the bait tanks, where the chummer tossed sardines and anchovies to attract tuna. Along with ammonia gas catching fire in the refrigeration system, the

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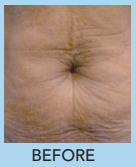
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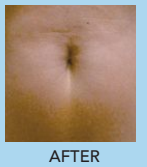
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"ash cans" were a major worry: "A collision on a dark night or a shell from a plane hitting the charges would have blown a clipper to matchsticks."

YP-289 sailed in a convoy to Hawaii. When the Madrugas reached Pearl Harbor, they saw World War II for the first time. Black clouds of smoke didn't billow from sinking ships, flames didn't spire from the water, and though a surprising number of vessels had been resurrected — the salvage division was trying to refloat the *Oglala* with a huge crane when they arrived — reminders of the December 7 assault were legion.

Pearl Harbor smelled like old tar. Gallons and gallons of crude oil and high-test gasoline leaked from sunken vessels on Battleship Row. Long streaks with slimy globules, like the tops of mushrooms, stretched for thousands of yards. A grimy black slick a foot deep ran along the shores of Ford Island and around the harbor. Sludge and sticky tar balls, laced with prism-like flecks, gathered where the tide ceased.

Hundreds of men scraped and cleaned the salvaged ships. Each one wore a gas mask.

Mail from the Pacific theater often took months to reach the States, if at all. In every letter the Madrugas wrote home, a censor drew thick black lines across anything that could endanger the war effort. In one that arrived free of editing, Joe wrote his fiancée Adeline, "You could always tell a ship from Pearl by the ring of tar around the hull."

Another sign: patrols were everywhere. Joe enjoyed the occasional cigar. MPs warned him that if he even tried to light one up — the fire hazard was so severe — they had orders to shoot him where he stood. Neither MP smiled.

In late April, YP-289 sailed for American Samoa, that telltale ring of tar on the hull. For the next four years, the small, badly armed tuna boat would ferry troops and provisions through submarine-infested waters. ■

Next time: From Turkeys to TNT.

— Jeff Smith

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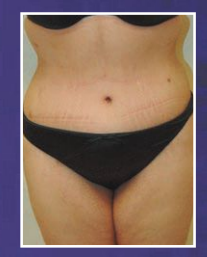
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Fistful of blonde

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bag of jewelry.

Police were waiting nearby while Sherri finished her business at the bail-bond office. When she came out, detective Karla Williams noticed her flashy jewelry. "She was wearing diamond earrings and a diamond ring," the detective recalled. "So, I took custody of those items." After the detective arrested the suspect, she searched her car and recovered more "containers of jewelry."

Burglary victim Kathleen was able to identify some of the jewelry as items that were taken from her home.

Superior-court judge Harry Elias ordered Sherri to face burglary and drug charges on February 13. She pleaded not guilty to all charges and is next expected in court on April 2, 2013. ■

Under the radar

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candidate **Mitt Romney** and his beachside teardown in the Barber Tract. Homeowner **Peter Winn** has retained Peterson to resolve a case of "alleged improvements remodeling without permits" at 5949 Madira Ave [*sic*] in Del Cerro, says Peterson's latest lobbying disclosure filing. According to his website, Winn "is widely recognized as an expert in purchasing foreclosures, having been involved in over 1500 purchases and sales throughout California in the last twenty years." In addition: "Mr. Winn owns an extensive portfolio of rental properties throughout California and Hawaii, in addition to owning a number of land development projects on Maui. He also operates two successful Boutique Hotels in Panama that he designed and built from the ground up."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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NEWS TICKER

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Comments

aardvark March 14 @ 9:11 a.m.

Just can't wait to see how the Manchester U-T covers this story.

Judge in Filner case: what conflict of interest?

Taylor discloses link to political operative Tierney, denies knowing Gloria or hotelier

San Diego — **He's never returned our phone calls, but the judge in the San Diego hotel moguls' case against mayor Bob Filner has issued a statement regarding our report last week that his nominating petition was circulated by veteran city hall political operative Jennifer Tierney and signed by city councilman Todd Gloria, a Gloria aide, and Robert H. Gleason, an executive with Evans Hotels.**

Atlas Hotels president C. Terry Brown is leading the legal charge against the Democratic mayor, and Gloria has also made it clear he doesn't favor the mayor in the case.

Other signatures on Taylor's nominating petition include those of Gleason (chief financial officer of Evans Hotels) and his spouse, Marc Matys, who reside in Kensington.

Tierney has represented Gloria, GOP district attorney Bonnie Dumanis, and many other San Diego politicians.

In a March 7 minute order, Taylor acknowledged that the facts we reported were true, though he denied having any specific knowledge of how the signatures came to be affixed to his petition. He also indicated he made no effort to identify those who signed the petition in his favor:

"As the article states, the signatures were collected by political consultant Jennifer Tierney. The undersigned has no relationship with the individuals named in the article, and has never met or spoken to any of them.

"The article omits the fact that the same people signed the nominating petitions for most of the several dozen judges who were required to file for reelection during the last election cycle.

"Ms. Tierney collected all the signatures. The goal in collecting signatures in this 'blind' fashion was to avoid disqualifying situations."

We aren't familiar with such a "goal in collecting signatures" to "avoid disqualifying situations" in advance, but will research further and report back here.

Taylor would appear to have had some sort of a business relationship with Tierney, who handled his petitions and other filings in his run for the bench, the documents show.

Based on his March 7 minute order, which he addressed to the parties in the case, Taylor had not previously acknowledged any of the arrangements in question or previously disclosed the fact that several parties with an interest in the hotel case had signed his nominating petition.

Among the questions left unanswered by Taylor's statement is how much he paid Tierney for her services and how he first came to know her.

Matt Potter, March 13

Birds of a feather…develop together?

S.D. newspaper owner and Mission Valley hotelier hatch plans for flood-prone San Diego River

Mission Valley — ***U-T San Diego* publisher Doug Manchester and Atlas Hotels president C. Terry Brown — who is leading a Manchester-backed legal war against mayor Bob Filner — can be said to have at least four things in common.**

Both are wealthy Republicans; both despise Democrat Filner; both run giant lodging and restaurant establishments here; and both are interested in developing big neighboring pieces of

CITY LIGHTS

Mission Valley real estate adjacent to the flood-prone San Diego River.

The first three items are well known, but few details of the two hotel moguls' development plans in the environmentally sensitive river area — historically a battleground of wealth and power versus environmental and floodway planning — have been made available to the general public.

As noted here last May, Manchester's proposal to build a giant condominium and retail complex on the current *U-T San Diego* headquarters property was reported by the paper only after city planners posted a notice on the lawn in front of the building, setting the internet abuzz with speculation about the real estate magnate's plans.

The *U-T* has also omitted details of the hotel interests' lawsuit against Filner, including how it is being paid for. Though the paper has been playing up Filner's use of a city-funded attorney to defend himself against the action, similarly detailed attention has not been paid to the money being spent by Brown and the small group of hoteliers who run the so-called San Diego Tourism Marketing District that is suing the mayor.

U-T San Diego has been equally quiet about the Mission Valley relationship between Brown and Manchester.

Brown's Town & Country hotel complex, just west of Manchester's *U-T* headquarters, has long been in violation of city codes for illegally grading and paving a parking lot adjacent to the river, according to a recent city report.

After years of wrangling with officials, the hotel last month cut a deal to provide a way forward for future development. In addition to addressing the violation, the deal includes a plan to connect the Town & Country and Manchester's *U-T San Diego* with a "river path" to be built as part of future development of the properties, according to a report prepared for a February 20 hearing.

Matt Potter, March 13

Group decries cop violence, profiling

S.D. People's Power Assembly calls for change

City Heights — A group organized by the Committee Against Police Brutality filled the WorldBeat Center in Balboa Park on Saturday, March 9, for a San Diego People's Power Assembly, modeled after a national format that came to life through the Occupy movement.

The committee formed in 1999, following the July incident in which former NFL player Demetrius DuBose was shot 12 times by San Diego Police Department officers.

"One of the first things we did was challenge the Citizens' Review Board," says meeting facilitator Carl Muhammad, referring to the group set up by the city to review complaints against the police and officer-involved shootings, among other functions. "The board has done nothing to negate the violence and the pressure that the community faces from police," he continues, "so we're calling for a board with subpoena power, with independent investigative power, with the power to indict."

Another issue the committee challenges is the practice of "curfew sweeps," where youth in minority-dominated communities such as City Heights found outdoors between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. are detained and transported to a holding area until parents can be contacted to retrieve them.

"We say this is nothing more than a pipeline-to-prison program. It's introducing kids to being used to being handcuffed and put in the back of a car simply for being outside," said Muhammad, noting teens had sometimes been picked up on the sidewalk in front

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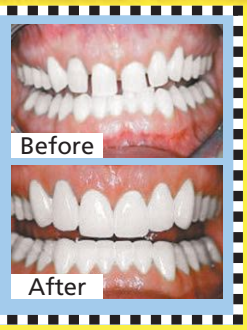
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of their houses or apartment common areas.

The committee plans to reconvene in about a month with a strategy discussion.

Dave Rice, March 12

Comments

Javajoe25 March 13 @ 10:37 a.m.

It is about time people stood up to what has been going on. The police have no problem with shooting first and worrying about legalities later.

Judge: convention center tax is A-OK

Prager's ruling tentative; San Diego's plan based on one used in San Jose

San Diego — **Judge Ronald Prager of San Diego Superior Court ruled today (March 11) that the scheme concocted to evade a citizen vote on the tax assessment for the $520 million convention-center expansion meets legal requirements. San Diego voters had twice turned down increases in the transient occupancy tax (TOT), so convention boosters adopted a plan that had been successful in San Jose.**

I have not been able to reach the plaintiffs in the suit to see if they plan an appeal. The expansion still faces a hearing before the California Coastal Commission.

The San Diego Chargers have opposed the scheme, hoping to put forward a plan that would combine a football stadium and convention-center space, even though such combinations have not worked well in cities that have tried them.

Don Bauder, March 11

Comments

Don Bauder March 13@ 12:46 p.m.

PLAINTIFF WILL APPEAL IF PRAGER STICKS WITH HIS TENTATIVE DECISION. Attorney Cory Briggs gave his arguments in the hotel tax case by Skype today (March 13). Briggs is in Argentina. After giving his arguments, Briggs said, "We are optimistic that the judge will consider the points we made today and uphold the voters' right to approve any special tax. If he doesn't, we will file an appeal."

Any appeal would almost certainly delay the construction on the $520 million expansion.

CITY LIGHTS

Activist sues to block private CPUC huddle

Utilities commission's March 20 meeting breaks open meeting law, says lawyer

San Diego — **Masada Disenhouse today (March 11) filed suit in superior court after she was not permitted to attend a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) meeting March 20 meeting at Scripps Seaside Forum.**

The subject of the meeting is clean technology. So-called "stakeholders" will be permitted to question CPUC commissioners on their concerns.

Disenhouse was told the groups were filled up, and she would be removed from the attendee list. "These meetings are designed to increase communication between the commissioners and local government entities and partners," she was told by a CPUC official. Disenhouse is active with *SanDiego350.org*, which pushes for awareness of climate change, reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions, and a clean energy future.

Disenhouse's attorney, Mia Severson, filed to block the meeting on grounds that the CPUC is required to hold its meetings in public, and this meeting also violates the California State Open Meeting Law.

"Who knows what 'stakeholders' are?" asks Severson. "But they get a private audience with the CPUC. This meeting is required to be open."

Don Bauder, March 11

Comments

Twister March 11 @ 2:45 p.m.

Such "Commissions," "Authorities" (e.g., the Port District) and the like [are] fiefdoms, not democratic entities. They answer to no one. Hence the arrogance.

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is wrong with saving them from the demise of a landfill, and from adding to more of the garbage that has already grossly overpopulated the planet with unnecessary trash?

What is really happening is that homeless people are being charged a $350 scavenging fee. If not paid, (which we all know is impossible for them to come up with that kind of money), they are jailed! It costs taxpayers $108 per night to keep them behind bars. Hello! Where is the justice in that? Waste management is double dipping! You are paying to have them come pick up your trash, and they also cash in on your recyclables that you donate to them.

Why not donate your recyclables to the homeless, who need the money the most? This allows them to at least pay for items they so desperately need instead of stealing them. We should not be having *any* poverty on Earth, and people who are sticking up for corporations are robbing the true citizens of Earth the right to live a life within our Founding Fathers' U.S. Constitution — the real one, not the fake one today that lists everyone as a corporation through the capitalization of your name on your birth certificate, and every other so-called "legal" document in America, instead of being represented as a living human soul, in which you truly are.

Sapphire Stone
via email

Location, Location, Location

Truly enjoy the *Reader*. The restaurant reviews ("Feast!") often leave out the location/address of the place reviewed. Ed Bedford rocks, and he had a fun "Sexy Papusas" review (March 7), yet I have no clue where to find them. Need the location of that farmers' market! I am not trying to be picky; I just need those papusas.

Lynne
via email

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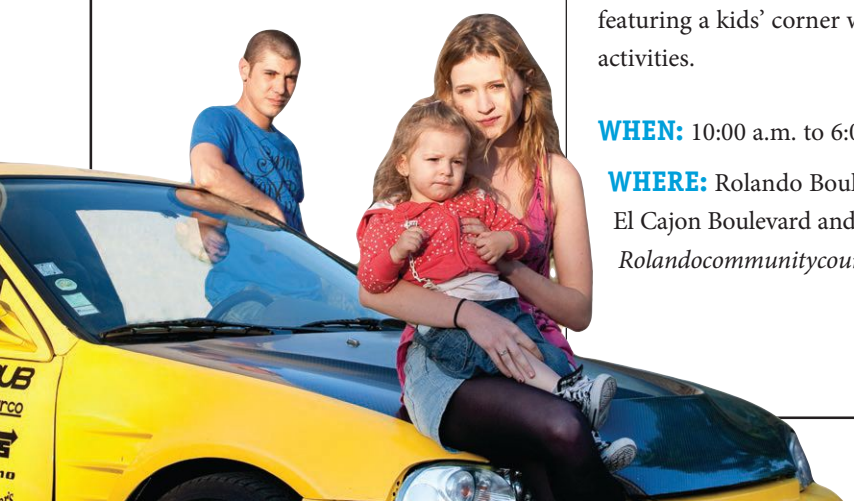
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Design and create self-portraits using Picasso's approach to Cubism. In this early 20th-century art movement, people and objects were painted from more than one viewpoint. This created the effects of abstracting real to unrecognizable. Start with this technique to learn more about the face and its proportions. A self-portrait from a mirror will follow. Students will have a firm understanding of portraiture drawing by the end of class. Materials list provided upon registration. Instructor Patricia Hyman. $42–$48.

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

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

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WHEN: 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

WHERE: 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy. 760-402-0388; *vixensd.com*

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Welcome to Churchill, Manitoba — polar bear capital of the world.

Churchill, Manitoba

By Sally McKenney

Our plane knifed through the dark grey clouds and plunged into a driving snowstorm. As the wheels touched down on the tarmac we could distinguish the hulking remains of previously crashed planes lining the runway. Welcome to Churchill, Manitoba — polar bear capital of the world.

In Churchill, we were lodged in a hotel converted from a mobile home. We met in the lobby, where we were warned about life in town. The restaurant that had been contracted to feed us was a long two blocks away. We were never to walk there alone, and we were to continuously look over our shoulders for bears.

The polar bears of Churchill congregate in the area during the month of October to wait for ice on Hudson Bay to freeze over so they can go out and hunt seals on the ice shelves. Meanwhile, propelled by hunger, they terrorize town inhabitants with their escapades, sometimes tearing doors or windows off their frames to get to the supplies they know are inside the homes.

We were there to observe the bears in their natural habitat. Every morning for the next five days, we went out in tundra buggies — high, large-tired vehicles built for this purpose — to search for them. We encountered about eight to ten of them every day. We would park the tundra buggy, place a can of sardines on the vehicle's open-air "porch" (enclosed by a railing), and wait for them to find us. It is said they can smell the sardines up to 30 miles away, and it didn't take long for them to come lumbering up to the buggy.

Stretched on tippy-toe, they were about one and a half feet below our reach. We could observe them either inside the buggy or outside on the porch.

The bears usually travel solo and silently across the tundra. Only the mothers and their cubs travel in company. Behind them run little arctic foxes looking for scraps of food the bears leave behind. They try to keep a safe distance so that they don't become prey. Arctic hares and ptarmigans are also spotted along the way.

On the way from Churchill to the tundra, we passed the local landfill, which is in a constant state of burning to discourage the bears from gathering there to look for edible garbage. The unusually pesky ones are sedated and put in polar bear "jails" for six weeks at a time without food or water. After their sojourn in jail, they are tranquilized, put in nets, and helicoptered out into the wilderness away from town.

Cambodia's Khmer Legacy

By James Michael Dorsey

While millions of visitors to the country flock to the famous temple sites, few venture into the local jungles of Cambodia to see the countless smaller temples that are the soul of this deeply religious country. It is there that the visitor learns the artistic vision of these people was not limited to massive monuments, but carried over into private, remote shrines that for the most part remain hidden and protected by what's sometimes an impenetrable jungle.

In Cambodia, most every young man spends two years as a novice monk before deciding to either stay in the religious order or return to the secular

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SamAntonio: Street party in San Agustín Etla



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BLACK MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE PARK – MINER'S RIDGE LOOP TRAIL & EAST RIM TRAIL

Inspiring views make this a great hike on cool days.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 23 miles. Allow 35 minutes driving time. There are several entrances to the park, but the closest one to the Miner's Ridge Loop trail is off Carmel Valley Road. From I-15, head west on SR56 and take the Black Mountain Road exit. Turn north (right) on Black Mountain Road and continue for a couple of miles until the road ends. Turn right onto Carmel Valley Road. The park entrance and access road to Miner's Ridge Loop is about 0.75 mile down on the right, past the Glider Park entrance. Parking is free. No restroom facilities or water. From the kiosk where the park map is posted, walk to your left to get to the trailhead. Free copies of the map can sometimes be found at the kiosk or online at http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/blackmountaintrailmap.pdf.

Hiking length: Approximately 4 miles out and back on the Miner's Ridge Loop Trail to the East Rim Trail via a short distance on the Nighthawk Trail. **Difficulty**: Intermediate with an elevation gain/loss of 450 feet.

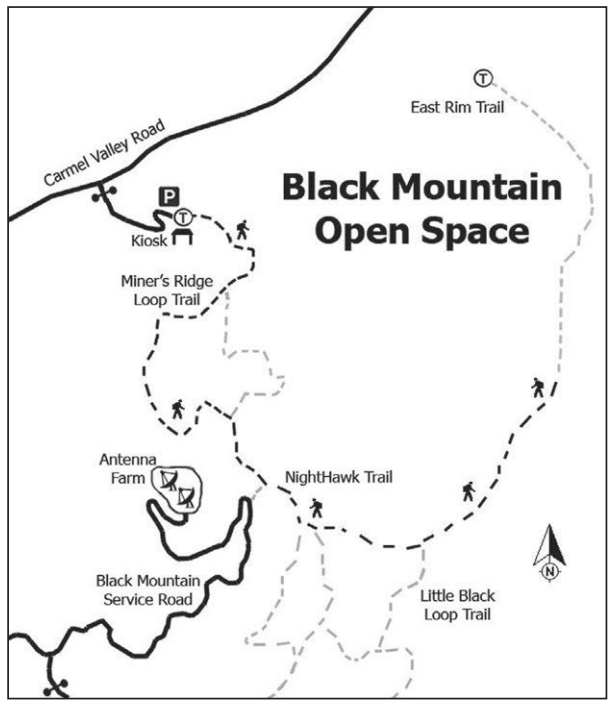
If the cool, wet weather kept you indoors this winter, it is time to shake off the cabin fever and explore the Black Mountain Open Space Park. Cool weather is a perfect time to hike the shade-free slopes. Decomposed granite stones line the Miner's Loop trail that is moderately steep, so hiking boots are advised and trekking poles can be useful. Black sage is the dominant plant in the park, although the trail features many native plants, such as mission manzanita, lilac, lemonade berry, laurel sumac, monkey flower, chaparral broom, sagebrush, chamise, bedstraw, lichens and silver-backed ferns. The manzanita sports clusters of small, pink-tinged white flowers in late January. On a wet day, be on the lookout for spider webs glistening with diamond-like raindrops. There are spots along the trail with great views of the surrounding areas, including Lake Hodges, Carmel Mountain, Palomar Mountain, and Mount Woodson. Keep following the trail past the Glider Point marker near the rail fence in order to stay on the Miner's Loop.



Clusters of pink-tinged white flowers begin to appear in late January on mission manzanita.

If the views inspire you for a longer hike, before turning to the left at the next fork back toward the entrance, turn to the right. From this point, other trails such as the Nighthawk trail and the Little Black Loop trail can be accessed. On rainy days, the cutoff from Miner's Loop to Nighthawk can be very wet with a slick clay surface. For the most part, the junctions are well marked, but keep an eye on your back trail to avoid getting lost. If you keep following the left forks, a short section of the Nighthawk and Little Black Loop trails will be followed and will eventually hook up to the East Rim trail. The views along the East Rim are grand, with numerous small trails splitting off into private lands.

A good place to end the hike before turning around would be at a wooden bench at elevation 905 feet with a great view of Carmel Mountain Road and Rancho Bernardo. Looking in the other direction, Point Loma is visible. Beyond the bench, the trail gets steep again with old burned manzanita branches peeking up among the new growth. Near the peak, the left fork narrows down with an overgrowth of fragrant black sage. The right fork keeps going indefinitely through an elfin forest without much in the way of views. A mountain lion was seen in this portion of the trail and the territorial markings of scat piles indicate a regular presence. If hiking this route, it may be best to do so in a group. Hikers will share the trail with mountain bikers as well as the mountain lion, so keep alert. Look around and above to spot quail, red-tailed hawks, coyotes, and other wildlife that share the space.



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

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ART

Guardians of the Mosque Opening Reception *Guardians of the Mosque: the African Palestinians of Jerusalem*, photos by Andrew Courtney. Reception includes performance by drummer/vocalist Ibrahim Dayeh and the WorldBeat Center and a talk at 6pm. Exhibit runs through April 13. 619-787-8505. Friday, March 22, 5pm; Protea Gallery, 3780 30th Street. (NORTH 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)

SuicideGirls: Hard Girls, Soft Light Some of the SuicideGirls will be signing their hard-cover photo book of tattooed pinup girls. The first 25 people to have a copy of the book signed will receive a free yearlong membership to SuicideGirls.com. Thursday, March 21, 7pm; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

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: Alice Neel's Sad Clown Amy Galpin discusses Alice Neel's Sad Clown on this 15-minute staff-led tour of one to three works on view. Thursday, March 21, 12pm; **free**-$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Artist of the Month for March A local skateboard company "Natural Log Skateboards," will be artist of the month for March. Eirik Nordgaard and Thomas Brierton handmake their skateboards from recycled oak and bamboo. During the event, four artists will be "live painting" on decks using mediums such as acrylic, oil, and spraypaint. All four decks will be donated for auction, with proceeds going to help build the Lakeside Skatepark (a non-profit skatepark). Andy Masuer will kick off the night with a surf-rock vibe. Following his set will be indie/ folk acoustic band the Verigolds, and ending the night DJ Sly will spin chill-out tunes. Thursday, March 21, 7pm; Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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)

Deeply Rooted DJ Tone Capone (aka Anthony Orlando) and DJ Henry Diaz, Jackie G on L.E.D. and fire rings, percussionists Richie B and Senor Clave. Featuring artists David Gane Feucht, Davis Reyes, Abbazzabaa Coltrane, Adam Kyron Murillo, more. Saturday, March 23, 9pm; $5. 21 and up. Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard. (HILLCREST)

Elizabeth White Clark The San Diego Chapter of the American Harp Society will host this free event featuring Elizabeth White Clark, who will present a masterclass for several local harpists to perform at 1pm, as well as performing a solo recital at 4:00pm. The winner of the American Harp Society National Competition Advanced Division, Clark studies harp performance at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Saturday, March 23, 1pm; **free**. Adobe Chapel, 3963 Conde Street. (OLD TOWN)

Family Drop-In Day: Watercolor Landscape Painting Children ages 6 to 12 explore a new art-making activity inspired by paintings, sculptures, and drawings on view. Participants play with games, earn prizes from the Search and Find, and engage in family-friendly, docent-led tours. Sunday, March 24, 1pm; **free**-$12. 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Finger Painting Friday: I am Green Make a giant painting of things in nature that are tall, green, and growing. Friday, March 22, 10am; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Introductory Meeting and Docent-Led Tour This four-part program begins with an introductory conversation at the museum and is followed by a docent-tour of the feature exhibition. Components include a private lecture with the exhibition curator, as well as the opportunity to attend one of a menu of exhibition-specific programs offered: in film, printmaking, or design. The class concludes with a final meeting in which participants share their museum experiences. Multiple-choice pre/post tests, as well as required readings and an end-of-course museum experience essay will be assigned to those taking the program for credit. One unit of credit earned (optional). Sunday, March 24, 2pm; $65-$85. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Live and Silent Art Auctions Silent and live art auctions by local, national, and international artists during Panache Invitational 2013. Auctioneer Eric Lehew will lead the live auction. Event supports the Escondido Municipal Gallery. 760-480-4101. Saturday, March 23, 5:30pm; $55-$65. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

SuicideGirls After Party During this official after-the-book-signing party, bartenders will be slinging a special SuicideGirls cocktail all night. Those interested in being a SuicideGirl can introduce themselves to model coordinator Rigel Suicide and show her what they're made of. Thursday, March 21, 7pm; 21 and up. Bar Pink, 3829 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

BOOK SIGNING

The California Native Landscape Book launch of *The California Native Landscape: The Homeowner's Design Guide to Restoring Its Beauty and Balance*, by Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren. A book-signing will follow a joint presentation by the authors. Saturday, March 23, 10am; $10-$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR This course teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, sudden illnesses, head, neck, back injuries, heat/cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims of any age. Students who complete this course will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. Thursday, March 21, 6pm, and Saturday, March 23, 9pm; $110. Red Cross San Diego / Imperial County Chapter, 3950 Calle Fortunada. (KEARNY MESA)

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers Course teaches those with a job duty, such as pro rescuers, healthcare, and public safety workers, the skills needed to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies including, one-and two-rescue CPR, instruction of auto external defibrillators (AED). Participants who complete this course will receive a certificate for CPR/AED for professional rescuers and health care providers valid for two years. Saturday, March 23, 9am; $110. San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

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

Design and Remodeling Seminar Seminar designed for homeowners who are considering a major remodeling project, such as an addition, kitchen, bathroom, or whole-house renovation. Meet the Jackson Design and Remodeling team in person, including company president, senior designers and architects, and learn about the remodeling process. One-on-one time with designers and architects available to discuss your individual



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world. It's common for women who lose their husbands to become nuns, and the majority of both sexes are jungle dwellers who may spend their lives tending to one of these remote religious sites. This is a look into the Khmer soul in its purest form.

Imagine cutting your way through jungle so thick as to require a machete and suddenly being confronted by a 20-foot-tall meditating Buddha surrounded by a riot of colorful prayer flags and painted religious scenes from the life of the enlightened one.

The only other country that can rival Cambodia for sheer numbers of religious sites is India, and most of those are constructed in populated areas accessible by roads. In Cambodia, the finest examples of such shrines are found in the most remote wildernesses. Yet there is always a faithful cadre of religious and lay persons tending to the site, keeping it swept clean daily, changing old flowers



The author with novice Buddhist monks

for fresh and even replacing offerings of food on a daily basis.

The logistics of building and maintaining such sites in the deep jungle is staggering, and when you consider that this country has only known peace for the past 25 years it is all the more remarkable. Most of these jungle shrines show the remnants of war: statues pockmarked with bullet holes and shell hits, attending monks and nuns missing limbs. To find one remote site, I passed several leering skulls along the trail warning me not to stray either way because all around was an active minefield.

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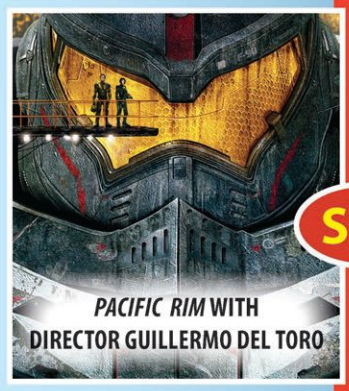


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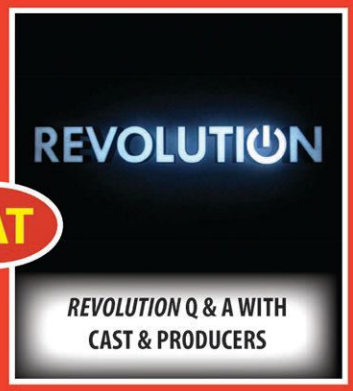


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questions and concerns. Donations accepted at the door to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Wine and hors d'oeuvres served. RSVP: 800-675-9548. Saturday, March 23, 10am; **free**. Jackson Design and Remodeling, 4797 Mercury Street. (KEARNY MESA)

Dog Yoga Leash Your Fitness hosts a combination Easter-egg hunt and dog-yoga class. Dogs and humans warm up for class by hunting for eggs filled with treats. Hunt followed by yoga class, which begins with a short walk with standing stretches along the way. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to attend. A portion of the proceeds will go to Furry Foster Rescue Group. Bagels and juice will be available after class. Complimentary Furry Friends bag for everyone who brings an unused dog item for the fosters. Sunday, March 24, 9am; $22. 18 and up. Muttropolis Solana Beach, 227 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

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)

Keep Your Child Interested in Piano An hour of insights, tips, tricks, and strategies from teachers who make music fun and challenging. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, March 23, 11am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

Legal Seminar for Creative Entrepreneurs A four-hour seminar covering legal topics for new and creative businesses. Topics include entity formation, protecting intellectual property, contracts, disputes. RSVP: info@thelegalboutique.com or 858-707-5487. Friday, March 22, 8:15am; **free**. National University Carlsbad, 705 Palomar Airport Road #150. (CARLSBAD)

Morning Hatha Yoga A yoga class in the garden. Practitioners of all levels are welcome. Please bring a mat and water, and avoid heavy foods before class. Class held in Exhibit Hall or at the Koi Pond. Instructor: Timothy Weir Schultheis. Thursdays, 9am; through Thursday, April 25, $6-$8. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

The Savvy Caregiver: Understanding Cognitive Impairments Will cover Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, and other dementias. Define, recognize, and understand warning signs and causes. With Alejandra Ceja-Aguilar. Friday, March 22, 1pm; **free**. 21 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Zen Meditation and Qi Gong Meditation sits will be broken up with Qi Gong stretches. Discussion will include five practice elements; insight meditation, conscious embodiment, sacred stewardship, emotional maturity and integrity, and study. People of all levels of meditation experience are welcome. Saturday, March 23, 9:30am; $10. 18 and up. 6th and Laurel near the old Moreton Bay Fig Tree

Raising Chickens and Ducks 101 Class covers coops, feed, lifespan, eggs, and the basics of how to legally raise these animals in an urban setting. Taught by Farmer Bill. Bring a chair. Saturday, March 23, 10am; **free**. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Rhyme & Verse
From *The Way of Things*
A passage from Lucretius

There is no end,
No limit to the cosmos, above, below,
Around, about, stretching on every side.
This I have proven, but the fact itself
Cries loud in proclamation, nature's deep
Is luminous with proof. The universe
Is infinitely wide; its vastness holds
Innumerable seeds, beyond all count,
Beyond all possibility of number,
Flying along their everlasting ways.
So it must be unthinkable that our sky
And our round world are precious and unique
While all those other motes of matter flit
In idleness, achieve, accomplish nothing,
Especially since this world of ours was made
By natural process, as the atoms came
Together, willy-nilly, quite by chance,
Quite casually and quite intentionless
Knocking against each other, massed, or spaced
So as to colander others through, and cause
Such combinations and conglomerates
As form the origin of mighty things,
Earth, sea and sky, and animals and men.
Face up to this, acknowledge it. I tell you
Over and over — out beyond our world
There are, elsewhere, other assemblages
Of matter, making other worlds. Oh, ours
Is not the only one in air's embrace.



This is a brief passage from Lucretius's *De Rerum Natura*, often translated as *The Way of Things*. This version was translated by the brilliant American poet and translator Rolfe Humphries (1894–1969). Titus Lucretius Carus (99–55 BC) was a Roman philosopher and poet who felt that man's unhappiness largely results from fear of the gods and our unknown fate in the afterlife. He was greatly influenced by Democritus's theory of atoms and was an exponent of the Epicurean worldview that man seeks happiness above all else. *De Rerum Natura* suggests that religion is at the root of human anguish and, in this provocative passage, that the universe is boundless and unending and that the planet Earth and our own species are not by any means unique, for there are certainly many other planetary worlds. *De Rerum Natura* is a poem of enormous scope and intellectual depth. Almost nothing is known of Lucretius's life.

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COMEDY

Jen Kirkman is a stand-up comedian (originally hailing from Boston and New York City) as well as a writer and regular round table guest on *Chelsea Lately*. She also was one of the stars of the hit-spin-off "mockumentary" show *After Lately*. Thursday, March 28, 8pm. The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue (DOWNTOWN)

Amy Schumer The stand-up comedian, actress, and writer entertains. Saturday, March 23, 7:30pm; 21 and up. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

Chris D'elia is becoming one of the most sought-after young comedians and actors in the comedy world. Recently named one of *Variety*'s "Top 10 Comics to Watch," D'Elia currently stars in NBC's *Whitney* opposite Whitney Cummings. D'Elia is a regular at Hollywood comedy clubs, where he performs multiple times a week. Best known for his physical humor, he is now crisscrossing the country performing his stand-up act. Thursday, March 21, 8pm; Friday, March 22, 8pm; Saturday, March 23, 8pm; American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Chris Millhouse and Friends Comedian featured monthly at the Irvine Improv. Info: 619-702-6666. Thursday, March 21, 8pm; $10. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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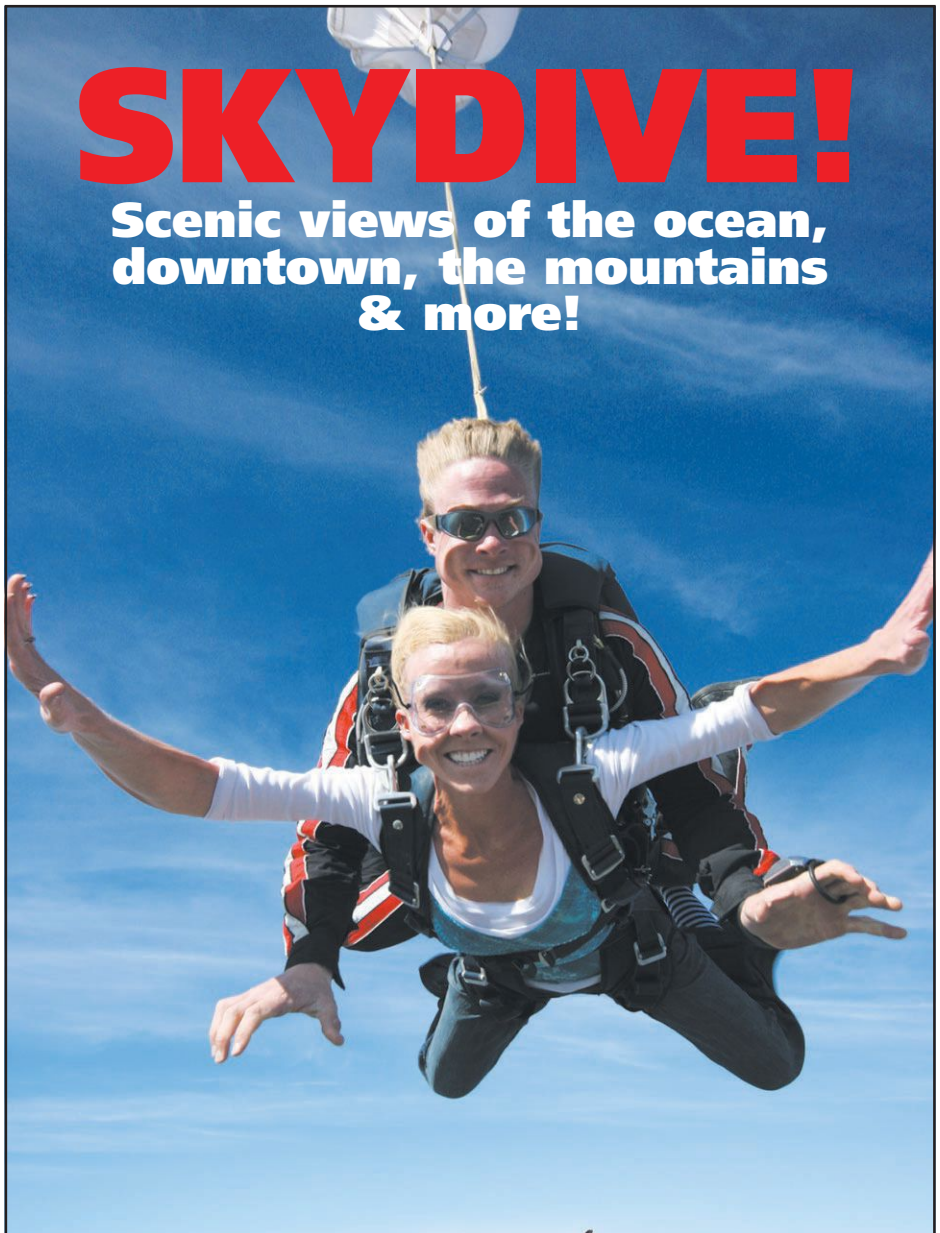






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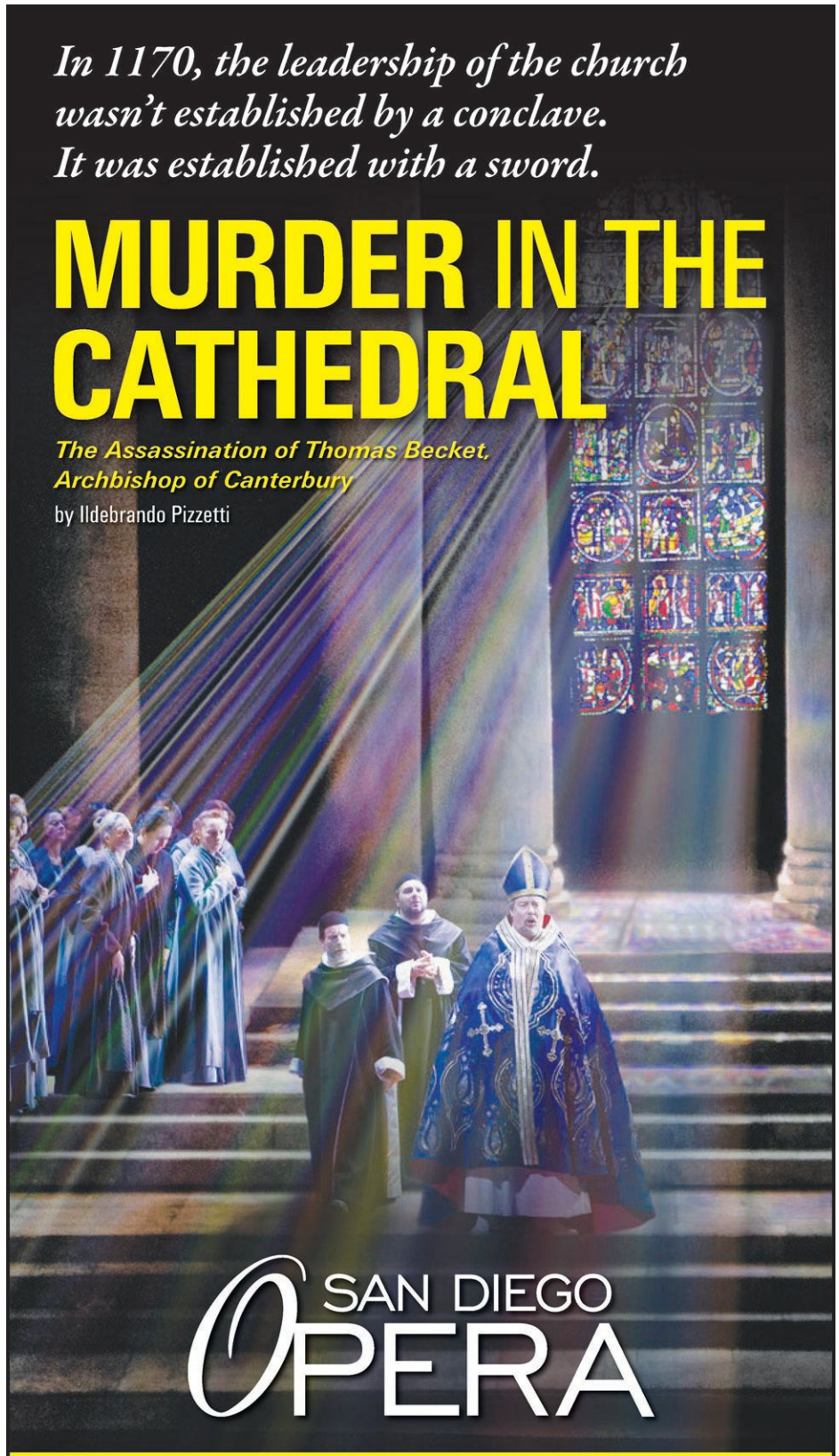
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Quinn Dahle From Comedy Central's *Live at Gotham*, *The Tonight Show*, and his own Showtime special. Friday, March 22, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Saturday, March 23, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; $20. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Roar Theatre — Friday Night Comedy Party This improvised comedy show based on audience suggestions combines short-form improv (short scenes with an added element of a "game" or challenge to the scene) and long-form improv (a mini-play based off of one suggestion). Friday, March 22, 8pm; $5. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

DANCE

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Indian Music & Dance Festival Join us in celebrating the musical legacy of Pt. Ravi Shankar at the Indian Music and Dance Festival. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit http://www.indianfinearts.org/. Friday, March 22, 7:30pm; Saturday, March 23, 6:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, March 24, 6:30pm; Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Beauty and the Beast San Diego Civic Youth Ballet explores the timeless themes of inner beauty and prevailing love through the lyric art of ballet. 619-233-3060. Saturday, March 23, 2pm; Sunday, March 24, 2pm; $10-$15. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Chet Harrison, Cairo Beats, Middle-Earth Ensemble Tribal Bellydance Night will feature Sabrina Fox, Madame Raine, and Tribal Vixens performing tribal fusion bellydance, with live music by Chet Harrison, Cairo Beats, and Middle-Earth Ensemble. Friday, March 22, 8pm; $10-$12. World-Beat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Contra Dancing No partners needed and no experience necessary. Calling by Martha Wild. Live music by Tectonic Shakedown. Teaching from 7:30-8:00. Dance starts at 8:00. Discounts for teens and children, college, and military. Soft-soled shoes only, please. Saturday, March 23, 7:30pm; $8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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 Español. Friday, March 22, 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)

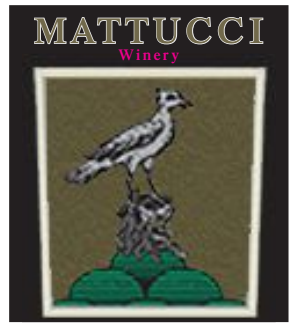
Middle-Earth Belly Dance Ensemble Sunday, March 24, 8pm; Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Voyagers Toastmasters Improve business communications and speaking skills. Club meets every Thursday. Contact: Mark Shapiro, mshapiro@srs-techpr.com. Thursdays, 7am; through Thursday, May 29, **free**. 18 and up. Café Coyote, 2461 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

FOOD & DRINK



Easter Brunch! Join us on Easter Sunday for our Easter Brunch! Enjoy a buffet, $15 bottomless mimosas, Easter-egg hunt every top of the hour, and pictures with the Easter Bunny! Brunch price: Adults $37; kids (4–12) $17 (children under 3 are free). Happy Easter! Sunday, March 31 from 10am–3pm. Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Mattucci Winery Grand Opening Tastings are $7 or $12 with a logo glass. For more information call 760-305-8435 or email info@mattucciwinery.com or visit us at www.mattucciwinery.com. Follow us on facebook. Friday, March 22, noon to 7pm. Saturday, March 23, 2013, noon to 5pm. Mattucci Winery, 3830 Oceanic Drive Suite 407. (OCEANSIDE)

Drake's Beer for Breakfast One of our favorite breweries joins us for Beer for Breakfast! Featuring a Cask of 1500; with Hopocalypse, Something Mild (fresh batch with Mosaic hops), IPA, and Blonde on tap! Our food pairing for this will be Spicy, Smoked Pork Loin Benedict with Mustard Hollandaise. Keeper glasses, too! Saturday, March 23, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Mission Valley Craft Beer & Food Festival Fourth Annual MVCBF brings together local food, local beer, and local music — 30 breweries, 20 chefs, 3 bands — and benefits Wounded Warrior Homes. VIP hour at 1pm; general admission 2pm. Sunday, March 24, 1pm; $8-$50. 21 and up. Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Saturday Sushi Class Executive sushi chef Jerry Warner leads the session and shares the secrets of sushi-making. Includes a two-hour, hands-on tutorial on rice and fish selection, knife work with fish, handling sticky rice, creating traditional and hand rolls, and more. Also includes two sake tastings and a maki board (a sushi-rolling mat) to take home. 858-450-3355. Saturday, March 23, 12pm; $60. Café Japengo, 8960 University Center Lane. (LA JOLLA)

The Shiksa in the Kitchen Tori Avey is a convert to Judaism and her family's resident cook. Her blog, *The Shiksa in the Kitchen*, explores the history of Jewish cuisine as well as her creative adventures in the kitchen. Learn the story







behind Passover food and how yesterday's food can inspire us in the kitchen today. Contact: Ilene Tatro 858-362-1154. Thursday, March 21, 7pm; $15-$18. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Wine and Cheese Tasting Learn the basics about cheese while tasting six pairings. Sunday, March 24, 6pm; $50. 21 and up. Mission Hills Wine Cellar, 1624 West Lewis St. (MISSION HILLS)

Wine and Chocolate Pairing Montesquieu Wines meets Dallmann Chocolates for five side-by-side pairings featuring hand-crafted wines and artisanal truffles. Friday, March 22, 6:30pm; $45. 21 and up. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

Computer Science the Fun Way Write code. Build circuits. Earn prizes. ThoughtStem presents this fast-paced workshop where students choose from a variety of challenges designed to introduce them to programming and circuit design. Ages 8-18 and all levels of experience in programming welcome. 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)

Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast All-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast, a bonnet contest with prizes, and an egg hunt with 10,000 filled eggs. Tickets include hunt and breakfast. Hunt is for ages 11 and younger. Please bring a basket. Also features opportunities to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Questions: marycdraves@gmail.com. Sunday, March 24, 7am; $5. Vista Optimist Club, 600 Optimist Way. (VISTA)

Festival of Science and Engineering Expo Events include "Skateboard! Humans vs. Robotics," "Superhero 101," and "The Science of Justice," all of which are hands-on and live demonstrations of robotics, gamma rays, and crime labs. Children of all ages are welcome to come and meet real scientists and engineers, as well as learn about their groundbreaking research and discoveries. Contact: Mary Jo Ball, mjball@sdsciencefestival.com, 858-455-0300. Saturday, March 23, 10am; **free**. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Kids Spring Fest Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children to the mall for an afternoon of fun, including make-and-take crafts, face painting, music, prizes and more. The Otay Ranch branch of the Chula Vista Library, located inside the mall, will be hosting a special story time featuring a big, floppy bunny 12:30, 1 and 1:30pm Activities also include a DJ spinning tunes and hosting games for families with children ages 2 to 12, spring-themed crafts, and prizes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Event held in the food pavilion and fireplace lounge. Info: 619-656-9100. Saturday, March 23, 12pm; **free**. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

Spring Egg-ucation Kids will get an up-close look at all kinds of critters that hatch from eggs. Families will be treated to an egg find, egg-themed crafts, and a trivia hunt around the Nature Center Loop Trail. Both days also feature a live reptile presentation where attendees can learn more about the lives of egg-laying turtles and other reptiles. Saturday, March 23, 1pm; Sunday, March 24, 1pm; **free**. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Temari Easter Egg Learn basic Temari stitches while making an Easter egg. Participants will receive a pre-wrapped egg in light blue, white or soft yellow. Instructor: Laura Breen. Pre-registration required 619-232-2721. Saturday, March 23, 10am; $25-$35. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Young Writers Fiction Workshop In this four-week workshop with Tammy Greenwood, writers ages 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 own 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

"What You Don't Know About the Brontës" UCSD and MiraCosta creative-writing professor Karen Kenyon speaks "All About Charlotte, Anne, and Emily" in room 201. Take a virtual trip to Hawthorne and learn about these authors and their classic novels. Friday, March 22, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

MiraCosta College Lectures "World Water Day at Life" with Eric Larsen, who leads the UN's observance promoting clean water and sustainable aquatic habitats to focus public attention on the critical water issues of our era — in California and worldwide. "Effects of Arab Spring on the Arab League" with Mick Hutchins, who discusses intricate social and political issues, such as the migration of newly displaced peoples intermingling with refugees created from earlier military and political conflicts. Held in administration building #1000. Free parking pass at campus police building #1100. 760-721-8124. Friday, March 22, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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Rabbi: *Yeruchem Eilfort*
Age: *48*
Born: *Los Angeles*
Formation: *Central Chabad-Lubavitch Yeshiva, Brooklyn, NY*
Years Ordained: *25*

The San Diego Reader: *What is the mission of your chabad?*

Rabbi Yeruchem Eilfort: The mission of my chabad is to be here as a beacon of light — a Jewish home — for the people in this area and to serve them in whatever capacity they need — spiritually, emotionally and even physically. We try to help people on their terms with what they need. It isn't always easy — often it is not — but that is what we try to do.

SDR: *Where is the most surprising place that you found God?*

RE: Obviously, December 25 is not our holiday — but on this day this man said to me, "Rabbi, you're going with me." "Where are we going?" He said, "You'll see." We went to Mexico with sandwiches and pockets full of change and his joy was to give something to the people who are living in such abject poverty. It was so sad. I saw a little kid trying to strum on a guitar with one string and sing to get some sort of handout. The way my friend's face lit up — he couldn't give a lot, but he could give everyone a little bit of money and a sandwich. I thought it was unbelievable. I said, "Look, God is here on the streets of Tijuana." When we reach out to others who we are not connected to and have no business being connected to — our soul is reaching out to their soul. So, you can find God in the most unlikely place, such as in Tijuana on Christmas day.

SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*

RE: Walmart with unlimited money. I'm kidding. No, this is a great question. Judaism believes in a life after death. There's no question about it in my mind or traditional Jewish theology. The soul is the essence of the person, a spiritual being that is miraculously enclosed in a physical garment, the body, for x number of years. So, what's the purpose of this? To refine or prove the soul. In Hebrew terms it's a *yerida tzarich aliya,* which translates as "a descent in order to ascend." In other words, that God sends our souls down here in order to enclose it in a body so it should elevate the body; instead of being merely flesh and blood, the body should be elevated to become a receptacle or vessel for Godliness…. The type of life that the individual led will determine what his or her experience will be in the world to come. If I spend my life training to desire Godliness and spirituality, studying the Torah, praying to God, or doing acts of kindness, my soul has become acclimated to Godliness. So, when my soul goes to the world to come, it feels right at home — heavenly. It's so wonderful because this is what I enjoy doing after all. But if I spend my time in this world chasing physicality and these other types of pursuits — the soul feels totally out of place in the world to come: uncomfortable, bored, and realizing that this is not what it wants. It's like hell. Our tradition teaches that over time the soul becomes acclimated; even the soul that spent its life pursuing physicality eventually becomes acclimated, and therefore the hellacious initial experience turns into a heavenly experience.



Rabbi Yeruchem Eilfort (with his wife Nechema) found God on the streets of Tijuana.

— Joseph O'Brien

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Sculptural Books The Art and Study of the Book San Diego Book Arts presents Daniel Essig, a studio artist and workshop leader who teaches book arts workshops. Contact: Gary Miller, gmiller330pm; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Spring Clean with Feng Shui Fabiola Ramirez teaches Feng Shui principles for arranging living and work areas. 619-475-4642. Saturday, March 23, 2pm; **free**. Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 4375 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

"Uncertainty, Risk, and the Financial Crisis of 2008" The Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies presents: Peter Katzenstein from Cornell University and Stephen Nelson from Northwestern University. Held in Social Sciences Building, room 107. Info: iicas-events@ucsd.edu. Thursday, March 21, 12:30pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Amazing Animals Get the facts on animal and plant survival/interaction in wildland San Diego on a trail guide-led walk through sage and chaparral habitats. Meet at the visitor center. Saturday, March 23, 9:30am; Sunday, March 24, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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guides participants on a path in the canyon with many birds both visible and calling. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars and cover-ups. Handouts and checklists will be provided. 858-484-3219. Saturday, March 23, 8:15am; **free**. Canyonside Park, 12350 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Black Mountain Mine Site Cleanup Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve explore and clean up the old mine for future public viewing. Involves moving rock and wood debris. Bring water, gloves, and flashlight if you have them. 858-484-3219. Saturday, March 23, 9am; **free**. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Butterflies, Blooms, and Bunnies Trail-guide-led search for butterflies feasting on nectar, colorful flower eruptions, and chance animal sightings among environs of Kumeyaay Lake and historic Old Mission Dam. Meet at entry station. Saturday, March 23, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Coastal Habitat Restoration Event Activities include invasive-plant removal, native plant rescue, trail maintenance, and litter removal. All tools and supplies are provided. Community service hours can be verified. No sandals or flip-flops allowed. Richard@sandiegoriver.org or 619-297-7380. Saturday, March 23, 9am; **free**. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

El Cuervo Adobe History Hike Will Bowen, PhD, hikes into the west end of Peñasquitos Canyon for an intimate look at the ruins of the "El Cuervo" Adobe. Learn about Francisco and son, Diego Alvarado — the probable builder. Includes a short side hike to examine Norwood Brown's old roundup corral and to discuss the impact of cattle grazing in the preserve. 858-484-3219. Sunday, March 24, 4pm; **free**. Sorrento Valley trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Family Discovery Walk Active outdoor experience specifically designed for parents and their children. Share quality time in nature as trail guides and "the fam" explore the trail to the Kumeyaay grinding rocks site. Meet inside Visitor Center. Sunday, March 24, 3pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Gaslamp Quarter Historical Walking Tour Tour includes architecturally significant structures of the period from Old City Hall (1874) to the Romanesque style Keating Building (1890) to the Baroque Revival Louis Bank of Commerce (1888), along with stories of the people that shaped the destiny of San Diego. The tour takes under two hours. 619-233-4692. Saturdays, 11am; through Saturday, January 4, $12-$15. William Heath Davis House Museum, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

River Cleanup at Rancho Mission Road Volunteers needed to help remove trash and debris from the San Diego River east of Qualcomm Stadium. All tools and supplies are provided. Community service hours can be verified. No sandals or flip-flops allowed. Volunteers will meet in the 24 Hour fitness parking lot under the trolley stairs. Volunteer@sandiegoriver.org or 619-297-7380. Saturday, March 23, 9am; **free**. 5800 Ward Rd. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL EVENTS



Indian Music & Dance Festival Join us in celebrating the musical legacy of Pt. Ravi Shankar at the Indian Music and Dance Festival. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit http://www.indianfinearts.org/. Friday, March 22, 7:30pm to 9:40pm, Saturday, March 23, 2013, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Saturday, March 23, 2013, 7:30pm to 9:30pm, Sunday, March 24, 2013, 6:30pm to 8:45pm. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Good Friday/Easter Sunday Service! Join us as we experience worship and reflect on the meaning of the cross. Good Friday service in the gym at Aviara Oaks Middle School on Friday, March 29 at 7:00pm. Dress warmly for Easter Sunday Service and come prepared for great music, the good news of our God's love, and close fellowship. After the service, be our guest as we serve a free breakfast. Stay to enjoy the beauty of the Flower Fields! Sunday, March 31, 2013, 6:30-8:00am. Questions: easter@thefieldschurch.org. www.thefields.org. (CARLSBAD)

Chamorro Cultural Fest A celebration of the food, music, art and dance of the Pacific Chamorro people. Features workshops on weaving, dancing, or learning about the construction methods of the ancient Chamorros. A live stage will feature Chamorro traditional performers as well as contemporary artists. Island vendors offer crafts and gift items. An opportunity drawing will award a trip to the Marianas or an iPad to the winning ticket holders. Info@chelusd.org. Saturday, March 23, 10am; **free**. Market Creek Plaza, 310 Euclid Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Orchids by the Sea Presented by the San Diego County Orchid Society, this annual orchid show will have garden-like displays, plants for sale from many different vendors and in all price ranges. Talks will be given for all levels of orchid lovers. The American Orchid Society will hold their annual meeting in conjunction with the show. Members and non-members are encouraged to submit orchids for judging. 760-529-2947. Friday, March 22, 3pm; Saturday, March 23, 9am; Sunday, March 24, 10am; $7-$10. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Paws in the Park 2013 The Escondido Humane Society's annual dog walk will raise funding and awareness for homeless and abandoned animals. Post-walk festivities include a vendor expo, games, contests, and entertainment. Registration is free, and all walkers will receive incentive prizes based on dollars raised. 760-888-2235. Sunday, March 24, 8am; **free**. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Rolando Street Fair Over 100 vendor booths and non-profit community organizations will participate in this family-friendly event. Also featuring a kids' corner with rides and activities. Sunday, March 24, 10am; **free**. Rolando Boulevard at El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Wild West Walkabout Kick up your heels for spring walkabout and Beech Street Buckaroo BBQ. Explore shops, galleries, eateries. Use streetcar to tour, or walk. Guided walking tour (6:30pm) meets at info table on Juniper and 30th Street. Saturday, March 23, 6pm; Along 30th/Fern and neighboring streets. (SOUTH PARK)

SPORTS & FITNESS

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)

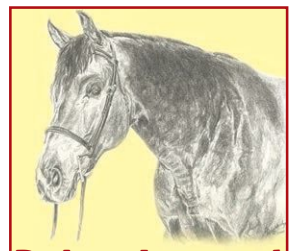
Maximize Your Running Running workshop with Workshop with Malcolm Balk, athletics coach and Alexander Technique teacher. The workshop includes individual video analysis of your running form and introduction to the Alexander Technique. Thursday, March 21, 6pm; $80-$125. Allied Gardens Park, 5155 Greenbrier Avenue. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Morning Hatha Yoga Class Students of all levels are welcome. Please bring a mat and water and avoid heavy foods before class. Drop-ins welcome. Thursdays, 9am; through Thursday, December 26, $6-$8. 18 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Renegade Roller Derby Season Opener Kick off the seventh season and watch the girls take on their sisters from SoCal. Saturday, March 23, 6:30pm; $3-$12. Skate San Diego, 165 Denny Way. (EL CAJON)

Southwest Paddle Fest Learn about kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding from industry experts. Clinics and demos of dozens of models of kayaks and standup paddle boards. 619-523-9577. Saturday, March 23, 9am; **free**-$40. Campland on the Bay, 2211 Pacific Beach Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Walk for Brain Injury The Brain Injury Association of California presents their sixth annual event, which includes a three-mile walk, music, food, and raffle prizes. Information: pdaoutis@biacal.org or 661-872-4903. Saturday, March 23, 9am; $15-$25. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)


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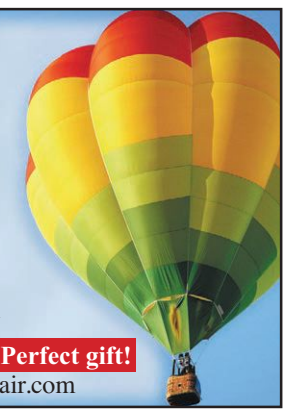
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That meaty thing

"Compliments of the chef," he says. "An 'amuse bouche' — a taste tickler."

TIN FORK

ED BEDFORD

Whew. Just hiked up West Washington from the Washington Street trolley. Quite a climb. Crazy traffic. No sidewalk.

Then I spot this beautiful li'l French bistro. I know I shouldn't go in. Too sophisticated, too damned attractive, too upmarket.

But, Café Bleu calls like a siren. People look so cozy. Wine glowing red in winking glasses, sounds of laughter, but not barroom laughter. I'm trying to read the menu they've stuck up on the window. Ayee... Entrées around $16–$20. But, hey, only live once. Gotta be a way of skating 'round the edges.

So, I haul the door open, privately give myself a max of $20, take a deep breath, and head in.

The five-stool bar is all but taken — the one seat that's empty is squished between two other people — so I sit down at the nearest table. Round. Nicely polished solid wood, with matching curved wooden chairs. Classy. This place is intimate, comfortable, and it has that *thing*. That French thing. Dunno how else to say it. There's the name, of course — Café Bleu — and the wall of wine, the fat candles glowing in sconces on maroon walls, the three-lamp chandeliers, the dark-plank floor, the cool little table candles in cut-out metal containers, the long-aproned waiters... And people seem to respond. Couples lean into each other to exchange, "Do you remember when…?" jokes, the men seem more flamboyant here than in other eateries, the women have more life in their eyes. They use their hands and arms more.

I'm thinking all this as I'm head-down in the menu. It's 7:30 now. Happy hour finished at 6:00. Pity. That's when they have $6 brie cheese "en croute," a mushroom vol-au-vent for $6; mussels for $8, a $9 bleu burger, and $5 wines.

But now? I'm seeing that the bleu burger — a half-pound of all-natural Kobe beef — is $10.95. That's not a bad mark-up for prime time. And that's with fries (French, of course) included, unlike, say, at Burger Lounge, where you pay $3–$4 extra for the little *pomme de terre* sticks. Figure it's $11–$12 there.

But who comes to a French outpost to have American food? I keep scanning. Oh, man. Coq au vin. "Café Bleu's signature dish…classic French specialty of wine-braised chicken with chef's house-smoked pork belly, crimini mushrooms, pearl onions, Yukon potato gratin." It's, uh, $13.95.

What I end up with costs even more, because I can't resist the French onion soup (six bucks), and steak tartare. We're talking raw steak, "knife-cut, all natural filet mignon, fresh herbs, shallots, soy and lime juice, crostini, balsamic reduction, parsley, $8.95."

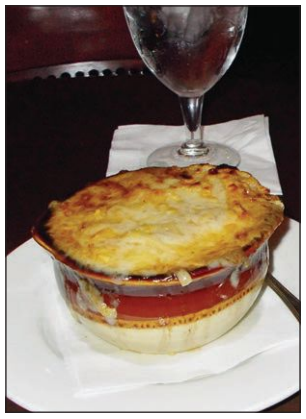
Drinkwise, I resist all temptation and just have iced water. (I know, French restaurant, no wine?)

I'm really impressed with how much I get. Plus, Javier, the waiter and one of the owners, comes around with a small plate with a golden mound in the middle. I see he's also done this with the table behind me.

"Compliments of the chef," he says. "An 'amuse bouche' — a taste tickler: braised beef in pastry topped with Dijon mustard and fine herbs."

It's a nice, herby ball, with crisp, thin pastry outside and sausage meat inside. It sure does tickle my taste buds. And, free's good.

Then, you want my opinion? This is flat-out the best French onion soup in town. It comes in a curly little brown ceramic bowl with a thick skin of golden, slightly burnt cheese covering the top. The reef of grilled cheese, the slurry of onions, the taste of lots of sweetish wine in the soup all make beautiful music. Javier brought me a baguette, too, with butter and a bowl of a kind of Caprese tomato-parsley mix. Great for contrast and great for dunking into the way-hot little cauldron.





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It's filling — almost. So, the plate of steak tartare is a good add. It has these crostinis, hard-baked baguette slices served on the side; a round, upright barrel of raw meat, lots of chopped green herbs sticking out of the mound, and a little puddle of…blood at the bottom? Well, it's probably sauce. And, yes, it's modest enough. Javier warned me it was only three ounces of meat.

But there's more to it than you'd think. It's substantial. And tasty. I get the raw-meat taste, but the flavor mainly comes from vinegary capers, herbs (especially parsley), and shallots. It's good to smear it through the arty stripes of soy sauce–ish balsamic reduction before you stick a forkful in your mouth.

(Crostinis are actually so hard-baked they're tough to crack, but they help counter the meaty thing once you do crack 'em.)

Why's it called steak tartare? Turns out, it used to have (like, in the 1800s) tartar sauce served with it. Except, some folks say tartar sauce may have been called tartar sauce only because it was a sauce to go with *steak* tartare, and that the whole custom of eating meat raw goes back to the Tartars, the wild-horse people of the Asian steppes. Guess they needed fast food when they were on the gallop. No time to cook. The legend is they'd put a slab of horse-meat under their saddles in the morning, and after a hard day's riding, they had the perfect, tenderized steak to eat raw in the evening.

Gets your imagination going. What it must be like, dinner getting better and better every step of your galloping day. You wonder what you were in previous lives…

Then you look around. Glowing, cozy, civilized. We're a million miles from the wild steppes. Javier says Café Bleu has been in business since 2007, first up at Fifth and University, and then, for the past three years, here on Washington. "We couldn't have picked a tougher time to start," he says. "But we're still here."

Amen to that. With a little more cash I could fall in love with this place. As it is, I get out with a bill of $16.09. For the experience, worth every cent.

Now (*sigh*), got to face that wild walk down through the black hills to the Washington Street trolley stop. Wish I had my Tartar horse. ■

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The Place: *Café Bleu Bistro and Wine Bar, 807 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-291-1717*
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Chance to shine

Despite being sequestered far beyond the guarded gates of luxury property, the Grand Del Mar, any local foodie worth their NaCl knows of the fine-dining temple widely regarded as the best restaurant in San Diego County. Yes, I'm talking about Addison. See, you already knew. Told you it's popular.

The winner of numerous accolades, including a AAA five-diamond rating, a Forbes five-star rating, Relais Chateaux Grand Chef status for lead gastronomist William Bradley, and a recent wine-program-inspired nomination from the James Beard Foundation, Addison's glow is such that, for years, it's blinded resort visitors to the existence of another solid restaurant on the Grand's grounds, Amaya.

I had the pleasure of dining at Amaya over a year ago and was immensely impressed with the quality of cuisine, the service, and — since we're talking about the high-priced Addison, I just have to say it — reduced price points. I thought it was a real shame that by virtue of its neighboring eatery's success, Amaya and its chef, Camron Woods, toiled away in comparative anonymity when both were qualified to contend for a ranking among the upper echelon restaurants in our county.

Turns out, Woods will get his chance to show what he can do on his own soon. Later this month, a second Amaya will open. This one will be located in La Jolla at 1205 Prospect Street. Woods will be serving a menu built on "modern American" dishes similar to those served at the original Amaya. Some holdover dishes on the menu include smoked king salmon with parsnip purée, brussels sprouts, bacon, apple chutney, and grain mustard; and a slow-roasted pork chop with sweet-potato bread pudding and roasted apples. Amaya La Jolla will also offer daily specials, all of which will be rustic in nature, playing off popular Southern staples Woods grew up on.

The restaurant will seat over 100, including a bar capable of seating 66, and feature live music. Amaya La Jolla will serve dinner daily from 5 to 10 p.m. The bar will be open Sunday through Wednesday until 11:30 p.m. and until midnight Thursday through Saturday.

by Brandon Hernández

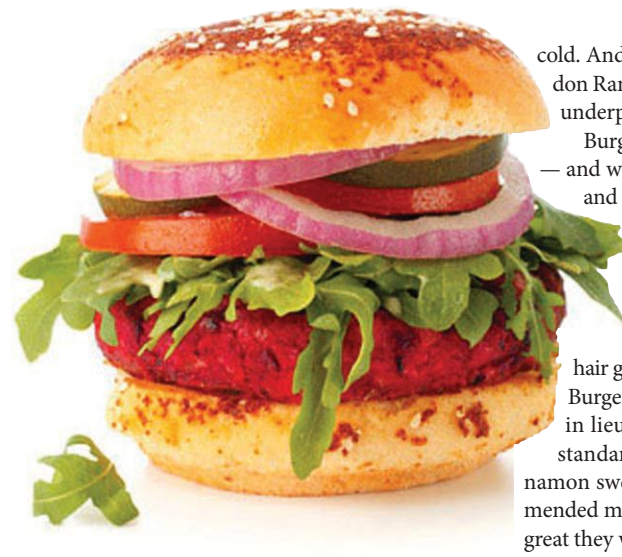


Chef Camron Woods's Southern roots will come out in the daily specials at Amaya La Jolla.

Eureka! I've found a Grade F veggie burger!

Typically, I plan out where I'm going to eat and what I'm going to write about in advance, but every now and then, a dining experience is such that it merits a write-up even if it wasn't premeditated. In the best cases, this is when something's so incredibly good that I have to shout it from the rooftops so others can enjoy, but sometimes it's the exact opposite. Such is the case with this post, which was inspired by a meal shared with a fellow journalist last week at UTC's recently installed outlet for California burger-and-beverage chain Eureka! Gourmet Burgers and Craft Beer (4353 La Jolla Village Drive, University City) at Westfield UTC Mall.

When I get together with my writer friend, a fellow beer enthusiast, we always look to check out a new brew-centric place. I had been hearing great things about the beer selection at Eureka for weeks, so it seemed the perfect place for us to catch up over dinner and a brewskie or two. On arrival, looking at a nicely appointed contemporary space with ample seating indoors and out, as well as a friendly atmosphere and, as billed, a really nice beer and brown spirit selection (for the former, there were beers from Southern and Central Cali that I've never seen offered in San Diego — cool), I was patting myself on the back for making such a seemingly great selection. Had we only had a drink, I'd have left with but one complaint. Unfortunately, we decided to have dinner as well, and that was where the negative details were so prominent and numerous that I had no other option but to write about Eureka.



The veggie burger at Eureka! was easily the worst I've ever had.

To start, we ordered two appetizers — fried green beans and corn-dog lollipops. For the record, corn dogs are mighty tasty, but I hate ordering them at restaurants. They are usually marked up to prices that, at three-to-four times the going rate for a singular corn dog (their quintet of cornies is $7.50), make them hardly a wise fiscal choice and, on top of that, they're usually store-bought and typically plucked from a freezer. I can say with certainty that the ones at Eureka come from the icebox, because the lollipop I sunk my teeth into (a sliced segment of an everyday hotdog encased in a thick layer of varyingly golden fried cornmeal) was still cold. And not "stone cold" as TV chef Gordon Ramsay would petulantly holler to an underperforming chef…ice cold.

Burgers are an enduringly popular fad — and why not? They're cheap to produce and many eateries are finding ways to get lots of money from them. To break up the monotony, I stay on the lookout for good veggie burgers. On this occasion, I allowed my alternative lunch-style wild hair guide and ordered their Maui Wowi Burger with a "San Joaquin" veggie patty in lieu of beef. I also "upgraded" from standard fries to their sweet honey cinnamon sweet potato fries. Our server commended me on that decision, telling me how great they were. Let me dispel her inaccurate report. They are disgusting, and I should have known better. In fact, I did, figuring correctly that sweet potatoes are sugary enough on their own and that honey can only transport those tubers to the realm of near inedibility. But since Eureka's version is original and something they highly tout as a signature item, I gave them a whirl, then proceeded to gag on thousands of grains of grated cinnamon dusted on by someone in the kitchen with the enthusiasm of the confectionary sugar shaker at Café du Monde.

On to the burger, or lack thereof. If you look at the Locations page on Eureka's website, you'll see a photo of the veggie burger. It's literally beet red and as thick as any large meat patty you'd expect from a place with "gourmet" burgers. Mine was so thin that I at first mistook it for a layer of ketchup. That sounds extreme, but that thing was barely over a fourth-of-an-inch thick. Made of beats, black beans, and God only knows what else, it tasted bland except for heavy-handed sweetness. Worse yet, it had a super-soft consistency and was so crumbly that, even with two buns to help me out, I couldn't keep it within the confines of the sandwich. It was easily the worst veggie burger I've ever had and, aside from not tasting good, it's too meager to be labeled as sustenance.

I tried the beef patty as well and, though underwhelming and in no way deserving of the title "gourmet," it was fine. At least it came with regular fries (which, in keeping with the best of Eureka, were only okay) and some ketchup. I received zero





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condiments, nor an offer to get me any. It's part of a burgeoning trend that makes me wonder how much restaurants save on food costs when they dole out condiments in small portions or opt not to offer any the way Eureka does. There's no way some Heinz would have saved my burger, but it would have been nice to have an option as standard as that.

At least there was good beer. I had a taster flight of Epic Sage Saison, Bear Republic Cafe Racer, Ballast Point Barrel-Aged Tongue Buckler, and AleSmith Speedway Stout. The beers were varied and tasted great. But here's my complaint: the beers at Eureka are reasonably priced and can be ordered from the regular beer menu as well as a list of rotating special offerings. The prices on both lists are comparable if purchased by the glass; however, if you want to order tasters of rotating stock as part of your flight, for each you order, you add one dollar to the nine-dollar four-taster base rate. If a full pour of an IPA from the regular list costs five dollars and an IPA from the rotating list costs five dollars, why should a customer need to pay another dollar for a four- or five-ounce pour of the rotating IPA versus the one from the standard list? The only logical assumption I can make is that they are aware more people will want to try the lesser available options on the rotating list, especially in taster form. They can do business however they like, and the businessman in me grants Eureka kudos (wow, finally found a reason to) for recognizing the chance to make more money without offering anything additional, but the regular customer in me thinks this is severely lame.

My visit to Eureka was quite the disappointment, but if all you want is a nice selection of beers in a mall, this is a solid place to hit. Just plan to eat somewhere or else unless you like semifreddo hotdogs and microscopic, red velvet protein discs.

by Brandon Hernández

First look at Great Maple

I had to be the first to eat at Great Maple because there is no restaurant in San Diego that's closer to my house. I did a little snooping around when it was under construction in early February, and I walked in on day one, hour three of the open-

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ing, but that was just too soon. Now, they've had a couple weeks and settled into some kind of a rhythm, so I feel compelled, for the sake of the neighborhood, to have my say. Take this with a grain of salt, as the place is brand, spanking new and still getting all the ducks in a row.

For starters, it's not Brian's. Redecoration completely changed the look of the inside, although some of the feel remains the same. The counter is still just that, more of a lunch counter than a bar, and the lack of partitions, corners, and obstructions in general still calls attention to the fact that the building is one, big rectangle. If anything, it's *more* open than Brian's was because the big booths made way for long, low tables and chairs. You can see every diner in the restaurant from any point on the floor, and that's a little weird. Not bad, just weird. Overall, I do like what they've done with the place. The redecoration doesn't feel rushed or forced, and it's reserved enough to earn a genuine degree of past decades' classiness.

The cocktail menu looked excellent. I only got to try a single drink, a honey mule served in a glass version of the bear-shaped honey jars that kids love, and it had plenty of kick from good ginger beer and potent spirits. The rest of the aperitifs were all commendable.

But, how about the food? My takeaway was that it's all over the place. The sprawling menu doesn't read too easily, which seems to reflect the general ethos of the cuisine. They have sandwiches, salads, steaks, fish, pastas, pie; you name it, really! Prices are likewise scattered to the four corners of the earth: $8 starter plates give way to an $18 plate of lobster poutine, which, although seeming fabulous, shocks and awes with a borderline $20 price tag for an appetizer! Entrées start under $20 but have no qualms about shooting for the stars and breaking into the $30 bracket. It all seems a little crazy.

I tried a tortilla española ($8) that needed salt and more depth of flavor from olive oil and onions. It's a cool dish and I love seeing it on a menu, but you have to make this thing rock if you're going to get away with charging eight bucks for a few bites of egg and potatoes!

Free-range chicken ($21) proved that Great Maple inherited Brian's tendency toward generous portions. With enough bird on the plate to feed two people, the dish hit the right notes for a chicken dinner. It wasn't overcooked and it stayed simple with carrots and mashed potatoes on the side. Doing a decent chicken dinner is harder than it looks, since chicken always just tastes like chicken, and Great Maple's kitchen succeeded in putting out a hearty, simple plate.

Venison chili ($19) tasted like beans and meat, simmered for a long time. It was pretty good, but it was still just a bowl of chili. The thing that really stole the show was the grilled cheese and fig sandwich that came alongside. Labelled as "mini" on the menu, it was anything but. Drenched in butter and exploding with cheese and figs, it was a near-perfect example of the grilled cheese.

This is a tough call to make, but I felt like Great Maple was overpriced. The food was *not* high concept and the vibe at the restaurant was casual. At one point, a red light flashed to life on the wall and the servers started carrying a tray of maple-bacon donuts around the dining room, offering them to diners for $1. I guess the "red light specials" will happen every day there and be something whimsical from the kitchen. That's fun, but it's also a little campy and undermines the restaurant's efforts to nip at the heels of fine-dining places, at least as far as pricing is concerned. For my part, I'd rather see them bring prices down to be commensurate with the experience. One thing is very obvious: Great Maple has a lot of verve (and money) behind it and the staff is trying *very* hard to succeed. I'd be interested to see it happen.

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by Ian Pike

Delish fish in PB

You know those trawlers you see drifting up and down off the coast, from IB to La Jolla? They're catching halibut. And I've got me one of them.

Standing here at the PB farmers' market, at Chip McCarty's orange truck, Chip's Beach Eatz.

I'm munching on halibut for $3. Taco Tuesdays, it's $1.50. I swear. Nothing beats standing round on the street dripping from your jowls as you chomp into a fresh, hot halibut taco. And local!

This is one big chunk of fish, nicely battered, wrapped up in Chip's secret sauce.

And you've gotta respect that because Chip's a reb who busted out from 27 years in restaurants (19 as executive chef) till one day he got tired of working for The Man and took a chance. Bought this truck and hit the road. Last year.

Why not just set up a restaurant?

"That's always a gamble. If you don't get the right location, doesn't matter how well you cook. So I figured rather than have people come to you, come to the people. Wheels!"

Other stuff's more expensive, of course.

A spicy crabwich is $10, Kalua pork sandwich goes for $8, and ceviche's $5. This gal Desirea and her friend Brian are getting that, along with three fish tacos.

Definitely got more to explore in this market.

by Ed Bedford

Shattered prejudices

Sometimes, I like to think that I know better than everybody else. Sometimes, I do. Sometimes, as with the O.B. Noodle House (2218 Cable Street, 619-450-6868), I'm wrong. Everybody — from yelping idiots to *Reader* critics to my vegan ex-girlfriend who shopped at the co-op down the street — loves the place. I figured it was nothing but hype, passing off clever smugness in place of good cooking. There's plenty of that going around in town already.

Really, what it all boiled down to was this: why would I go to O.B. for sterilized Vietnamese when City Heights is closer and filled with little pho shops?

That's valid, but I just got it wrong. The Noodle House is good. Pretty damn good, indeed. You hear that, everybody? You were right. Popular opinion wins this round.

I was in O.B. already, so it didn't hurt to suck up my reservations and put the restaurant's soup to the acid test. I still think the place looks like garbage, but the crowd was a lot more friendly than I'd expected and the classic-rock soundtrack was rad, albeit prohibitively loud for conversation.

The Noodle House has a huge beer and sake list, but I have to give it up to one thing only, and that thing is chamoy-









flavored sake; $10 got me a pitcher of salty/sweet beverage that went perfect with a bowl of pho. Makes sense, when you think about the salty lemonade drinks at pho shops.

And how was that pho? Like I said, it was pretty damn good. Not the *most* subtle broth I've ever had (I was looking for anise and clove flavors in the broth and not quite finding them where I wanted to), but the saltiness and beefiness were spot-on. And the noodles were *perfect*. I ate the entire thing, every drop, and I'll happily say that it could hold its own anywhere. Not to mention that it was only, like, six bucks!

I won't go so far as to say it was "the best," but I can admit that I was wrong and I'm reminded, once again, that keeping an open mind is always a good thing.

by Ian Pike

Fiji Yogurt and Ferran Adrià

I remember watching videos of Ferran Adrià explaining spherification and how elBulli's kitchen could make any kind of liquid into a kind of caviar. The reaction between sodium alginate and calcium compounds, naturally occurring in the food or otherwise, would cause the liquids to form a thin, spherical membrane filled with the original liquid. Needless to say, I was stunned and amazed by such culinary magic, knowing full well I'd never get to eat at elBulli.

Now, imagine my surprise when I walked into Fiji Yogurt (1010 University Avenue, 619-297-0850) and saw spherified passion fruit juice sitting there, next to the lychee jelly and strawberries, ready to go on top of my taro yogurt.

In yet another example of the Great Chain of Gastronomy, something that started out on the culinary fringe is now at the last stop on the line to ubiquity. Last summer, I saw the same thing happen with bacon-flavored desserts, when they finally reached full expression in the Burger King bacon sundae. Now, spheres have run out of places to go. They're fully assimilated and anybody with a $5 bill can get some.

Of course, Fiji's sphere's probably come out of a factory somewhere and their skins are thicker than the legendary colloids at elBulli, which were supposed to have had skins so thin as to be almost imperceptible. There is a natural erosion and as trends make their way outward to the periphery, but the spheres at Fiji still burst with juice and mime the unique "pop" of caviar.

I recommend them to anybody who ever wanted to make that trip to Spain and didn't stand a chance of going.

by Ian Pike

To the Heights

Man, I am hitting all the spots right now! I had to poke my head inside the new Heights Tavern on Adams Avenue to see what kind of a place it's turned out to be. Construction seemed to go on *forever* and there wasn't the usual buzz and excitement about a new place opening up, maybe because the underwhelming Soda and Swine down the street commanded all the hype in the universe? For whatever reason, I feel like Heights Tavern opened without fanfare. One day, the doors were open and people were on the patio.

At first glance, it's tempting to say the tavern's style is pilfered from Blind Lady, which is practically across the street, but the resemblance is superficial at best. True, both spots make use of wood and a vaguely "rustic"

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style, but Heights Tavern has a wide-open, almost cavernous aesthetic that makes it look more like a plainer True North....

Hey, wait a second. It totally *is* another True North! Some hasty Googling brings up their identical websites, little star logo and everything.

Anyway, the theme is more sports bar than beer hall, which might interest a segment of the population. Heights Tavern makes some concession to the whole "craft beer and cocktails" zeitgeist, but it's more of a gesture and less of a commitment. Anybody who's committed to sniffing hops and eating locally grown veggies should stick with BLAH. The crowd's a little more rambunctious at Heights, too. There's a higher complement of young, single people wearing perfume and designer shirts. Sooner or later, someone's going to utter the phrase, "Come at me, bro!" if things get feisty.

Some places have their game on lockdown when they open up, others don't. I don't think Heights Tavern does, so I don't feel like delivering a binding verdict on the food. The food's not going to blow any minds, that's for sure. Very standard fare of burgers and fries. Football food, if you will. I tried the house special cheeseburger, a solid half-pound of burger meat with lettuce, tomatoes, and some Russian dressing. Not bad, not great. For $11, I can't complain. The sweet potato fries were a mite greasy and underfried. I suspect someone in the kitchen needs to turn the heat up on the fryer. If I had to make a suggestion, it would be to include more of the pickled green beans that came on the side.

Some people might have been bugging out about Heights Tavern creeping in on Blind Lady's territory, but I don't think that's a valid concern. It's a totally different scene. Not mine, *per se,* but Normal Heights didn't really have a club. Now it does. At least sort of.

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by Ian Pike

Taking salt and pepper off The Counter

I just have to ask: what's the deal with burgers these days? In a day and age where the "gourmet" burger is clearly here to stay and any topping one can imagine seems to be making its way onto patties of beef, buffalo, elk, ostrich, turkey, chicken, bacon, veggie, or otherwise, how is it that so many of them fall short? Has the ambition to craft more out-there versions of the American standard taken focus from the basics of cookery and good sense where marrying the flavors of ingredients is concerned?

At this point, you're probably wondering what's fueling a post that's fast devolving into a rant. Let me both gather and explain myself. If you read a recent blog post of mine, you'll remember I was pretty agitated about subpar burgers (and more) I had at UTC's new Eureka! Burgers and Craft Beer. But before I stepped foot in that unimpressive eatery, I had begun to lose faith in contemporary burgers when dining earlier in the week at the Counter's recently installed Gaslamp Quarter burger bar (695 Sixth Avenue, downtown).

I took up an invitation to come check out their bison burger and brought some fellow carnivores along to lend their opinions. As suggested, I tried their rotating Market Select offering, which this time was a bison patty topped with fried artichokes, red onions, roasted red peppers, smoked gouda, and sprouts served on a ciabatta bun sporting olive tapenade. Just reading this combination had me scratching my head. Clearly, they're going for something Mediterranean, but even with that as a central theme, the ingredients didn't sound very promising. While I can appreciate them, I'm not a big fan of artichokes or olives, so I subbed in some fried avocado, a premium topping that costs an extra buck to indulge in.

When the burger arrived, it was served open so I could see the toppings. This move seemed ill-advised, given the scarcity of the red peppers. Still, that ingredient, as well as the fried avocado (worth the George Washington) and gouda, tasted good. What didn't were the sprouts. Sprouts on a burger — what are they thinking? I mean, really... Does something grassy have a place in the burger world? If you ask me, absolutely not. I was willing to entertain their theory to the contrary, but the sprouts made it taste like washing down mouthfuls of meat and cheese with a shot of wheatgrass.

As for the burger, that was the biggest disappointment. Not because it wasn't large — it was sizable. Not because it wasn't quality meat — the bison was organic. It was because it was the most under-seasoned burger I've ever put in my mouth. I can count on no hands the number of times I've had to reach for a salt shaker when eating a hamburger until coming to the Counter. Even after several shakes, it was impossible to coax any flavor out of the bison. Only the strong flavor of the gouda and those damn sprouts came through. My dining companion, who ordered a more traditional style of bison burger, enjoyed his toppings, condiments, and especially a nicely browned pretzel bun, but had the same gripe — virtually no seasoning.

If burgers are a restaurant's thing, then they should be delivering some seriously righteous burgers. Especially if they're going to charge big bucks for one (by burger standards, at least). The Market Select comes in at a hefty price tag...and that's without accoutrements. For the focal ingredient in the sandwich to be devoid of salt and pepper and bland as all get-out is completely unacceptable at that, or even at a lesser price. But, I'm getting into that dangerous rant territory again. Let's talk about the good things the Counter has to offer, because there definitely are some.

First off, the service was impeccable and delivered by some of the nicest staffers I've come across in the downtown area in some time. They were patient, attentive, and outwardly hospitable with everyone that sat down during the hour I spent at the Counter. The place itself is clean and contemporary without being cold. And having a full bar serving cocktails, beer, and adult milkshakes is a plus.

If you're into shoestring french fries, having a shareable serving topped with plenty of Tillamook cheddar cheese is enjoyable, as are thick-cut pickle medallions fried up and served with a cup of sweet glaze-esque sauce. That condiment isn't nearly as good as the ranch dressing that usually accompanies "bottle caps," but perhaps I'm just a purist. Also, the portions are good and plenty, something that must always be considered when one's talking burger joints. Particularly impressive was the plumpness of a chicken breast in a burger bowl ordered by my other companion.

by Brandon Hernández









Allen's Alley Cafe

No restaurant in Vista has been open longer than Allen's Alley Cafe. In the restaurant world, 60 years is practically an eternity. I mean, Allen's is no White Horse Tavern, but it's been around for a lot longer than the five-year life span of the average restau! Set in an eponymous alleyway, the long, narrow, brick building has a handful of tables and a lunch counter with some compelling patio space to soak up the North County sun during all-day breakfast service. It's a true family affair, with pictures of children and Little League teams and stuff on the walls. During my recent visit there, a friend (who grew up in Vista) was positive that the woman behind the counter had been there when he was a kid.

The menu claims Allen's biscuits and gravy are the best in the world: an ambitious mark when every other spot in the American South is likely to make the same boast. Still, the soft biscuits and creamy, sausage gravy at Allen's *were* tasty, and inexpensive at $4.95 for a single biscuit, $5.95 for a double order.

Allen's is by no means alone in this, but the trend of naming menu items after onetime customers and staffers is maybe the greatest charm of small, family dining places. On the menu, the "Charlie burger" weighs in at a full 1 lb. of meat; the "Dunya's special" sandwich is chicken and mushrooms on a croissant; and "Nina's delight" is a veggie sandwich with cream cheese and almonds. Who are these people? Somebody knows, no doubt, but that's not really the point. In some ways, there is no greater honor than having your name emblazoned on the menu at your favorite restaurant, particularly if it stays open for the better part of a century and shows no sign of slowing down. With all the Alley's charms, It's easy to see how it's "the place in Vista."

Allen's Alley Cafe, 124 Hanes Place, Vista; 760-726-4433; M-F 6-3; Sat-Sun 7-2

by Ian Pike

Drink your greens!

"Fill 'er up."

Matt plonks his growler on the counter. Phil grabs it, goes back to the tap, and starts pouring the thick green stuff in. Joe grabs his $27.

"It's $29 if you don't have your own jar," he says. "Worth the trouble."

Because, yes, this ain't no pub. This is Green Fix, where you fill up on all those things you don't get in the cookies and booze and greasy kids' stuff you normally insult yer innards with. If you're me.

We're at the farmers' market in PB (but they're at pretty much all the markets). Have been for seven years, Joe says. He's handing out samples. Gives me one.

Hmm... Sweet grass, I'd say. Joe says there's the taste of apples and bananas in there. The three sizes are 16-ounce, a glassful, $4.95; 32-ounce plastic ("good" plastic) bottle, $8 or $7 if you bring back your bottle for refill; and the one-gallon bottle ($29/$27).

Oh, why not? I lay down a Lincoln and start slurping it down. Not hard to take. Halfway between medicine and fruitie smoothie, I'd say. Then I start jumping and — man! I'm leaping over the tent! Uh, well, I swear you do feel energized, even if it's the power of belief.

Joe says the basic recipe is a bunch of all those dark-green veggies your ma had to force down your gullet: kale, chard, collard greens, romaine lettuce, dandelion greens, and parsley, plus apple juice, apple, banana and flax seed.

They also do a "raw" version, which means everything, but no apple juice. And a "greens only" mix, which is dandelion, kale, parsley and flax.

"The big thing is everything is organic and fresh and nothing is pasteurized, so you have living enzymes," Phil says. He says a guy named Daniel Toth came up with the idea seven years ago.

No way I can haul a green growler aboard my stretch limos. Guess I'm just going to have to come to market more often.

by Ed Bedford

Afternoons at Brooklyn Girl

Partly because everybody's been charmed by her cheeky, chic-y design and partly because the food is pretty good and she deserves it, Brooklyn Girl (4033 Goldfinch Street) has gotten a reputation as a bit of a scene where diners are liable to wait around and jockey for a table. *Reader* guy Brandon Hernandez adores the place and he's painted an accurate picture: bring some friends, hang out, eat, drink, be merry, etc.

But she has another side, the Brooklyn Girl. Really, she reminds me of a place I worked









in that opened up early as a coffee shop, selling cupcakes, espresso, and panini to the urbane masses until the sun turned past its apex and the place reinvented itself as a hip, little bistro. BG has that same thing (although she's not so little) going on with her lunch hours, Monday through Friday from 11:30-2:30.

The lunch menu shows some reservation, not pricing us out of house and home just for the pleasure of a trendy sandwich. $12 for pulled chicken and cornbread seems fair, as the cornbread is delightful and the barbecue chicken piled on top makes liberal use of oh-so-desirable dark meat, deeply-flavored barbecue sauce, and a fresh cole slaw. The kitchen could have dressed the side salad with more excitement, however.

Likewise, a 9-ounce burger for $12 seems like a fair price and $10-ish salads look promising; especially the calamari salad on a bed of mache with sweet corn and feta. Soup is a bit pricey at $8 for a bowl, but it's a big bowl and, when the kitchen chose to offer lobster bisque, they found great depths of briny flavor and an elegant texture. Dare I venture it was properly thickened with rice instead of just laden with cream to the detriment of the lobster? However it was done, the flavor was well worth the expense, which is really only a few dollars more than a burrito!

After lunching, the "pantry" at BG has some cakes and an outlandishly expensive espresso press, out of which pour some good shots of coffee. Don't ignore the prepared salads and side dishes there, as they could nicely round out a bowl of soup and things wouldn't even need to get spendy.

by Ian Pike

Prodigy-to-protégé hand-off

Visiting San Diego Brewing Company (10450 Friars road, Mission Valley) in the late '90s was my first experience tasting beer in the same place it was brewed. I still remember how foreign and cool that concept seemed to me. It's a memory that's hit me on every return trip over the past decade and a half, during which I've always been sure to order one of the house beers made by the pub's longtime brewer, Dean Rouleau.

While future trips to San Diego Brewing Company will continue to evoke flashbacks from that first trip, I'll no longer be able to bolster the nostalgia with a sip of the aforementioned brewer's creations. Rouleau recently left the company to become brewmaster for local work-in-progress Prodigy Brewing Company, leaving his old digs to his assistant, Jeff Drum.

Drum started working at San Diego Brewing Company as a labor of love lured in by his passion for brewing beer. A homebrewer by hobby and mechanic by trade, he met Rouleau three years ago and assisted him in the brewhouse sporadically for two years before being hired on as his cellar man. At that time, Drum was commuting from Temecula, fueled by gas and a thirst for knowledge.

Drum's done everything from cleaning kegs to brewing. In order to improve at the latter, he completed an Intensive Brewing Science course at UC Davis last June. Two months later, when Rouleau announced his plans to move on, Drum was hired to take his place.

He has been brewing all of the beers at San Diego Brewing Company for the past six months. Along the way, he's created new brews, including Infinitude IPA, 80 Schilling Scottish Ale, Lakshmi Imperial Red, and a pair of witbiers. It's ironic America's Finest's namesake brewpub is being manned by a Riverside County resident, but one has to admire Drum's drive to make that lengthy drive.

by Brandon Hernández

Chicken, wine, custody battles

I was heading for that classy French joint, Bleu Bohème, in Kensington on Carla's recommendation. She and her buddy Eva had been there. Raved about it. The trouble? I got there at 6:01 p.m.

"Sorry," says the gal. "Happy hour's over."

Turns out happy hour means, like, *one* happy hour. Five to six.

So, back on the street, where next? Place a few doors along, Ponce's Mexican Restaurant, same deal. Six o'clock — *clang!* Happiness shuts down.

So I head west on Adams over the canyon that's the 15 freeway, enter into the Republic of Normal Heights. Get to 34th and Rosie O'Grady's.

Oh, yeah. I remember. Right behind Rosie's…yes! The tiniest wine bar you ever did see. The place doesn't even look open. Shades drawn down the window against the setting sun. But in the window, a sign: "OPEN."

Inside, two people and a guy behind the tiny granite-top counter backed by a wall of wine.

D'aagh — yes, I remember coming here before. Must have been good. I can't remember a thing.

But what I do remember is how, straight up, people start talking to you. I take a seat at the bar. Lori, on the right, is ordering a bottle of "Flora Springs Napa Valley Merlot."

I guess it's too small not to. Count half a dozen seats at the counter, maybe a dozen more at tables, and around the beautiful old brick walls.

"Happy hour?"

"Till seven," says Rudy the bar guy. *Phew*. Breathing room.

He shows me the menu. Oh, yes. You can get anything from burgers to fish to steaks. From Luz's Kitchen, which kinda straddles this and Rosie's. But Rudy turns the multipage menu, mainly filled with wines, till he gets to "Daily Specials + Appetizer Treats."

"This is our happy-hour stuff," he says.

Huh. Goes from $5 to $10. From "sweet potato fries dusted with powdered sugar" ($5) and cheese boards like "blue cheese sampler" ($5) to sautéed mushrooms with French bread ($7) to "filet mignon toasts with horseradish cream" ($10).

Wow. That last one sounds delicious. Only one thing: I'm hungry. I mention this to Rudy.

"How about the first one?" he says.

He points to "chicken marsala medallions toastettes."

"Probably more meat," he says. He's opening Lori's bottle of Merlot and pouring it into a beautiful cone-shaped glass container that sits on a little circle of metal. Then he pours that from a great height into her wine glass.

So I say yes to the chicken and ask him to find me a cheap red wine that would go with it. Don't feel like white.

"You could have some of mine," says Lori.

Wow. Beautiful.

"Really? Only if I pay for it," I say and haul out two Lincolns so there's no argument.

And, ooh... Fruity, luscious, a slight edge.

Casey, who's sitting on my left, says this Napa Merlot's unusual. "Merlots are usually one-dimensional," he says. "But this is fruity and peppery. A delight to find."

"Yes," says Rudy. "I'd say black fruit and spice."

I look at Lori with a little bit of awe. This lady knows her Merlots.

Ten minutes later, Luz and her husband Victor appear with Lori's shrimp chile relleno plate ($12) and my chicken marsala ($8).

She takes a photo of it with her iPhone5. Dang. Better than my li'l ol' pocket Nikon. Turns out she's a professional photographer.

Mine is basically four chunks of chicken breast with five slices of baked baguette. The chicken lumps are covered in a winey gravy loaded with mushroom slices.

It is deelish and really filling. I'm surprised. I'd have thought four mouthfuls and that'd be it. They're tender but thick. And, yes, the Merlot helps a lot.

Casey says people fight over this place.

"It's a little family here," he says. "But new people become instant members. We love this place."

Lori nods.

"This place comes up in divorce custody battles, along with kids and the car. It's, like, 'I get visiting rights to the wine bar, okay?'"

by Ed Bedford

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Veejay dreams. Ever since watching MTV's *Total Request Live* (*TRL*) in high school, Rachel Frank has known she's wanted to be a veejay. "I just loved watching [*TRL*] when I came home from school," she says. "Everyone has been saying, 'Aw, I really miss music videos and video countdowns.' It's just fun to watch music videos and get to know the bands on a more personal basis."

In order to bring back the excitement around music



IMAGE FROM LISTENSD.COM

Frank realizes her teen dream of being a video hostess on *ListenSD*.

videos (and to fulfill her veejay dreams), Frank teamed up with Christian Rodas to create *ListenSD*, a webisode series in a *TRL*-style format with a focus on San Diego bands and their music videos.

"Rachel's program is the only one of its kind where it focuses on videos," says Joe Clarke of King Legend, a garage-rock band featured on *ListenSD*'s first episode.

Although Rodas and Frank started collaborating in December of 2012, they managed to create a website with album and show reviews and put together an episode, which they screened at their March 1 launch party at the Griffin in Bay Park. The episode featured interviews and music videos from San Diego bands King Legend, the Burning of Rome, and Oliver Trolley.

The bands in the debut episode were selected by the *ListenSD* producers, but Frank and Rodas hope their fan base becomes more active in helping them pick bands to be featured. Audience participation will include voting on favorite videos and bands and writing album and concert reviews for the *ListenSD* site. "We want this to be a show for whoever is in San Diego. The more responses we have from the community, the better," says Rodas.

As for future goals, *ListenSD* organizers have their sights set on helping San Diego music progress rather than reaping profits. "I think what's going to really help build up San Diego music," say Rodas, "is groups of people like us to lift up this music and give it the exposure it deserves."

— *Lara McCaffrey*

Infinite sound. "Each year I experiment with new ideas that I think would make the event more exciting," says curator Sam Lopez (Zsa Zsa Gabor, Stay Strange), who is producing his fourth annual San Diego Experimental Guitar show as a two-day extravaganza.

On Friday, March 22, musician Nick Campbell (Wages) presents PERSONO, an interactive sound-art installation at Space 4 Art (340 16th Street in East Village).

"There will be a few central sonic elements," says Campbell, "guitars played by falling sand, by automated motors, and by motors that attendees will trigger. My goal is to create a unique sound-art experience that is conceptual but also sonically pleasing. I usually approach music from a pop perspective — thinking in terms of songs versus sounds alone — and an installation offers the chance to think in terms of pure sound and how people interact with that sound."



Nick Campbell of Wages will squeeze something different from his guitar at Soda Bar this Saturday, March 23.

Campbell says he arrived at the idea while exploring the possibility of re-creating the experience of existence using sound.

"The idea was to find a way to blend the infinite with the finite, just as we live finite lives within seemingly infinite time," Campbell says. "My search to create an infinite ringing chord led me to sand — not only could falling sand play a continual chord, but sand is often used to symbolize time, so it is appropriate on a few levels. To then symbolize finite life, I thought to use manmade elements — namely, programmed motors — to play a pattern on guitars that would have a beginning and end. As the final element, I then thought to have the person experiencing the whole thing stand in the center and manually play instruments through pushing buttons that would turn motors. I view these as the elements of human life symbolized: the infinite around us, the finite existence we have, and the ability to manipulate the world around us during our time here."

The free opening reception will run from 7 to 10 p.m.

All guests must RSVP to *sdxgusa@yahoo.com* or *sdxgusa.com* (two persons max).

A free public showing will be held the following day, Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SDXG2013 kicks off at 8 that evening at Soda Bar, with performances by Scott Nielsen, Bart Stull, Clint Davis (Memorial Cervix), Demetrius Antuna (ANA/KATA), Rafter, and Wages.

— *Chad Deal*

Name your price. "We recorded all 18 local bands, at no charge to them, in order to get exposure for them and for our new Hindsight Recording Studios," says Trisha Saxon of the upcoming Hindsight compilation CD, which features V Child, Dear the Liars, Buddy Banter, Alligator Republic, the Junk Poets, High Tide, Zones, Idols Plague, and others. The range of musical genres reflects the city's stylistic diversity. "We've had thousands of bands come through and have experienced many different subcultures," says Saxon.

The March 29 release party at Hillcrest's Ruby Room will feature performers from the album, including Chica Diabla, Neon Cough, Seeking Alpha, Lucky & Wild, and Mad Traffic. "We'll be offering the CD at a name-your-price option at the show," says Saxon.

The new recording facility is part of Hindsight Rehearsal Studios, which has rented out hourly, fully equipped practice rooms at two locations in the Miramar/Mira Mesa neighborhood since 2004. Currently featuring 14 units in one warehouse (nine hourly rehearsal rooms, four monthly lock-outs, and one recording studio), founder and operator Neil Hamovitch explains, "We set up one of the [rehearsal] studios as a control room with high-quality gear and installed a snake to our showcase room,

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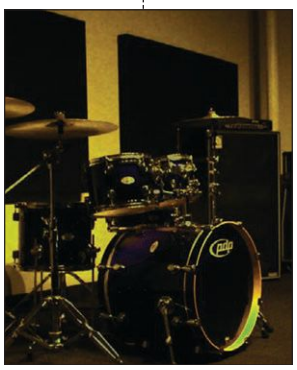


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to use as a live room."

The native San Diegan, who formerly played with the band Non-Prophet (2004–2008), partnered with local musician Kenny Hill (the Quakes, the Blackjackits, the Regime, Ready Fire!) to install the recording gear from Hill's own operation. With rates averaging $30 hourly, Hamovitch says, "We don't have a facility like Studio West or Signature Sound, but that's not really our clientele. People who go there pay hundreds of dollars an hour, or thousands an album, and they no doubt get a great product. But what we offer are the cheapest rates in town, which you'd expect to pay in someone's home studio."



Hindsight's retooled a rehearsal space into a tracking room.

Hamovitch says Hindsight's freebies will pay off by exposing locals to services he *can* charge for. For instance, "We just started a new gear-rental program for bands that need gear to play shows if they don't have it, or if they just want something better than what they do have."

— *Jay Allen Sanford*

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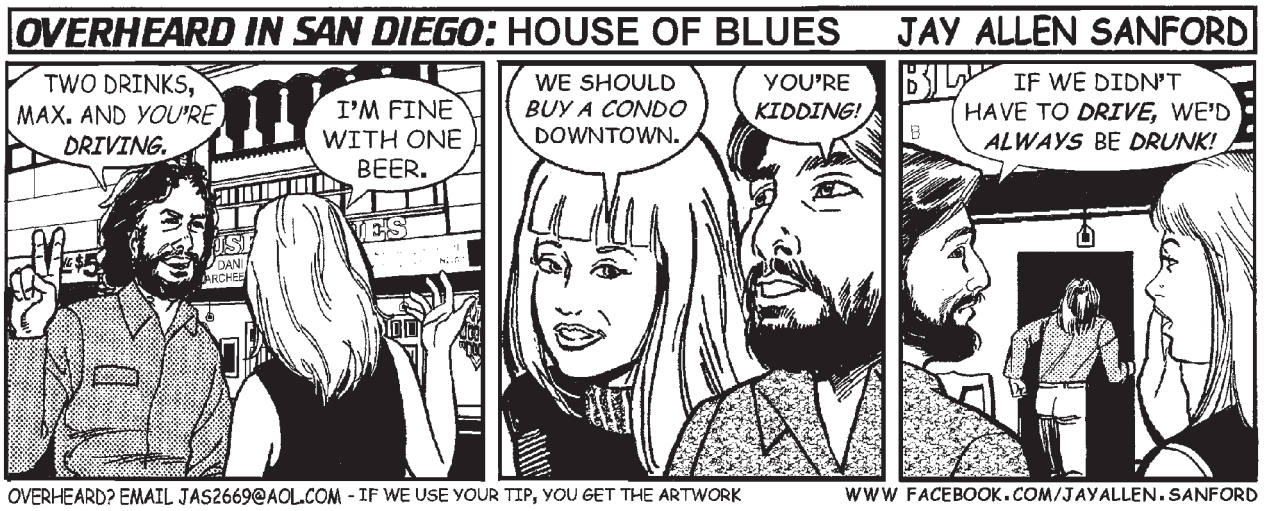
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Beyond the horizon. On May 14, Natasha Kozaily will release her second CD, *Serenading Renegades*. She intends dual release parties, both in San Diego and back home on Cayman Island. The Caymanian has lived here since 2010, lured to Southern California, more or less, by a television show.

"I saw an episode of *On Surfari* back home in Cayman," she says. Chad Farran had written the soundtrack for the show. I loved the music, so I Googled him." She tracked down the ex-Superunloader drummer to his home in North County and filed away the information for future reference. Meanwhile, she went away to college in Cardiff, Wales, and wrote songs. When she was ready to record, she went producer-shopping.

"Chad showed an interest in making an album with me. But I think he thought that I was in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, not Cardiff in Wales. When he found out I was on the other side of the world, I don't think he took me very seriously."



Cayman Island native Kozaily sought what was beyond the horizon.

A classically trained pianist, Kozaily got a degree in ethnomusicology in Wales. Of Cayman, she says this: "The culture, the colors, and the sea have always inspired me, but more important was the desire I always had to get away from there."

As difficult as it may be to fathom the need to escape the a tropical paradise, Kozaily is resolute: "Growing up in Cayman was a very special experience, but it was a place that felt so disconnected from the rest of the world. I was constantly dreaming of all the places beyond the horizon."

Kozaily calls her stuff alt-pop. She says the skeleton of her music is pop, but all the layers around it are alternative. "My first album, *A Tale of One Fish*, is full of a lot of early songs. I think that's why it's so dramatically different from my current material," which she describes as being more experimental. In fact, she says that listening back to *One Fish* now is like listening to a completely different artist. "Even though there's an impulse to erase that earlier stuff, I have to remind myself that it's my own history."

Still, the recording won an album-of-the year award from the Cayman Islands Music and Entertainment Association. "Most people don't think of Cayman as a cultural destination, but rather one for diving and beautiful beaches. The music and art scene in Cayman is small," she says, "but vibrant."

— *Dave Good*

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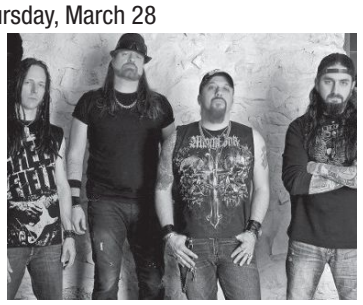
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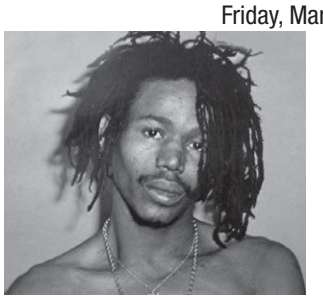
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CHRISTOPHER OWENS AT THE IRENIC

Christopher Owens's backstory reads like about a billion dollars' worth of psychotherapy, unless you got the guy's pop chops and ability to turn such straw into gold; e.g. (and way beside the point, I know), the onetime cult baby was the face of last summer's Yves Saint Laurent Paris line?! Anyway, after blowing up his indie-adored band Girls, Owens cut the cord from that precious plateau with this year's curious *Lysandre*, a half-hour "prog-folk concept album overstuffed with sax and flutes" (*Pitchfork*, which Pitch-slapped the disc with a 6.5 score and even pulled out a Huey Lewis ref). It's a breakup record (from Girls?) that sounds like it's more for Owens than anyone. With every release, Owens has shown his hand and still wins. And with the confidence of success, he has grown by leaps into an engaging, entertaining showman. And brutal guitarist. He will play the all-ages Irenic in North Park after SanFran psych-pop band **Melted Toys**.... After that — I believe the Irenic has to shut down by 10p — haul ass to Casbah, where L.A. skate-punk four-piece **FIDLAR**'s dropping in with their new 14-song s/t set. The highly recommendable record is furious fun, sticking a tatty size-nine Chuck Taylor up the ass of SD's pop-punk think-alikes, like blink, or the night's headliners, **Wavves**. From London via SXSW, alt-rock quartet **Cheatahs** open the show.... Couple more good ones across town, as Austin psych-rock act **Pure X** joins **Chasms** and **O.P.P.** to fill the Void...and Brick by Brick stages Nashville noisecore band **Today Is the Day** after **Black Tusk**, **KEN Mode**, and **Fight Amp**.

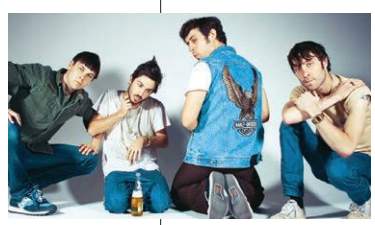


FIDLAR AT CASBAH

Friday 22

From Hermosa Beach, melodic hardcore quartet **Pennywise** checks into House of Blues for two nights of radio-hosted shows Friday (91X) and Saturday (94/9). The 25-year vets are touring in support of last year's Epitaph set *All or Nothing*, a record made with replacement singer Zoli Téglás, who has since left the band with a bad back. Show's gotta go on, right? Bring back founding vocalist (and UCLA-trained transcendental lyricist!) Jim Lindberg. Should be two good nights of old-school punk 'n' roll, actually, with O.C. metalcore crew **Death by Stereo** and Steeltown stalwarts **Anti-Flag** setting 'em up both nights.... Best of the rest: local psych-folk favorites the **Donkeys** take the stage at Soda Bar after **Low Volts** and **John Meeks** for a night that'll render as much groove as grease...Til-Two and Records with Roger present Oxnard punx **Ill Repute** ("Nardcore!"), with our own **Ghetto Blaster**, **Death Crisis**, and **Diatribe** for one hella hardcore hoedown...**Sinner's Sermon Unplugged** (featuring frequent flyer Zander Schloss of the Circle Jerks) takes the bloody pulpit at Brick by Brick after "filth-rock" Los Angelinos **Freakstar**...and the Bee Cave(?!), Texas–based singer/songwriter **Bob Schneider** will play Belly Up behind this year's *Burden of Proof*, his 12th studio set, after accordion comic **Matthew Patrick Davis** and "breakup rock" by the up-and-coming **Palace Ballroom**.

Saturday 23



BLACK LIPS AT CASBAH

On a West Coast tour, following up five sets at SXSW, "flower punk" Atlanta band the **Black Lips** will take over Casbah this weekend. For the better part of a decade, the Lips have been a favorite act of mine to find live. First time I took my gf to a Lips show (*Good Bad Not Evil*), she knew the tunes and caught the buzz, as well as a pair of skivvies soaked in beer. "They're like a boy band from HELL!" she spat as she wormed her way to the ladies' room. She probably won't want to go this weekend, which offers openers **Night Beats** and **Beach Party** on Saturday and **Night Beats** and **Wild Wild Wets** on Sunday.... It's time for the annual installment of the San Diego Experimental Guitar show at Soda Bar. Chad previewed the proceedings in this week's Blurt ("Infinite sound"), if you've an interest. If not, let's sum it up: SDXG2013's featured performers are **Scott Nielsen**, **Bart Stull**, **Clint Davis** (Memorial Cervix), **Demetrius Antuna** (ANA/KATA), **Rafter**, and **Wages**.... Else: the Griffin's mixing dance-jam bands by staging SD's best in ska, the **Amalgamated**; funk 'n' soul, **Stevie & the Hi-Staxx**; and reggaeton, **T. Irie Dread**.



NATURAL CHILD AT SODA BAR

Sunday 24

"December 2012 is not the end of the world but is in fact when Keith Richards is gonna tell the world that the Rolling Stones are stepping down and **Natural Child** is the new best band in the world." No, it didn't happen, but still, Soda Bar will stage the Nashville-native rock-roll trio with **Pangea** and **Fletcher C. Johnson**.... Tower Bar's hosting a Bujwah party Sunday: the Bujwah & Burger Bonanza. Bujwah's the East County skate crew that grew a clothes line from a trunk in the ferdent soil outside San Diego's punk clubs. Fun bill features **Gap Dream** (rad), the **New Rivers**, **Pool Honeys**, **Little Girl Blue**, **Cosmonauts** (tré rad), and **Traumahelikopter**. The shizz kicks off at 12p.... Utterwise: from Charlotte, NC, the hard-rocking **21st Century Goliath** is here to take down the Shakedown...while the Griffin puts on **Dinner and a Suit**.

Monday 25

Cincy-based blues-rock quartet **Heartless Bastards** hit Casbah on Monday. Front woman Erika Wennerstrom — fat tone, killer pipes — tore down a tasty trio (signed to Fat Possum and doing just fine, btw) and rebuilt the band into a four-piece, four-on-the-floor muscle machine that rocks a touch more than it rolls. The new group's debut, *Arrow*, was one of last year's unsung keepers. Country skrunk **Jonny "Corndawg" Fritz** splitz this barn-burner of a bill.... *What is it? Caught in a mosh! What is it? Caught in a mosh! etc., etc.* The Metal Alliance Tour hits House of Blues and features **Anthrax**, revisiting their big breakthrough, *Among the Living*. The shredtastic heaviosity includes **High on Fire**, **Exodus**, **Municipal Waste**, and **Holy Grail**.

Tuesday 26

Neutral Milkman **Jeff Mangum** will grace the stage at Spreckels Tuesday night. Dave broke that one down for you in this week's Of Note, so flip or click to that for more on the reclusive indie icon.



JEFF MANGUM AT SPRECKELS

Tall Firs up first.... If/when that one sells out, trop-pop guru **Snuffaluffagus** sways Soda Bar with **Idyll Wild** and **Island Boy**.

Wednesday 27

Humpnight hits like this: Portland punx **Raw Nerves** will take the stage at Ché Café after **Death Crisis** and **Age of Collapse**... rocksteady royalty **Toots & the Maytals** and **Tribe of Kings** grace the stage at House of Blues...brassy Chico, Cali ska-punk septet **Brass Hysteria** joins SD punkabilly band **Hard Fall Hearts** at Shakedown...fuzz-pop **Schitzophonics** headlines sets at Casbah after **Okapi Sun** and the **Nformals**...and it's Commune Wednesday out at Soda Bar, with moosic by **Heavy Hawaii**. Now get out.

— *Barnaby Monk*

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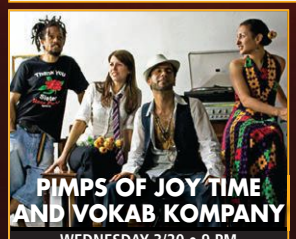


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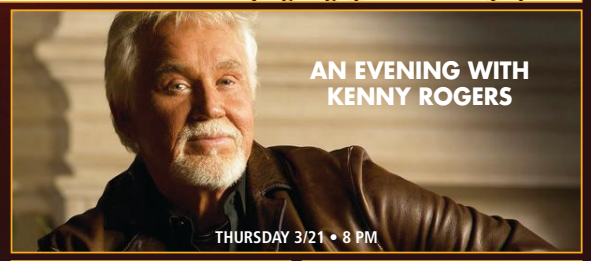


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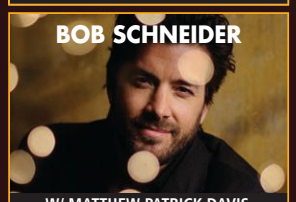
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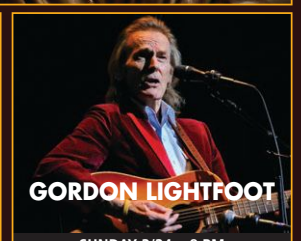
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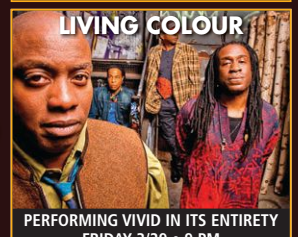
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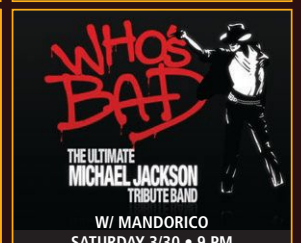
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4/10 Merle Haggard - SOLD OUT!
4/11 Ben Howard - SOLD OUT!
4/12 The Spazmatics
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5/8 Cody Canada and the Departed
5/11 The Mar Dels Matinee - benefit for LCC Brigade
5/11 Tea Leaf Green
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"Touring is the lifeblood of a band, not to mention, I've got a thing for the room-service guy."

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"In December, we changed the name to Stone Horse." I tell Danielle Spade the new name rings of Linda Ronstadt. She giggles: "Yeah. Stone Ponys. But my sister said our other name was too long. The Carlos Rock Experience? She said people would think it was a play on the life and times of Carlos Santana."

Spade also likes how the new La Jolla–based band's name is a fit with her day job as an equine dentist. A veterinarian, she owns To the Point Equine Dentistry. She shows me a tiny scar on her lip, the only remnant of getting horse-kicked once and having had her jaw broken.

"At the hospital they thought a guy had done it to me, right? They said, 'We only see these kinds of breaks in the military and among inmates.'"

The namesake of the former Experience is Carlos Rodriguez, a guitar player who went to La Jolla High School with Spade and Warren DeMartini and Robbin Crosby (the latter two went on to form Ratt in Los Angeles).

Danielle arrives for the interview in rock-star fashion: form-fitting jeans, jacket, and a scarf. Her hair is long and colored two or three shades lighter. The tinted aviator shades don't come off until halfway through the interview. She is a mixture of calm and alert and a little reserved at first. I have coffee. She orders tea. A guy at the coffee shop stops to chat her up; he recognizes her from a gig.

DID YOU KNOW DEMARTINI OR CROSBY WHEN YOU WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL?

"I sat next to Warren in foods class. We talked about that at Robbin's memorial [Crosby, of La Jolla, died June 6, 2002]. He remembered the teacher's name, Mrs. Mittermiller. It was the only classroom with a bathroom, and Warren would smoke cigarettes in there and get us in trouble."

WHEN DID YOU DECIDE TO MAKE A GO OF MUSIC?

"My mom was trying to get backstage at a Beatles concert when she was pregnant with me, so I think it was all decided beforehand, you know?"

DESCRIBE THE INNER WORKINGS OF STONE HORSE.

"Carlos writes the music. I write all the lyrics."

DO YOU TWO WRITE TOGETHER?

"Sometimes we come up with an idea while hanging out at the beach, or sometimes we get together and he shows me some riffs he's working on, and I come up with lyrics. He writes lyrics, too, but I've only ever come up with one riff that impressed him. I don't play guitar."

ALL ORIGINALS? NO COVERS, RIGHT? WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE MAIN MESSAGE OF STONE HORSE?

"We only play rock and roll. Carlos is very influenced by the Faces and the Stones. You know, three-chord rock."



When your lead singer is an equine dentist, why wouldn't you name your band Stone Horse?

I WONDER IF YOUR DAY-JOB AS A HORSE DOC HAS INFLUENCED YOUR MUSIC IN ANY WAY.

"Yes, it has. Carlos wrote a song once called 'She Likes Horses.'

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

"One of my favorite lines is, 'That horse has got more brains and more sense than the average guy.'"

IS THAT TRUE?

"Depends on the horse and the guy."

WHAT LOCAL VENUES CAN SOMEONE EXPECT TO CATCH YOUR ACT?

"We've played Brick by Brick, Jose's in La Jolla, Winstons, and 4th&B. It was our goal to open for a national act there. And we did. We opened for Jackal. And then, the place closed down."

WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE BAND?

"To get on a bus and do this for the rest of our lives. Touring is the lifeblood of a band, not to mention, I've got a thing for the room-service guy."

DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME IN THE BAND?

"No, but some of my clients call me 'Doctor Rock and Roll.' Or they'll see me taking care of their horse and say, 'Hey, I saw your band play.'"

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A VET?

"I've been a vet for six years. I drive a lot to see my clients, from L.A. to Mexico. I wrote a song called 'Driving.'"

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WORDS?

"Well, 'driving' is one."

DO YOU GUYS HAVE AN ALBUM FINISHED YET?

"We have a CD called *More Guts than Grace*. I think Keith Richards said that. Man, that's us."

BY NOW YOU MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF GAUGE AS TO HOW THE BAND IS PROGRESSING...

"Yeah. The venues keep getting better. That's how I know we're getting better all the time. And I'm starting to get recognized out in public, like by that guy outside the coffee shop. It's pretty cool, and it feels good." ■

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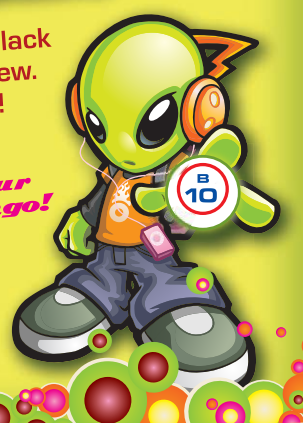
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710 Beach Club:
Thursday, 9:30pm — Club 710 Neon DJ Dance Party.
Friday, 9pm — Split Finger and Subliminal Trip. $10.
Sunday, 9pm — The Roman Watchdogs.
Monday, 9pm — San Diego Music TV Showcase. **Free.**
Tuesday, 9:30pm — 710 Bass Club.
Wednesday, 9:30pm — Open Mic Open Jam.

Belly Up:
Thursday, 8pm — Kenny Rogers. $98-$103.
Friday — Bob Schneider.
Saturday, 9pm — The Atomic Punks and 619. $15-$17.
Sunday, 8pm — Gordon Lightfoot. $75-$80.
Monday — The Mavericks and Seth Walker.
Tuesday — Mika.
Wednesday — Big Penny and Lee Koch.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 7pm — Today is the Day, Black Tusk, KEN Mode. $13-$15.
Friday — Sinner's Sermon Unplugged and Freakstar. $10.
Saturday — The Weener Pigs. $10-$15.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — SD Music TV Open Mic. **Free.**

Casbah:
Thursday — Wavves, Fidlar, Cheetahs. $16-$18.
Saturday — Black Lips, Night Beats, Beach Party. $20.
Sunday, 8pm — Black Lips, Night Beats, Wild Wild Wets. $20.
Monday — Heartless Bastards. $16.

Ché Café:
Thursday — Allison Weiss, Candy Hearts, Pentimento.

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

Dizzy's:
Sunday, 7pm — Women in Jazz. $15.

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

Gran Tapa:
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, 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 — Latin Magic. Latin dance music with guitar and vocals on alternate Saturdays.
Sunday, 5pm — Carlos Velasco. Latin guitar and vocals.
Tuesday, 6:30pm — Tomcat Courtney. Born in 1929, Tomcat Courtney performs original down-home blues.
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Griffin:
Thursday — Schematic, Asker, Man On Earth, Gone By Daylight.
Friday — Two Story Zori.
Tuesday, 9pm — Small City Calling. **Free.**

Hard Rock Hotel:
Thursday — Boy King.

House of Blues:
Thursday, 7pm — West of 5. **Free.**
Saturday, 9pm — Los Bunkers. $20-$25.
Monday, 8pm — Anthrax, Exodus, High on Fire, Holy Grail.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Sunday, 10am — Robin Henkel & Billy Watson. $43.

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center:
Friday, 7:30pm, *Saturday*, 6:30pm, *Saturday*, 7:30pm — Indian Music & Dance Festival. Join us in celebrating the musical legacy of Pt. Ravi Shankar at the Indian Music and Dance Festival. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit http://www.indianfinearts.org/.
Sunday, 6:30pm — Musicians in the Making: Sara Kornfeld Simpson and Jennifer Hsu. **Free.**
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Lestat's Coffee House:
Friday — Chris Trapper.
Saturday — Billy Watson.
Sunday, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band with horns. $8.
Monday — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.

Ruby Room:
Saturday, 9pm — Toothless George and the Screamin Yeehaws. $7-$8.

Shakedown Bar:
Saturday — CrashDiet, Slüt Machine, Crucified Barbara.
Sunday — 21st Century Goliath.
Wednesday — Brass Hysteria.

Soda Bar:
Thursday — Doldrums, Blue Hawaii, Sean Nicolas Savage.
Friday, 8pm — The Donkeys, Low Volts, John Meeks.
Saturday — 4th Annual San Diego Experimental Guitar Show.
Monday — The Woolen Men.

Soma:
Friday — Architects (UK).

Tin Can Ale House:
Thursday — Old Man Wizard and Black Beast Revival.
Friday — Tactical Fever and ANA. $5.
Saturday — Lucky & Wild, Owl Paws, Rob Bondurant. $5.
Monday — Eric Hankins.
Tuesday — The Dood's Dinner Jam Band.
Wednesday — And And And and the We Shared Milk. $5.
Maybesomeday — Salinger of Rock. $5.

Turquoise Café-Bar Europa:
Thursday, 6pm — Trio Neo. Straight up jazz, featuring alto sax, stand-up bass, and piano.
Friday, 6pm — Tomcat Courtney. Sit awhile with 84-year-old Tomcat Courtney as he performs down-home blues.
Friday, 9pm — Afro Jazziacs. Latin and AfroCuban jazz trio.
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Saturday, 9pm — Peligroso Caramelo. Nuevo -Latino / Cumbia / Salsa Dance.
Sunday, 4pm — Sounds Like Four. Performing at 4pm every Sunday, Sounds Like Four will provide a refreshing and unique end to the week.
Sunday, 8pm — Middle-Earth . Belly Dance Ensemble.
Monday, 6pm — Trio Neo. Straight up jazz, featuring alto sax, stand-up bass, and piano.
Tuesday, 6pm — Afro Jazziacs. Latin and AfroCuban jazz trio performing with Louie Valenzuela.
Wednesday, 6pm — Tomcat Courtney. Sit awhile with 84-year-old Tomcat Courtney as he performs down-home blues.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Grupo Bohemio Romantic light opera. Sunday, March 24, 5pm; Gran Tapa, 611 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Moonlight Orchestra Folksy chamber and early music. Thursday, March 21, 12pm; Friday, March 22, 12pm; Gran Tapa, 611 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In their short lifetime as a band, Neutral Milk Hotel could have been described as late bloomers. It took them almost a decade to become overnight successes, and even then, the love was delayed. In 1998, NMH released their masterpiece (some critics would call it the best album of the decade), *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea*. It's a concept album, more or less, based on the life of Anne Frank. A commercial flop at first, the record eventually went on to better-than-decent sales after the rock press and everyone else caught on. But it was kind of too late. Just as on the last track of the album, Jeff Mangum, the chief architect of NMH, simply walked off with no explanation. The band was finished. The next year, he had a nervous breakdown.



JEFF MANGUM

Mangum's an interesting guy. A reviewer once likened him to the J.D. Salinger of rock after his disappearance from music at such an inopportune time. But Mangum's feel for the eclectic surely cast a shadow over the indie ferment that would produce acts like Arcade Fire, what with Mangum's sweet tooth for the use of fuzzy guitars and musical saws and bagpipes. Surely a listener can hear NMH in bands like the Decemberists, for example.

Said to have burned some time recouping in a monastery and later making field recordings abroad, Mangum began to gig in public in small doses, like a man learning to walk all over again. There was a reference to the indie-rock recluse on the sitcom *Parks and Recreation*. He made a Coachella appearance last year. And after that came word of one final acoustic tour this year with proceeds to benefit Children of the Blue Sky's Himalayan street orphans. It was supposed to end last month, but the tour was extended to include rare appearances in parts of the Southwest and on the West Coast. Rare — did I say rare?

Tall Firs also perform.

JEFF MANGUM: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, March 26, 8 p.m., all ages. 619-234-8397. $30.

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WEDNESDAY, 3.27
PLANE WITHOUT A PILOT
BOXDOX, BADABING

THURSDAY, 3.28
SISTER SPARROW AND THE DIRTY BIRDS
THE ALAN EVANS TRIO

SATURDAY, 3.30
GAP DREAM
KUT U UP, VUM, MINI DEATH

MONDAY, 4.1
THE WEEKS
LOW VOLTS, THE PALACE BALLROOM

FRIDAY, 4.5
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FROM BIG MOUNTAIN
SHAKA FEAT. JEROME CRUZ FROM BIG MOUNTAIN, PSYDECAR

SATURDAY, 4.6
AMERICAN AQUARIUM
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SUNDAY, 4.7
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FRIDAY, 4.26
BLACKBERRY SMOKE

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HELMET

FRIDAY, 5.3
ADAM GREEN & BINKI SHAPIRO
LA SERA

SATURDAY, 5.4
CRASH KINGS
CHRIS WILSON AND PLANET EARTH

MONDAY, 5.6
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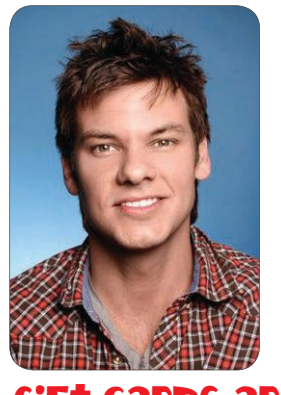
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March 29 — Core and the Big Lewinsky.
March 31 — Chocolate Revolution.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.
March 28 — 22 Kings.
March 28 — The Benedettis and Jeff Pekarek.
March 29 — Danny Green Trio with Lori Bell.
March 30 — Cathouse Thursday.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
March 29 — Hills Like Elephants, Barbarian, Keith Sweaty.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
March 28 — Polish Ambassador & Papadosio.
March 29 — Living Colour.
March 30 — Who's Bad.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
March 28 — Adrenaline Mob, Points North, Nothingmore.
March 29 — Errol Dunkley, the Amalgamated, Queen P.
March 30 — Smokey Robotic and Gabriel Valentine.

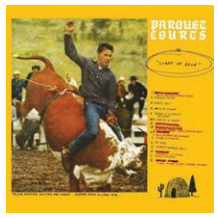
The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
March 28 — Daedelus, Two Fresh, Ryan Hemsworth.
March 29 — Caveman and Pure Bathing Culture.
March 30 — Golden Grrrls.
March 31 — Iceage and Milk Music.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.
March 29 — New Orleans Jazz Orchestra with Irvin Mayfield.
April 19, *April 20* — The Five Browns — Five Pianos on Stage!

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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Light Up Gold
Parquet Courts
By Dryw Keltz



The sound of slacker heaven

Parquet Courts' *Light Up Gold* is all sorts of what indie rock should be heading toward in 2013 — clever lyrics, catchy songcraft, infectious hooks, and an irresistible, giddy feel. It's like a stoner trapped in a 7-Eleven with a wallet full of fives. It's the sound of slacker heaven.

Perhaps the easiest comparison is to early Pavement, but I also hear hints of early Descendents. They definitely veer into punk territory more than Pavement ever did, and that is a treat. In fact, the most pleasant surprise is how these guys can really turn it on in the speed and volume departments, but they also recognize the subtle art of setting up an album with peaks and valleys.

The one-two punch of album opener "Master of My Craft" followed by "Borrowed Time" is punk bliss. These lead into a pair of the Fall on bong-hits outings, "Donuts Only" and "Yr No Stoner." The latter containing the pristine lyrical imagery of "storm-chasing hippies in a discount mall."

The rest of the album continues to ping-pong between punk rock and slacker anthems, with "Light Up Gold II" and "Tears O Plenty" earning a gold star for robot boy in ace representation of the latter. Hopefully, *Light Up Gold* is the first in a series of 14-karat offerings from these guys.

Welcome to the Grand Illusion!
By John Hancock



Energetic, crowd-pleasing classic rock

For 90-plus minutes, a room full of 50-some-things was transported back to the Ford Administration at Pechanga. Styx was in town. Attendees, most of whom stood through the entire show, were treated to an energetic set of hits and deep cuts by the stadium-rock band.

The set included "Lady," "Grand Illusion," and "Come Sail Away." Original members Tommy Shaw and James Young were joined onstage by current members Todd Sucherman on drums, Ricky Phillips on guitar, and Lawrence Gowan on keyboards and vocals. Original Styx bassist Chuck Panozzo made a guest appearance on a couple songs as well.

As a photographer, I am usually limited to the first three songs, as was the case this night. I often leave after my three songs, but I really couldn't tear myself away. This was an amazing night of energetic, crowd-pleasing classic rock, and I stayed for the entire show.

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March 28 — Family Wagon and Crash & the Burns.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
March 30 — Shining Through and the Calefaction.

Flame: 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest,

La Gran Tapa: 611 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-234-8272.
March 28 — Moonlight Orchestra.
March 28 — Carlos Velasco.
March 28 — Dusty Brough Guitar & Friends.
March 29 — Moonlight Orchestra.
March 29 — Juan Moro.
March 29 — Flamenco Dance Show.
March 30 — Pan Am.
March 31 — Carlos Velasco.
March 31 — Grupo Bohemio.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
March 28 — Sister Sparrow & the Dirty Birds and Alan Evans Trio.
March 30 — Gap Dream.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.
March 28 — Stellar Corpses and Tiger Army.
March 29 — Tech N9ne, Brotha Lynch Hung, Krizz Kalio.
March 30, *March 31* — The Airborne Toxic Event.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
March 29 — Stone the Giant.

Mother's Saloon: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-221-8100.
March 29 — Chill Clinton.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.
March 30 — Barb Wire Dolls.

The Rook Bar: 7745 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-741-6677.
April 6 — Kalamity Wayne & the City Slickers.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
March 29 — Hindsight Rehearsal Studios CD release.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
March 28 — Outlaw Country Fest With Bob Wayne and T. Junior.
March 29 — Bad Daddies, News From the Front, Castoff.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
March 28 — Peelander-Z.
March 29 — Homeless Sexuals, Rebel Rebel, Murrugun the Mystic.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
March 29 — Parkway Dr., the Word Alive, While She Sleeps.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
March 28 — The Last Years, the Natives, Electric Healing Sound.
March 29 — Grampadrew, Decker, C. Gibbs, Sudden Lovelys.
March 30 — Shaking Pyramid, Owl, Harsh Toke.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Bay Park, 619-542-1462.
March 29 — Cadillac Wreckers.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
March 31 — Los Vigilantes.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: 873 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.
March 28 — Trio Neo.
March 29 — Tomcat Courtney.
March 29 — Afro Jazziacs.
March 30 — Tomcat Courtney.
March 31 — Sounds Like Four.

Typhoon Saloon: 1165 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-373-3474.
March 31 — DJs From Mars.

USS Midway Museum: 910 North Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego, 619-544-9600.
April 14 — Black Joe Lewis & the Honeybears.

United Church of Christ of La Mesa: 5940 Kelton Ave., La Mesa, 619-464-1519.
April 7 — Friendship Connection in Dinner Concert.

University Art Gallery at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-0419.
April 11 — Rachel Mason.

VFW Post #3788: 7785 Othello Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5510.
March 29 — Country Music with DJ Jody.
April 5 — Calico Ridge Band.
April 6 — Full Strength Funk Band.
April 6 — Calico Ridge Band.
April 12 — The Silver Spurs Band.
April 13 — Country Music with DJ Jody.
April 20 — The Silver Spurs Band.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
April 11 — Rihanna.

Vision Center for Spiritual Living: 11260 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Tierrasanta, 619-303-6609.
March 28 — Dave Humphries and Jim Hinton.

The Void: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights.
April 4 — Colleen Green and Widowspeak.

War Memorial Building: 3325 Zoo Dr., Balboa Park.
March 30 — The Easter Eve Edwardian Ball.

Whistle Stop Bar: 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.
March 29 — Dash Rip Rock.
April 2 — Friends Chill.
April 13, *April 27* — Booty Bassment.
April 28 — San Diego Mixtape Society: Pulling A 180.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657.
March 30 — Robin Henkel.
April 16 — Robin Henkel.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
April 11 — Paula Fuga & Mike Love.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-230-1190.
April 4 — The Skatalites.

Zel's Del Mar: 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076.
April 6, *April 20* — Robin Henkel.





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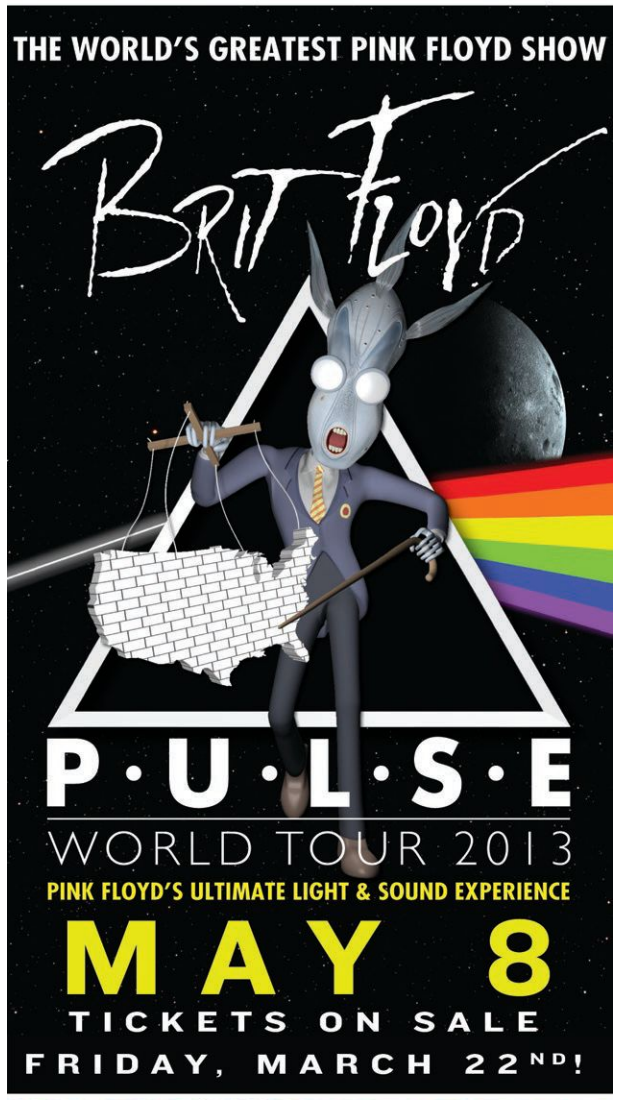
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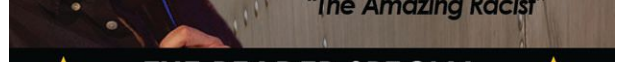


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ALLIED GARDENS

Emilianos Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 off flavored and Cadillac margaritas. $2 off all 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

Avenue 5: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2 off select wines and specialty cocktails. $3 select beers and wells. 5-7pm: $2 off all appetizers.

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

BAY PARK

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

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $1 off wine and bottled beer, $2 off wells and drafts.

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



CARDIFF

Beach House: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2.95 draft/domestic beer, $3.45 wells, $3.95 bloody mary & house wine, $4.95 well martini, $5.95 cosmopolitan, mojito, margarita, bloody mai tai.

CARLSBAD

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.

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.

Veni Vidi Vici: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $1 off all draft and well liquors. 1/2-price appetizers.

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.

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

COLLEGE AREA

Casa Machado: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 and $3.50 drafts. $3.50 wells, margaritas. Free chips & salsa.

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

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $3 beer, $3.50 Gekkeikan sake, $4 wells, wine, $5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. $5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

Leroy's Kitchen + Lounge: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: Drink specials & bar bites, including sweet-potato fries and Bavarian pretzel. *Sunday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-midnight: $5 bloody marys & mimosas, featured skinny cocktail.

Yummy Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 pints, $4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: $4 Brig brew, $4.75 margarita, $5.50 chardonnay, $1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

Pacifica Del Mar: *Wednesday*, 4-6:30pm: $6 vodkas and gins. Oyster night: oysters on the 1/2 shell and oyster shooters. *Thursday*, 4-6:30pm: 1/2-price on all bottles of wine.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

Chianti: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: $5 martinis, house wines. $6 meatballs satay, antipasto; $7 calamari.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: $2.95 bottled domestics, $4.25 drafts. $1.25 oyster 1/2 shell; $5.95 mahi sliders, prawns, calamari.

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.

Patricks 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.

Whiskey Girl: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: half-off all beer, wine, spirits, select appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: $5 SKYY cocktails.

EAST VILLAGE

East Village Tavern and Bowl: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 wells, domestic drafts; $4 import/micro drafts; $5 house margarita, wine. $5 quesadilla, potato skins, nachos.

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

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



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

ENCINITAS

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Local draft beer, $3. House wine, $4. Sangria, $4/glass and $14/carafe. Well drinks, $5. 10pm-1am: $10 food specials. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: $10 food specials.

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.

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

ESCONDIDO

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

El Galeón: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

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

The Alibi: *Daily*, all day: $2 pint Bud, Bud Light; $3 wells, 23-oz. Bud, Bud Light.

Babycakes: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $3 wells, wine, and beer.

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: *Monday*, 4-6:30pm. 1/2 off bottles of wine. *Wednesday*, 4-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off. *Saturday*, 9am-2pm: $2 mimosas. *Sunday*, 9am-2pm & 4pm-6:30pm: $2 mimosas.

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

JAMUL

Brody's Burgers & Beer: *Monday-Friday*, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, $2 off drafts, $1 off potato sides.

KEARNY MESA

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off glass beer, wine; $5 cocktails. 15% off cup jambalaya, oyster shooter, cajun chicken taquitos.

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

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Daily*, 4-6:30pm: $2.50 small sake, $4 large sake, $1.95 select hand rolls, $3 cucumber roll, $3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

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

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

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks.

The Shack Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 3-7pm: $2.75 Bud & Coors Light; $3 wells; $5 wine, champagne. $1 off potato skins, skewers.

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

Sushi on the Rock: *Daily*, 5-6:30pm: $2 sake, Coors Light; $3 sake; $4 Soju spritz; $5 house wine. $1.75 vegetarian roll, $2.75 spicy tuna roll, $4 potstickers.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3 draft, Anthony's white; $4 wells, $5 calls. $2.75 fish tacos, $3 lettuce wraps, $4.50 tostado.

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

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

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.

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

LINCOLN PARK

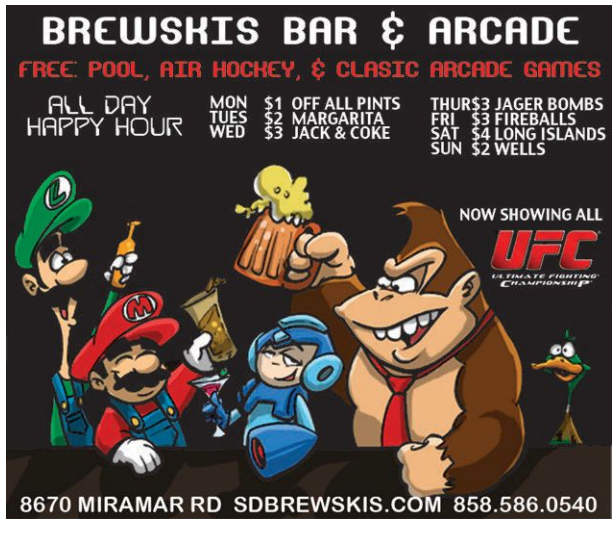
L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2 domestic drafts. $1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: $1 drafts. $1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

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











HERE'S *the* DEAL

Hoffer's Cigar Bar, ***hofferscigar.com***
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Mark Twain was only sort of correct when he said, "Eating and sleeping are the only activities that should be allowed to interrupt a man's enjoyment of his cigar."

At least, that's the philosophy at Hoffer's, where a rotating cast of premium suds and live jazz supplement Twain's trinity of smoke, snack, and slumber.

Stogie savant Phil Hoffman opened the bar almost five years ago, lending an air of elegance to a neighborhood dominated by dives, antique malls, and mediocre Mexican sit-downs.

Now, you can walk into Hoffer's dual cedar-lined humidors and choose from a selection of cigars that would make Castro chortle, grab a pint from the bar's 24 taps, and light up on the heated patio, where the Full House trio and guests jam every Saturday night from 7:30 to 10:00 ($5 cover).

"We go through about 80 beers in 60 days," says general manager and oat-soda aficionado Michael Craig. "By 10 tonight we'll have a different beer list."

By 6:45, the board is being updated (check their website for current taps) while I enjoy, at Craig's recommendation, a pint of Ballast Point's spritzy bOOb Check rounded out with a splash of Lagunitas' Wilco Tango Foxtrot strong ale.

Craig volunteered several tasters before I settled on my drink, offering insight into each brew as I tossed them back. Bottled beers are also available and can be purchased to go.

"It's easy to miss," Craig says of the location, which rubs elbows with Cosmos and Swami's cafés. "My regulars love that about it."

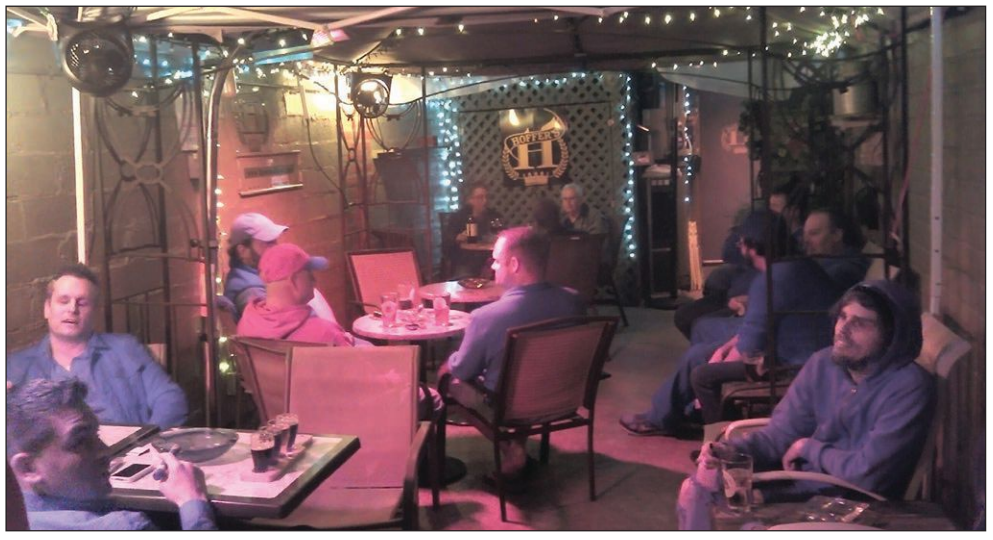
Both neighboring bistros will deliver from their menu to your bar stool at no extra charge, along with nearby eateries La Torta and Trattoria Tiramisu.

You can eat at the smoke-free bar while you chat with the locals or send off a forgotten email from the in-house laptop before stepping out front to browse a vintage-car show every Thursday evening (5–8 p.m., June through August).

Parking can be difficult on car-show nights and weekends, but meters are free after 6 and the trolley stops a block west. Hoffer's closes at 11 most nights, and they will take your glass, empty or full, at 10:58. You can keep it going 'til midnight down the street at Pete's Place or roll your smoky bones home for a Twain-approved interlude of sleep.

— *Chad Deal (@chaddeal)*

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The New Morena Club | M1319: *Daily*, 2-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

LITTLE ITALY

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

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $8 pitchers, $2.50 French fries, $4.50 chicken wings.

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa Lanes: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic pints, $7 pitchers. $3 import pints, $10 pitchers. $2.50 wells. $3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

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 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.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Ould Sod: *Monday, Wednesday*, 2-7pm: All 20z drafts $4. Fireballs $3.50

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).

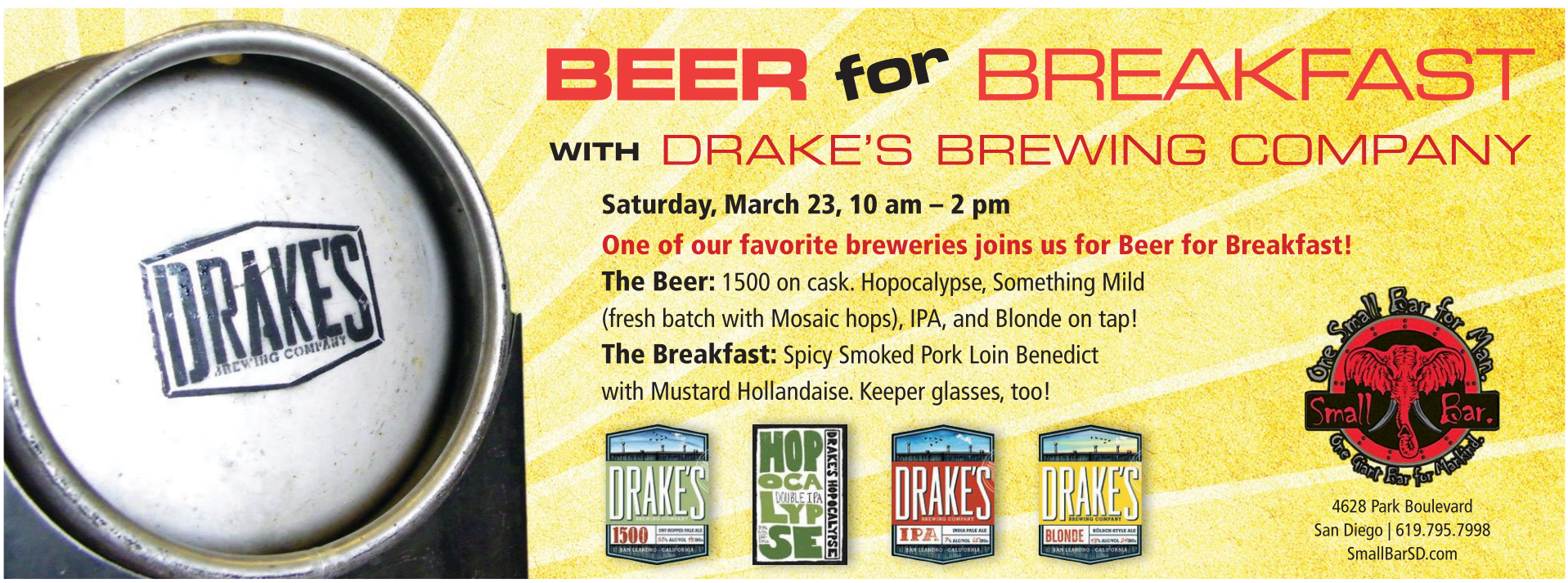
NORTH PARK

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

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Daily*, 11am-3pm: $3 wells, $2 off liquor, $1 off beer. 3-7:30pm: $4 wells, $1 off liquor, $1 off beer.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 beer, $4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Crazee Burger: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $2.99 drafts, $15 pitchers, $3.99 select glasses of wine. $2.99 bratwurst, $3.99 turkey burger.



HAPPY HOUR

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 Crazee, $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

Cheswick's West: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $3.25 wells, $2.75 domestic bottles, $4.50 microbrew pints, $6.25 domestic pitchers.

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.

OB Noodle House: *Daily*, Noon-5pm: $1 beer. $5 sake after 6pm.

Raglan Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm; 1/2 off Munchies, select drafts, house reds, house whites, and sangria.

Sunshine Co.: *Daily*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: $3.50 wells. $1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $2 domestics, wells; $3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4 wells, house wine. $1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. $3.50 well drinks, margaritas.

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

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2.25 domestic bottles, $2.75 micro-brew pints, $7.50 pitcher, $3 house wine.

Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge: *Monday*, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off specialty drinks, $2 mini-inferno burgers. *Tuesday*, 4pm-midnight: $6 draft and a shot, 50-cent ribs. *Wednesday*, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off bottle of wine, $1 oysters. *Thursday*, 4pm-midnight: $2 calls.

Moray's Lounge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $3.50 wells, $4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: $4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

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.

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Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

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.

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Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestic pints/$7.95 pitcher, $3.50 import pints/$11.95 pitcher. $2.95 cheese quesadilla, $3.95 chicken wings.

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RANCHO BERNARDO

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $8 pitchers, $3.50 wells, house wines.

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Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $1 off all beer; $3 Corona or glass of wine. $1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $1 off all drinks. $5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Stone Flats: *Daily*, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: $1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, $2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. $3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2.50 domestic, $3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer $4 (including tax). $12 hookahs, $5 refills.

SOUTH PARK

Hamilton's Tavern: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

Fannie's Nightclub: *Daily*, 4-6pm: $.50 off all drinks.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: $2.50 wells, domestic drafts, $3.25 house wine.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Daily*, 11am-7pm $3 Menu; 4pm-7pm $1 off all beer.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Small Bar: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local draughts and drinks.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 domestic. $3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Chili Coast Burgers: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $.50-$.75 off tap beer.

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic, imports, $2.75 margaritas, $3 wells, microbrews, $4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: $1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.

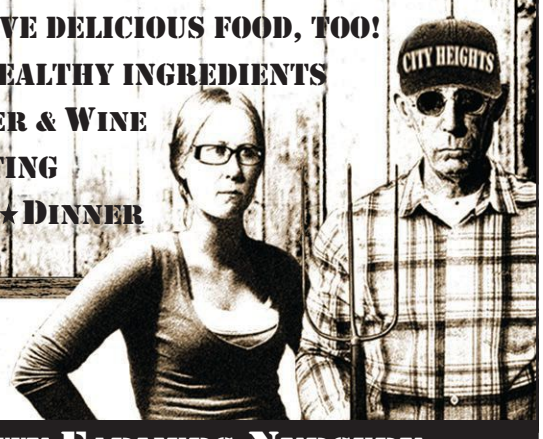
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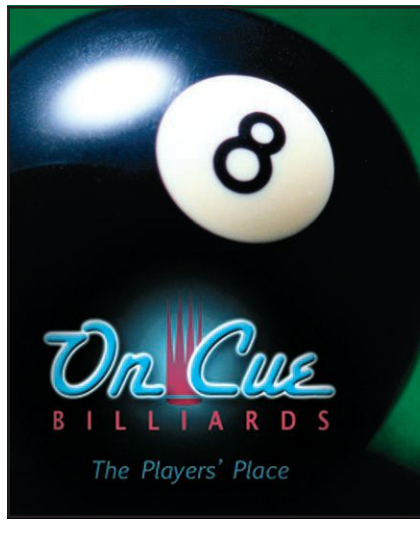
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THEATER

JEFF SMITH

You see a great number in a musical and stop the show with rabid applause. But how many times have you really wanted the show to stop — and have them repeat the number on the spot?

Flash to Act Two of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* at the Old Globe. Montague Navarro hid his lover, the seductive Sibella, in a room behind a door. Across the narrow hallway, behind another door, stands Phoebe D'Ysquith. Among the last of the rapidly depleting D'Ysquiths, she decided it's time to marry. She chose Monty and just announced their engagement, to his great surprise. And that is — or, to her patrician persuasion, should be — that.

But Monty, who hasn't a moral bone in his body or an ethical synapse in his brain, becomes trapped in the curse of the sexist male: Phoebe's spirit's as appealing as Sibella's flesh. Which to choose? As he tries to conceal his mistress from his self-appointed fiancée, Monty ping-pongs from door #1 to door #2 in the song "I've Decided to Marry You." If the scene were in a silent film, it'd be a hilarious farce. The staging alone's a tour de force.

But there's more. The song flanks Monty with Mozartian arias and extraordinary singers: Lisa O'Hare (Sibella) has a mile-long list of credits, as does Chilina Kennedy (Phoebe), among them Mary Magdalene in Des McAnuff's revival of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. When the trio completes this astonishing number — and since live theater affords no instant replays — you want to stop the show, quote Magdalene, and plead, "Could we start again, please?"

And could Jefferson Mays please re-sing "I Don't Understand the Poor"? He's Lord Adalbert D'Ysquith, current Earl of Highhurst (where the family doth "prevail on a mythical scale"), and he can't understand why the poor choose to be poor — and why "they're constantly turning out more." The song's as whacko as Lord Adalbert's entitled naivete is appalling.

And that's the hallmark of this thoroughly enjoyable musical. The elements are so interwoven, it's near impossible to single one out: Steven Lutvak's score ranges from Mozart to waltzes to early-20th-century music halls (and is so rich it only has room for one reprise); Robert L. Freedman's book and often brilliant lyrics; Darko Tresnjak's astonishingly creative direction; inspired performances and design



PHOTOGRAPH BY HENRY DIROCCO

The Old Globe's production of* A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder *is one big show-stopper.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, *book by Robert L. Freedman, music by Steven Lutvak, lyrics by Freedman and Lutvak*
Old Globe Theatre, *Balboa Park*
Directed by Darko Tresnjak, *cast: Jefferson Mays, Ken Barnett, Lisa O'Hare, Chilina Kennedy, Price Waldman, Rachel Izen, Kevin Ligon, Heather Ayers, Kendal Sparks, Catherine Walker; scenic design, Alexander Dodge; costumes, Linda Cho; lighting, Philip S. Rosenberg; sound, Dan Moses Schreier; music director, Mike Ruckles; choreographer, Peggy Hickey*
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work (including a terrific use of videos and apparently invisible body mikes). Everything's of a piece.

They say in Theater of the Grotesque you laugh and wonder why. If so, then *Gentleman's Guide* qualifies as Sophisticated Grotesque: the style rivals the great wits of theater, but the hero's a serial killer: if you laugh, and you will, you aid and abet his crimes.

Monty Navarro would ne-er do well if left to his own, 'umble beginning devices. But guess what? He learns he's related to the mega-bucked — and mad as hatters — D'Ysquiths. Trouble is: eight heirs stand between him and the Earldom. What to do? Terminate each with extreme comedic prejudice.

His modus operandi: turn a D'Ysquith's avocation into a lethal liability (Henry, the lonely beekeeper, pursued by an irate hive; real bullets in a stage-prop rifle). So maybe the D'Ysquith's just kill themselves, in a way, sort of — okay they don't. But one's felonious culpability gives way to the persistent question: how will Monty do in the next in line?

The show's so tightly woven, any slight change would diminish it. Ken Barnett makes Monty the Dorian Gray of musical comedy. If the actor playing him didn't have Barnett's elegant Edwardian style, impish appeal, and remarkable voice, at once relaxed and rocket-like, gendarmes would empty the house seats in short shrift. Imagine the Emcee of *Cabaret* as a whimsical young lad out for a jolly, albeit murderous lark. I can't either, though Barnett just might pull it off.

Gentleman's Guide's a homecoming — nay, a Victory Tour — for two of its principals. In 2004, Darko Tresnjak revived the Old Globe's moribund Summer Shakespeare Festival. In 2009, for reasons that still make no sense, he left. Now artistic director of Hartford Stage, which has encouraged his gifts to flourish, Tresnjak packs every scene with one theatrical surprise after another.

And he cast the D'Ysquiths perfectly. Jefferson Mays plays all eight. The Tony Award–winner (for *I Am My Own Wife*) and graduate of UCSD's MFA program does the near impossible: he gives each a family resemblance, yet makes each instantly distinct: the kindly bonkers Parson Ezekiel (who kicks the bucket with Hitchcockian vertigiousness); beekeeper Henry (so closeted he doesn't understand the lyrics for "Better with a Man"); the reformer Lady Hyacinth and her compulsion for causes; and of course red-coated Lord Adalbert, who not only doesn't understand the poor, he sings one of the most brazenly psychotic (and screamingly funny) songs in musical theater: "Looking Down the Barrel of a Gun."

Could we, I don't know, could we hear that one again, please? ■



Menopause: The Musical *visits the Balboa Theatre this weekend.*

THEATER LISTINGS

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A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of a musical comedy, book by Robert L. Freedman, music by Steven Lutvak, about Monty Navarro. He's ninth in line for an inheritance and wants to eliminate the heirs. Jefferson Mays plays all eight.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 14.

An Inspector Calls

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents J.B. Priestly's whodunit about a young, working-class woman who committed suicide and why. Daren Scott directs.
SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 21.

Assassins

Cygnet Theatre stages Stephen Sondheim's musical: a revue-style portrayal of nine stories, including John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald. Sean Murray directs.
CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 28.

Born Yesterday

Moonlight Stage Productions concludes its winter season with Garson Kanin's romantic comedy (and political satire) about the education of Billie Dawn. Jason Heil directed.
AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 7.

Chicago

Welk Resort Theatre stages Kander and Ebb's "musical vaudeville" set at the end of the Roaring Twenties. Ray Limon directed and choreographed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 2.

Doubt, a Parable

PowPAC stages John Patrick Shanley's drama about ingrained bias and the pain it inflicts. Raylene J. Wall directs.
POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 14.

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, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

Menopause: The Musical

Balboa Theatre hosts a touring production of Jeanie Linders's musical comedy about four women who meet by chance at a lingerie sale and learn that "menopause is no longer the silent passage."
BALBOA THEATRE, 868 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY, 8PM SATURDAY.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: pet rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600. *Worth a try.*
HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 28.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre, now in its 14th season, presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences."
NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM & 9:45PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 1.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect."
MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Once in a Lifetime

For one night only, the Old Globe/USD graduate theater program does a staged reading of Kaufman and Hart's first collaboration (and the subject of Hart's wonderful book, *Act One).*
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALÁ PARK, USD. 619-260-4600. 7:30PM THURSDAY.

Ten Minute Madness VI

North Park Vaudeville & Candy Shoppe stages seven new short works by playwrights from around the county: "drama, comedy, and plays with a message." Featuring 4 directors and 16 actors.
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The Mountaintop

Is an acquired taste. Katori Hall's "comedy-drama," set in room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, in Memphis, on the last night of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's life. But instead of tragic solemnity, it's a fable, often whimsical, about letting go. A maid brings coffee to Dr. King, and they talk — and evolve.There are times when the 90-minute piece verges on the cartoonish, and Larry Bates's portrayal lacks Dr. King's *gravitas*. But a tour de force performance by Danielle Mone Truitt as Camae, the maid, who is much more than she seems, makes an irreverent plot twist not only believable but fun and moving. *Worth a try.*
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's 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 & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 23.

The Psychic

Different Stages presents Sam Bobrick's comedy/murder-mystery about a down-on-his-luck writer who puts a sign in his window: "Psychic Readings $25." Chaos ensues. Jerry Pilato directs.
SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 6.

To Gillian on Her 37th Brithday

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 THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 13.

Walter Cronkite is Dead

PowPAC presents a staged reading of Joe Calarco's comedy about two women, with nothing in common, stranded at an airport. Mary L. Smith directs.
POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 7PM SUNDAY.

Impossible Germany

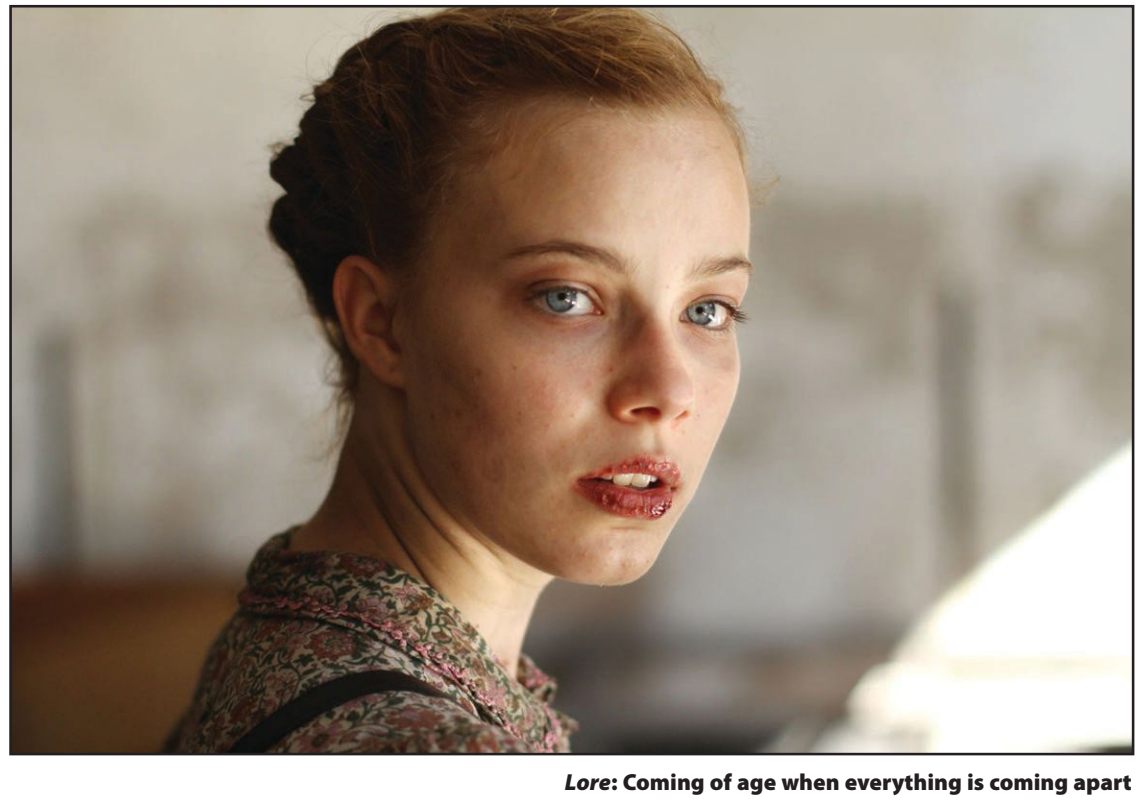
Lore is a loser's history of World War II, a less fantastical, more moving post-apocalyptic wasteland film out of Australia than the one that starred Mel Gibson back in 1979. Less fantastical because it's set after a real-life apocalypse, taking place as it does in the ruins of a divided Germany at the close of the war. (Though probably anywhere can feel like a wasteland when you have nothing to eat and a screaming baby in tow.) More moving because its heroine, the titular Lore (Saskia Rosendahl), is a relative innocent: the 15-year-old daughter of an SS officer. If her beliefs are poisonous, it's because she has been poisoned by those she loves. And the film's central drama is nothing as viscerally satisfying as Mad Max's revenge for the murder of his family. Rather, it's the stripping of both Lore's innocence and what taints it. The war was only the first of her losses, and far from the most painful.

MOVIES

The film's opening makes it clear that Lore and her three younger siblings have spent their lives in a happy dream of German supremacy. Now the dream is ending: files must be burned, valuables gathered, the family dog put down. Papa must go to prison, and Mama must join him, leaving behind even her nursing baby. The kids must make their way across country, hoping to find refuge with relatives.

What follows is an exploration of unmade civilization in both its high and low aspects. On the low end, food, shelter, and hygiene become uncertain goods, and a boat ride across the river may carry a nasty cost. On the high, sweet belief in Der Führer curdles into bitterness, and bedrock convictions about what it means to be German and good (or Jewish and bad) are broken by blunt experience.

Thing after thing that the Lore of before would never do — begging for a wet nurse, stripping a watch from



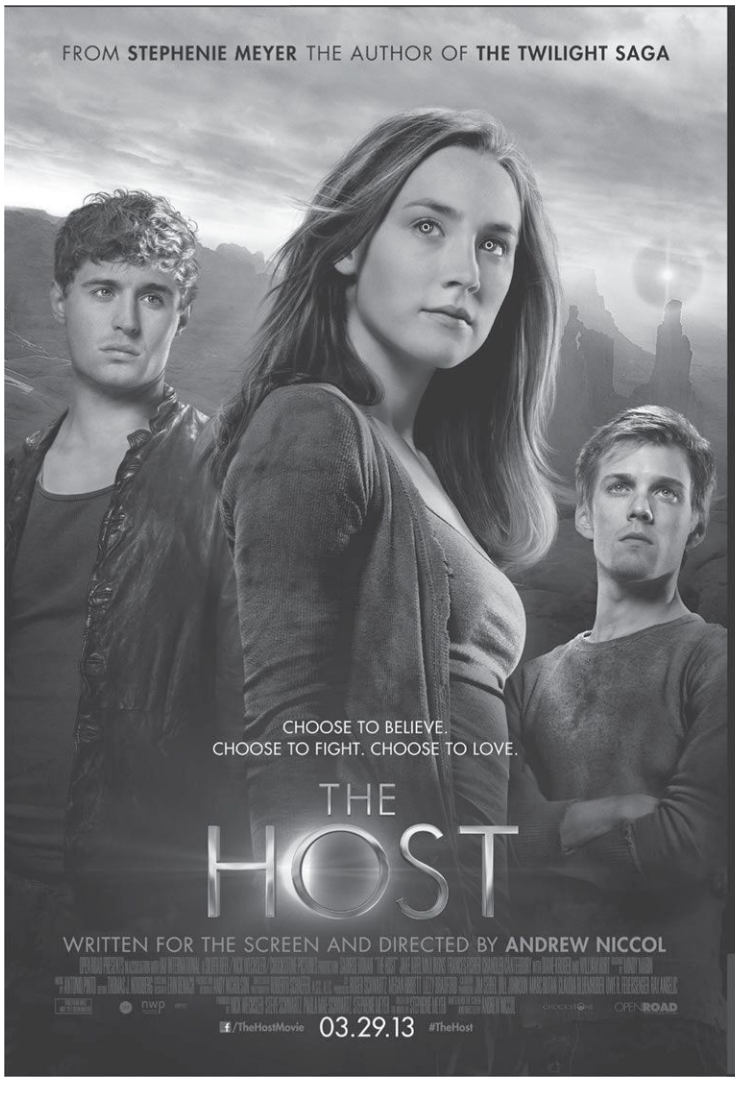
***Lore*: Coming of age when everything is coming apart**

a suicide — she must do now. And while storms rage in her eyes and the strain shows in her face as each new outrage takes its toll, her dignity is the last thing to go. Or perhaps it isn't her dignity; perhaps it's merely the cherished set of illusions that propped up her self-regard.

Director Cate Shortland plays against the ugliness of events by giving us a Germany saturated in color and full of nature in soft focus. Here and there, the practice feels indulgent, even sentimental — as if the camera needs to look away from Lore's youthful suffering. But Shortland's pacing is sure, and her story is satisfying. The wasteland is cruel, but it can serve as a place of purification.

Due to a late change in scheduling, Lore will not be released until March 29.

— *Matthew Lickona*



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IN THEATERS MARCH 29

INTRODUCTION TO PRIORITIES AND ANTIPATHIES: THE FIVE-STAR REVIEWS (DUNCAN SHEPHERD'S MOVIE REVIEWS, VOL. 1)

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By 1995, when I arrived in San Diego to write for the *Reader*, Duncan Shepherd had been its film critic for more than 20 years. And as often as not, whenever I told people what I did for a living, they would ask, "Do you know Duncan Shepherd?" I would say that I did not, and judging from the most common rejoinder — "Man, I hate that guy" — I suspect that they did not, either.

"He never likes anything unless it's old or foreign," was the reason they most often gave for their hatred. They had some grounds for saying so, but still, it was a crummy thing to say about a man who gave one of his rare five-star ratings to *Fargo* — as modern and American a movie as a person could wish for, you betcha — and another to Clint Eastwood's Boston crime drama *Mystic River*.

But however much they said they hated him, they still asked me about him. And they asked me about him because they read him, paid attention to him, checked their own priorities and antipathies against his. When he hated what they loved, they were offended, because he mattered. The *Reader* enjoyed a broad circulation and commanded considerable cultural capital. So Duncan Shepherd, *Reader* film critic, had to be reckoned with.

Part of the frustration was contextual: he was the guy they found in the free weekly paper outside of Starbucks. Where did he get off digging on Alain Resnais and dissing on Steven Spielberg? Why did he insist on writing the way he did? Here's another common complaint: "I can never understand what that guy is saying. Half the time, I need a dictionary just to read his reviews." They wanted to know if they would have a good time at the movies, and they found themselves reading this guy with a vocabulary. What gives?

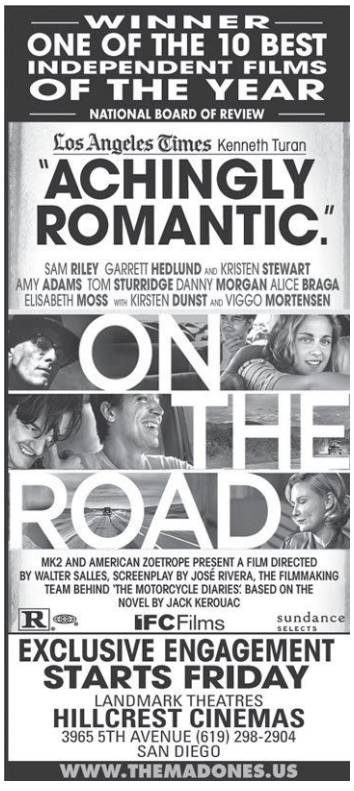
Here's what gives: once upon a time, a young Duncan Shepherd picked up a copy of *Film Culture* magazine. He was digging into the fracas between two famous film critics, Pauline Kael and Andrew Sarris, and he wanted to read Sarris's landmark essay, "Notes on Auteur Theory in 1962." But instead, he found himself paying attention to the essay that followed Sarris's. It was titled, "White Elephant Art vs. Termite Art," and it was written by Manny Farber.

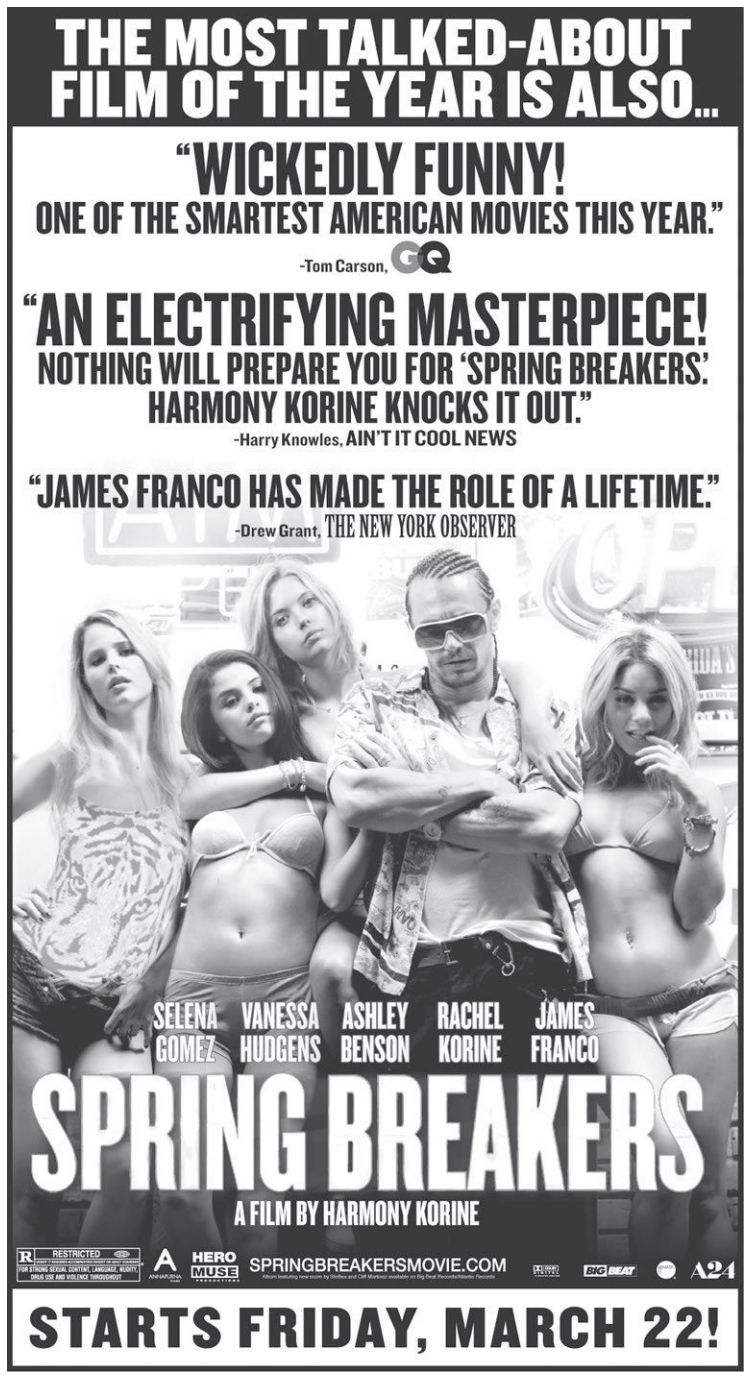
Farber was a film critic, but he was also an accomplished painter (his elephant vs. termite essay is as much about Cezanne as it is about John Wayne), and he did not regard his work as a critic as being essentially dissimilar from his work on canvas. "I get a great laugh," he once wrote, "from artists who ridicule the critics as parasites and artists manqués — such a horrible joke. I can't imagine a more perfect art form, a more perfect career than criticism. I can't imagine anything more valuable to do." Speaking of dictionaries: how many of you had to look up the word "manqués"? I did. It means, "Unfulfilled due to some inherent flaw." But you know what? That's okay. I learned something.

Shepherd was in Minnesota when he met Farber in print, and in New York when he met him in person. (Shepherd was at Columbia; Farber was teaching at the School of Visual Arts.) Shepherd assisted in collecting the material for Farber's first book, *Negative Space: Manny Farber on the Movies*. And soon after Farber headed west to start a film studies program at the University of California, San Diego, he recruited Shepherd — by then a fledgling critic himself — as a teaching assistant.

Shepherd spent three years in the classroom with the man Roger Ebert called "the great iconoclast of American film criticism," and what Shepherd says about Farber's teaching style is not unlike what I would say about Shepherd's reviews: "It wasn't necessarily what he had to say (he was prone to shrug off his most searching analysis as 'gobbledegook') so much as it was the whole way he went about things, famously showing films in pieces, switching back and forth from one film to another, ranging from Griffith to Godard, Bugs Bunny to Yasujiro Ozu, talking over them with or without sound, running them backwards through the projector, mixing in slides of paintings, sketching out compositions on the blackboard, the better to assist students 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. He could seldom be bothered with movie trivia, inside information, behind-the-scenes piffle, technical shoptalk, was often offhand about the basic facts of names and dates, was unconcerned with Classics, Masterpieces, Seminal Works, Historical Landmarks. It was always about looking and seeing."

Of course, there are differences. Shepherd didn't have the multimedia capability of a lecture hall, and a film review must needs hew a little closer to the source material than a film class. But the goal in both cases was the same: new angles of attack, enlarged perspective, an appreciation







for the way, as Shepherd put it, "the context is everything." And where Farber brought the world into his classroom, Shepherd brought the classroom to the world. His reviews sought to wean readers from What Happens Next; 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. Which, naturally, led to another complaint from his critics: "Sometimes, I can't even tell what the film is about."

A final word: Shepherd was a careful writer who wanted (and deserved) to be read carefully: "Different people use the same words differently," he once observed. "To some, 'interesting' in application to a piece of entertainment is faint praise, something less than 'entertaining,' something nearer to 'peculiar,' spinach, castor oil. To others, it means what it says, interesting, absorbing, stimulating, even better than 'entertaining.'" For 38 years, Duncan Shepherd was an interesting film critic. He retired in 2010, but you can still see the movies he saw, and so it's still worth reading what he wrote about them.

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Admission — A snooty admissions officer puts her career on the line when trying to get the son she secretly gave up for adoption accepted into Princeton. This is 117 minutes of prefabricated shit for people who are constipated. The performances are uniformly lazy; not for one second do Tina Fey and Paul Rudd attempt to build character. Their idea of acting is Rudd messing up his hair and Fey delivering her patented frazzled fawn, a move that's best suited for 5 minute comedy skits, if that. There's not a likeable character in the movie, yet it's all played for cheap pathos and easy laughs. As Fey's gun-toting, sausage-grinding feminist mom, Lily Tomlin hasn't embarrassed herself this much since playing John Travolta's lover in *Moment by Moment*. The talentless Paul Weitz (*Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant, Little Fockers*) directs. With Michael Sheen and Wallace Shawn. 2013. — S.M.
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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.
★

The Call — Academy Award–winning former Bond girl Halle Berry wagers her reputation on a shameless "teen-in-trunk" exploitation drama, playing a veteran LAPD 911 operator plagued with guilt after her accidental redial alerts a killer to the victim's whereabouts. Naturally, she gets a second shot at the same killer, and as implausible as it may sound, once the kidnapper deposits victim number two (Abigail Breslin) inside his torture shack, Jordan kicks the crummy dust of Command Central off her shoes and gets in on the action. For you drooling pervs in the audience, 16-year-old Little Miss Sunshine spends the third act clad in nothing more than jeans and a turquoise pushup bra. I was willing to laugh at *The Call* right up until the finale, when the exhausted victims miraculously find the strength to become victimizers and turn on their assailant. As pandering as it is ghastly. 2013. — S.M.
●

The Croods — Nicolas Cage is a caveman daddy trying to deal with Modern Youth. That is all. 2013.

Dead Man Down — *Reader* critic Scott Marks calls it a great modern noir!

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.
★

Ginger & Rosa — Elle Fanning comes of age in early '60s London. Alice Englert plays her super-bestie. The Cuban Missile Crisis plays the looming terror in the background. Review forthcoming. 2012.

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 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 Apatow connection for this one. Director Seth Gordon (*Four Christmases, Horrible Bosses*) steals a few chapters from the John Hughes playbook as he tries in vain to transform Melissa McCarthy into this generation's John Candy. Playing an alcoholic sociopath in a Bozo fright wig, she uses the money she electronically pilfers from middle-class schmucks to buy strangers rounds of drinks in hope of winning a friend. One of her victims (Jason Bateman) gets wise to the con and — for some reason known only to the screenwriter — must cart "Slobbin' Hood" cross-country to help prove to his boss that he's not a crook. The problem is, John Candy was a dandy comedian, not Chris Farley with a vagina. Per usual, the shameless third act pathos (and the obligatory sow's ear makeover) prove funnier than any of the stuff passing for comedy that precedes it. 2013. — S.M.
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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. Carrell 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.
★★

Like Someone in Love — A logical follow up to director Abbas Kiarostami's *Certified Copy* (2010). From its opening long take — the lead character speaks from outside the frame — Kiarostami's sleight of hand draws us headfirst into this Tokyo tale of purposeful miscommunication and calculated role-playing. (A painting in the film titled *Training a Parrot* highlights the themes of resemblance and charac-

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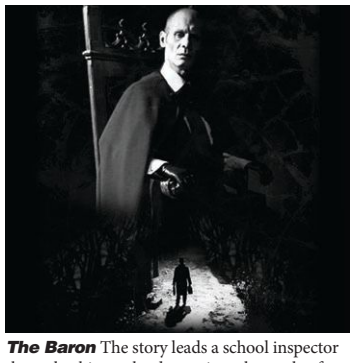
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The Baron The story leads a school inspector through a bizarre landscape into the castle of The Baron, a tyrant vampire who terrorizes the inhabitants of a mountainous region. The inspector is dragged into a shapeless night full of mythological figures and Plebian terror. **Thursday, March 21, 7:45pm**

Crocodile in the Yangtze Documentary follows China's first Internet entrepreneur and former English teacher, Jack Ma, as he battles US giant eBay on the way to building China's first global Internet company, Alibaba Group. An independent memoir written, directed, and produced by an American who worked in Ma's company for eight years, the film captures the emotional ups and downs of life in a Chinese Internet startup at a time when the Internet brought China face-to-face with the West. **Friday, March 22, 2:30pm**

Freeway (Voie rapide) Alex's life is filled with customized cars, gatherings on parking lots, races, speed, and the road. At 20 years old, he is stuck at the wheel of his yellow modified car, which controls his life. This exclusive passion, with its rituals and its codes, leaves behind his girlfriend Rachel and their child. One night on the freeway, Alex's fate changes abruptly. After this incident, he tries to move on, but experiences guilt and eventually a slow awakening. **Friday, March 22, 6:00pm**

Meanwhile In Mamelodi A documentary set in Extension 11 - one of many districts in the Mamelodi township in South Africa. On the "shack side," running water, electricity, and paved roads are nowhere to be found. But even here there is of course daily life, which the Mtsweni family masters with routine and ingenuity. Father Steven puts all his energy into his small kiosk located in the township. His daughter "Mosquito" is fighting her way through the confusion of puberty and dreams of a career as a professional footballer or paleontologist. Will the 2010 Soccer World Cup hosted in their country have an impact on the daily life of the family? **Saturday, March 23, 10:30am**

Snackbar A documentary set in a metropolitan Rotterdam suburb, where the street is dominated by street kids. Daily life focuses around a snack bar, run by an older gentleman named Turk Ali, which serves as a refuge for the local Moroccan youth, teenage boys who have nothing better to do than hang around. For these boys, Ali is an old and trusted Turkish uncle who is understanding and has a sense of humor, but is also strict. But will life like this continue? Turk Ali has a family to support and problems of his own and some of the youth want out of this lifestyle. **Saturday, March 23, 2:00pm**

Shanghai Gypsy This story about four generations of the gypsy family Mirga is narrated by Lutvija Belmondo Mirga, a gypsy king who decided to establish his own gypsy village. He names it Shanghai. Belmondo makes a living on smuggling, and his power and influence grow large. But with the downfall of Yugoslavia, smuggling of goods is being replaced by smuggling of arms. Though lucrative, the business starts to threaten Belmondo's personal life, and he finds himself at the crossroads. **Saturday, March 23, 5:40pm**

Cycle A deadly fog is approaching. A spaceman wakes up on a rooftop. He runs from the fog through strange and mysterious worlds that somehow connect with each other. This 3D animated motion picture focuses on a universal problem-solving situation rather than on classic linear storytelling. It is recommended for those who prefer questions to answers. **Saturday, March 23, 10:00pm**

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Film Movement: Foreign Letters Ellie, a 12-year-old immigrant girl from Israel, is lonely and homesick. Life brightens when she meets Thuy, a Vietnamese refugee her age. Trust slowly builds as the two teach each other about life in America. As Ellie and Thuy become inseparable, they eventually hurt and betray each other. Ellie must give up her most prized possession in order to save their friendship. **Saturday, March 23, 12:00pm**

ter; different observers see the moment of frozen action very differently.) 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. There is not a shot or gesture in the entire film that could not withstand rigorous visual analysis, but the film itself is not a puzzle. It's the work of an assured master whose greatest virtue is making it all look so easy. 2012. — S.M.
★★★★★

No — The final installment in director Pablo Larrain's unplanned "Pinochet era" trilogy that began with *Tony Manero* in 2008 and includes 2010's *Post Mortem*. The fate of the Chilean people rests in the hands of Rene Saavedra (Gael Garcia Bernal), a soda pop–selling ad exec hired to quarterback the "No" campaign. Rene's job is to create twenty-seven 15-minute infomercials aimed at ousting Pinochet. His mission is to thwart the competition's bid to turn the military dictator into an attractive product used to lure old women and young voters, the country's two undecided demographics. Larrain works backward, choosing to conform his narrative to the existing footage by shooting the entire film on the antiquated three-quarter-inch cassette stock. In that sense, *No* could be the most beautiful, purposefully ugly film ever made. With Antonia Zegers, Larrain lifer Marcial Tagle, and the incomparable Alfredo Castro as Rene's soda-swilling, Pinochet-pushing superior. 2013. — S.M.
★★★★★

Olympus Has Fallen — "Why can't you simply put your critical faculties on hold long enough to sit back and enjoy the damn movie?" The question comes up — particularly in the summer months — more times than I care to remember. *Olympus Has Fallen* is the answer to discerning action fan's prayers: an armrest-squeezing, seat-shifting blockbuster that never lets up. North Korean terrorists hold the White House hostage, and it's up to Gerard Butler, a disgraced former secret service man once assigned to Presidential guard duty, to get back inside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue the hard way and reset the course of history. On the surface, it represents everything contemptible about contemporary cinema — a propagandistic, effects-driven cavalcade of carnage that probably boasts a higher body count than all of George Romero's "living dead" safaris combined — but damn if (for a change) this wasn't an effectively constructed thrill ride I enjoyed hopping. Antoine Fuqua directs. With Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman, and Rick Yune. 2013. — S.M.
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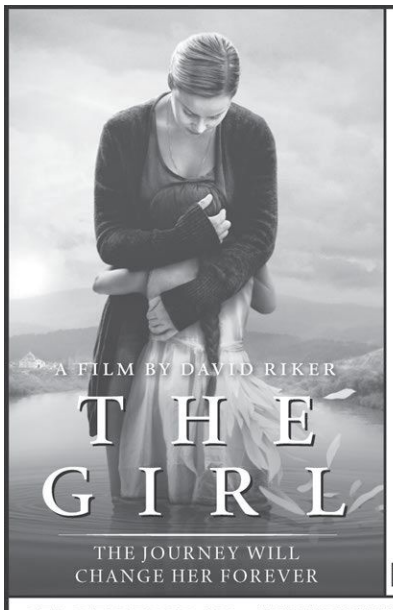
On the Road — The celebrated novel arrives onscreen to buzzy talk of dual handjobs and whispered wonderings of "Why?" The film is an overexposed snapshot of an era: a pre-Boomer burst of sex, drugs, and be-bop, chronicled by young wannabe writer Sal Paradise (Sam Riley) and exemplified by his on-again, off-again travel buddy Dean Moriarty (Garrett Hedlund). Their one noble purpose, narrates Sal, is to move — though it often seems that nobility has very little to do with it. Dean uses the newly woven Interstate highway system to bed-hop his way across the country, leaving angry women (and crying babies) in his wake. He's less a character than a compulsion. Sal, meanwhile, seems content to watch and take notes. Lots of actors show up and have fun, notably Viggo Mortensen and Amy Adams as prototypical homeschooling parents and Kristen Stewart as a white-trash honey who's up for fun, at least until the biological clock kicks in. 2012. — M.L.
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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.
★

Safe Haven — On the run from the law, big city gal Julianne Hough finds refuge in the arms of small town widower, Josh Duhamel. For its first hour, a regulation Nicholas Sparks teen romance, until all hell breaks loose in the form of maniac cop, David Lyons, and unintentional laughter reigns supreme. The Sparks factory appears to have had a work stoppage. Why else would the popular novelist resort to openly lying to his minions in order to advance the cliches? (The audience is led to believe Hough is wanted for murder.) A shabby attempt to tie it all together at around the 110 minute mark left me gasping for air. Director Lasse Hallstrom (*My Life As a Dog, What's Eating GIlbert Grape?*) still remembers how to compose a frame even though he threw in the towel as far as art goes ages ago. 2013. — S.M.
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The Silence — On May 8 of 1986, a pre-teen girl is raped and murdered in rural Germany. (Our view is mostly obscured by





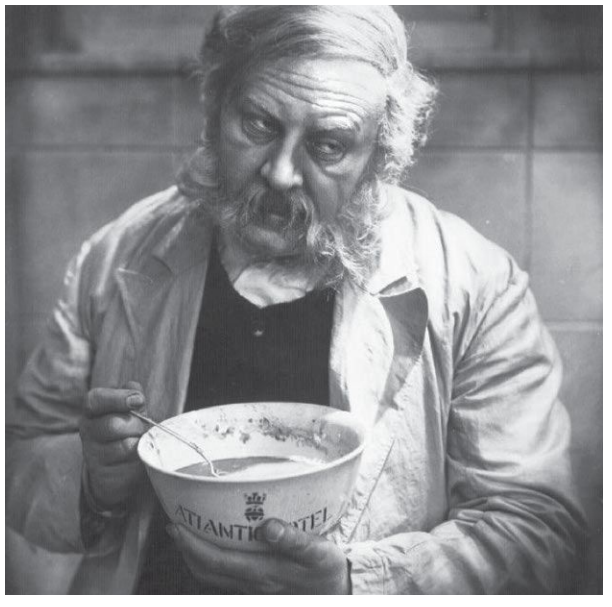
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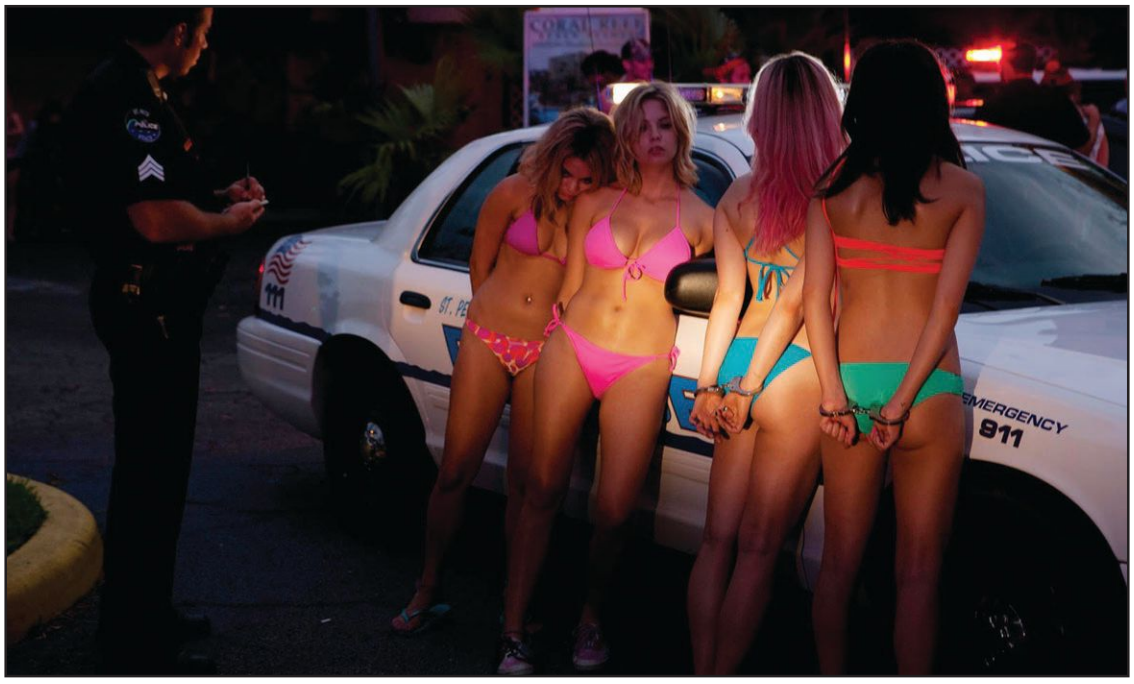


The Last Laugh to A Serious Man

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waving wheat stalks.) Twenty-three years later, another young girl disappears on the same day. The cops are on the job, but the fact that almost nothing resembling police work is done for the first hour or so should alert the viewer that cracking the case is not the point here. The point is the people and their wracked interiors: the frozen mother of the first girl, the agonized and uncertain parents of the second, the recently widowed detective on the case, the obsessed cop who failed back in '86. And, oh yes, the pedophilic perpetrator and his silent witness. Everyone is human, after all. The image is rich and crisp; the psychology and characterization, less so. A couple of things remain inexplicable; a couple more, unbelievable. 2010. — 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 10 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



***Spring Breakers*: Dress code strictly enforced!**

big an expense. The supporting cast — including Susan Sarandon, Barry Pepper, and Benjamin Bratt — is uniformly superb. 2013. — S.M.
★★★

Spring Breakers — Casting the great and powerful Oz (James Franco, making quick reparations for his colorless work on *The Wiz* prequel) as a tin-grinned hustler opposite a pair of former Disney cuties (Vanessa Hudgens and Selena Gomez) in what amounts to a *Girls Gone Wild* video with a better DP, will forever stand as a monumental *bras d'honneur* to the House the Mouse Built. But has *enfant terrible* Harmony Korine abandoned all pretense of formal experimentation in favor of allowing exploitation to motivate what little story there is? (Four hot, bored teens who need to raise quick cash to blow on a spring break getaway fall in with bad company.) Apart from a riff on *Gun Crazy's* stylish one-take robbery filmed from inside the getaway car, there's not much to look at beyond pierced navels, beer bongs, burning blunts, and bikini babes fellating popsicles, and not much to listen to beyond captivating dialog like, "Seeing all this money makes my pussy wet." Not that I'm complaining, mind you. 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.
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Upside Down — Love and physics. A man named Adam (Jim Sturgess) and a woman named Eden (Kirstin Dunst) find themselves living worlds apart, except that's really not that far, since one world is quite close to the other. There is the matter of opposing gravitational forces to contend with, however. 2012.

Warm Bodies — A date movie for every guy whose girlfriend forced him to watch sparkly vampires fall mopily in love. R (Nicholas Hoult) is a brain-munching zombie who just wants to connect. Julie (Teresa Palmer) is a spunky blonde from the other side of the massive concrete wall her dad built to keep corpses like R away from decent people like his daughter. (Dad just *hates* corpses — one of them ate his wife.) Gosh, what could "R" stand for? Don't come looking for a consistent zombie aesthetic, and don't pay too much attention to the cutesy voiceover of R's interior monologue. (Dude's a teenage zombie, what do you expect?) Do come for the thoughtful sweetness and the Shakespeare allusions ("If you shoot us, do we not bleed?"). Zombie Best Bro Rob Corddry and John "Bulldog" Malkovich make the most of their supporting roles. 2013. — M.L.
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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
A Bug's Life (G) Fri-Sun 12:00pm; **Bugs! A Rain Forest Adventure in 3D** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 10:30, 11:15, 2:30, 3:15; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 4:00pm

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mntn Rd (800-326-3264 #2704)
Admission (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:50) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:30, 2:40) 4:50; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:25; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:15, 11:15, 1:10, 2:10) 4:00, 5:00, 7:05, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30; **Quartet** (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:55, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 12:50, 2:55) 5:20, 7:35, 9:40; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:25, 12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun 6:45, 9:55

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722)
Call theater for program information.

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa
820 Orange Ave (619-437-6161)
Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709)
Argo (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:50) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:50, 10:10; **Blood Runs Cold** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat 10:30pm; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri. 7:55, 10:25 Sat 10:25pm Sun 7:55, 10:25; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:25, 1:10, 2:10, 3:55) 4:55, 6:50, 7:45, 9:35 Sun (11:25, 1:10, 2:10, 3:55) 4:55, 6:50, 7:45, 9:35, 10:30; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:45) 4:50 Sat (10:40, 1:45) Sun (10:40, 1:45) 4:50; **Network** (R) Sat 7:00pm; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri. (11:55, 1:00, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40 Sat-Sun (11:00, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:55) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sat (11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 Sun (11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:20, 1:35, 2:30, 3:50) 6:05, 7:00, 8:20, 10:35, 11:30 Sun (11:20, 1:35, 2:30, 3:50) 6:05, 7:00, 8:20, 10:35; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:40, 12:15, 12:55, 3:10) 4:45, 5:25, 7:40, 9:15, 9:55; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:15) 6:30, 9:45

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Admission (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:10, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat-Sun (11:20, 2:10) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri. (11:05, 4:55) 10:10 Sat-Sun (11:05) 4:55, 10:10; **InAPPropriate Comedy** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:30, 5:10) 8:00, 10:05 Sat-Sun (11:40, 2:30) 5:10, 8:00, 10:05; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:20) 10:15; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 5:00) 7:40 Sat-Sun (11:45) 5:00, 7:40; **Murph: The Protector** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:30, 4:00) 7:00, 9:30 Sat-Sun (11:15, 1:30) 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 4:40) 10:20 Sat-Sun (11:00) 4:40, 10:20; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (1:50) 7:30; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:15) 7:35; **Spring Breakers** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:40, 4:15) 6:45, 9:00 Sat-Sun (11:10, 1:40) 4:15, 6:45, 9:00; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sat-Sun (11:30, 2:00) 4:45, 7:15, 10:00

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236)
The Silence (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Fri: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Mon – Thu: (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "( )"; **A Fierce Green Fire** (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, March 29

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (888-262-4386)
21 and Over (R) Fri-Sun 9:40pm; **Admission** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:50, 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **Argo** (R) Fri-Sun 10:15, 4:05, 9:50; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri-Sun 1:20, 7:05; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sun 11:10, 2:50, 6:25, 10:00; **InAPPropriate Comedy** (R) Fri-Sun 10:20, 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:05, 1:30, 4:50, 8:15; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30, 6:00 Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; **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; **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; **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
Ginger & Rosa (PG-13) Fri: (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (12:00), 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45, Mon – Thu: (2:30), (5:00), 7:30, 9:45; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri: (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **The Gatekeepers** (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Academy Award® Nominee – Best Documentary, Fri: (2:10), 4:40, 7:10, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:10, 9:35; **Quartet** (PG-13) Fri: (2:20), 4:50, 7:20, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:50), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40, Mon – Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:20, 9:40, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "( )"; **Starbuck** (R) Opens Friday, March 29

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Call theater for program information.

SAN DIEGO

ArcLight La Jolla
4425 La Jolla Village Dr Ste H60 (858-768-7770)
Emperor (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:10a.m.; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun 4:45pm; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 3:50pm; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:55, 10:50; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:05, 6:05; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:50, 12:10, 3:25, 6:20, 9:30; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sat 9:25, 11:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:15, 4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30 Sun 9:25, 11:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:15, 4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Side Effects** (R) Fri-Sat 9:40, 11:50, 2:10, 5:25, 8:10, 9:55, 11:50 Sun 9:40, 11:50, 2:10, 5:25, 8:10, 9:55; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun 9:00, 10:00, 12:40, 2:40, 5:40, 7:20, 8:20, 9:10; **Spring Breakers** (R) Fri-Sat 6:15, 8:30, 9:45 Fri-Sat 9:05, 10:00, 11:10, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:30, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15 Sun 2:45, 5:00 Sun 9:05, 10:00, 11:15, 12:00, 1:45, 3:30, 4:15, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sat 9:00, 9:45, 11:35, 1:15, 1:55, 2:30, 3:05, 3:45, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 8:00, 10:15, 12:05 Sun 9:05, 9:45, 11:35, 1:20, 1:55, 2:30, 3:05, 3:45, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 8:00, 10:15; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat 9:30, 12:05, 1:30, 2:05, 3:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:05, 11:35 Sun 9:30, 12:05, 1:30, 2:05, 3:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:05; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:25pm; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:55, 10:35, 12:20, 1:05, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 9:20, 10:20, 11:20

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Ave (619-819-0236)
On The Road (R) Fri: (1:20), 4:10, 7:00, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (10:40), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45, Mon – Thu: (1:20), (4:10), 7:00, 9:45; **Barbara** (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Fri: (1:50), 4:40, 7:30, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:40), 7:30, 10:00; **Stoker** (R) Fri: (2:00), 4:50, 7:40, 10:05, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05, Mon – Thu: (2:15), (4:50), 7:30, 9:50; **No** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Fri: (1:30), 4:20, 7:10, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50, Mon – Thu: (1:30), (4:20), 7:10, 9:50; **Upside Down** (PG-13) Fri: (1:40), 4:30, 7:20, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:20, 9:55, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "( )"; **Lore** (NR) Opens Friday, March 29; **Starbuck** (R) Opens Friday, March 29

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Cosmic Collisions (Not Rated) Fri-Sat 3:00, 7:00 Sun 3:00pm; **Flight of the Butterflies** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00pm 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-Sun 1:00, 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Ctr Dr (800-326-3264 #2710)
Admission (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20a.m.); **Identity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun 10:35pm; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 5:45, 8:10; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:35) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 12:20, 1:20, 3:05) 7:05; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 4:10, 9:50; **Spring Breakers** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:55, 12:45, 2:15, 3:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:10, 8:30, 10:45; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:10, 3:35) 6:00, 8:20, 10:35

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Rd (800-326-3264)
Admission (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:30) 7:10, 10:00 Sat-Sun (11:00, 1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 6:40, 9:35; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:05, 4:55) 7:55, 10:40 Sat-Sun (11:25, 2:05) 4:55, 7:55, 10:40; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:25) 9:30; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35) 6:35; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri. (10:55, 11:30, 1:45, 2:30, 4:40) 7:20, 7:50, 10:15, 10:45 Sat-Sun (10:55, 11:30, 1:45, 2:30) 4:40, 7:20, 7:50, 10:15, 10:45; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 11:40, 2:10, 4:05) 7:25, 10:30 Sat-Sun (10:50, 11:40, 2:10) 4:05, 7:25, 10:30; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:35) 6:50, 10:05; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:50, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25 Sat-Sun (11:05, 1:50) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **Spring Breakers** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 5:00) 8:00, 10:35 Sat-Sun (11:50, 2:20) 5:00, 8:00, 10:35; **The Call** (R) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:25) 7:40, 10:10 Sat-Sun (11:20, 1:55) 4:25, 7:40, 10:10; **The Croods** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 11:45, 1:20, 2:15, 3:55, 4:50) 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20 Sat-Sun (10:45, 11:45, 1:20, 2:15, 3:55) 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:50 Sat-Sun (11:15, 1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:30, 4:10) 6:45, 9:25 Sat-Sun (11:05, 1:30) 4:10, 6:45, 9:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Ave (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

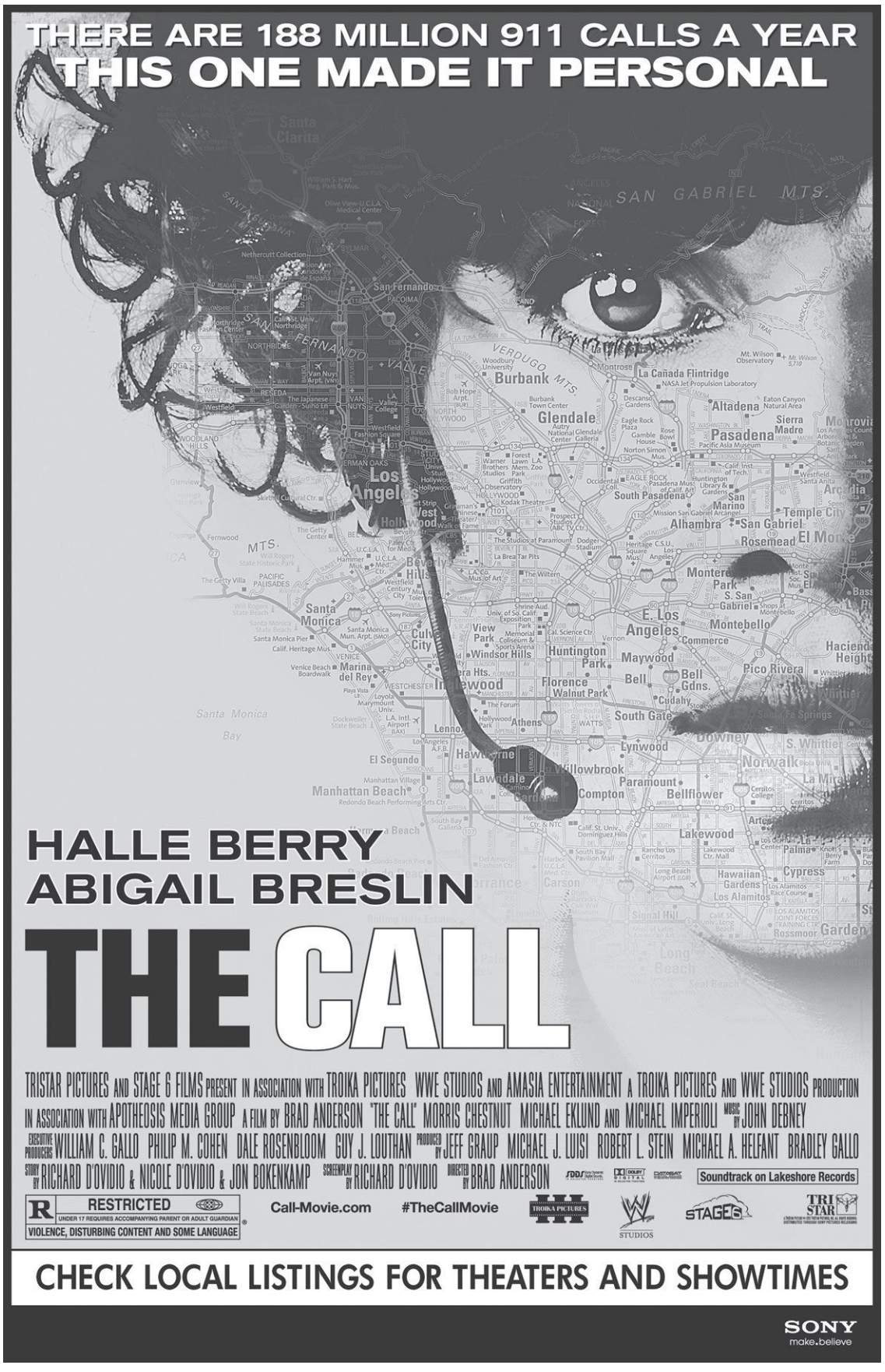
SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennery Rd (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Last Exorcism Part II (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:30), 5:30, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:30; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: (11:00 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (2:45), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, Sun: (2:45), 5:00, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:30; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:00), (2:20), 4:40, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: (12:00), (2:20), 4:40, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:40, 7:15; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (11:15 AM); **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri & Sat: (2:15), 9:15, Sun: (2:15 PM); **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (11:45 AM), (3:45), 7:45, Mon - Thu: (4:00), 7:45; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri - Sun: (12:00), 5:45, Mon - Thu: 5:45 PM; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (11:00 AM), 5:45, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 7:45; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (2:30), 8:15, Mon - Thu: 8:15 PM; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00



EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Ave (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Rd (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village
5256 Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Admission (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun (11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sat (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sun (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:30, 3:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun (11:30, 3:00) 7:00; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sat (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 11:00 Sun (3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:15, 7:15; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:15, 10:45 Sun (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:15

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

POWAY

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Rd (858-646-9423)
Call theater for program information.

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Blvd (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 Drive (760-945-7469)
Call theater for program information.

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

UltraStar La Costa
6941 El Camino Real (760-603-8638)
Call theater for program information.

Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

Cinépolis Del Mar
12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 2:45, 11:30; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sun 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:45; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun 8:00pm; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:00, 5:15, 8:30, 11:30 Fri-Sun 11:30, 5:45; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 9:00, 9:45; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45 Fri-Sun 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:45, 11:15; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 10:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Banff Festival of Mountain Films (Not Rated) Sun 7:00pm; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. 6:00, 8:35 Sat (3:25) 6:00, 8:35 Sun (1:00pm)

OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace
College Blvd and Mission Ave (760-806-1790)
Call theater for program information.

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has been hurt by the economic downturn. The class she is attending is enabling her to start a new career. Additionally, she told the board, her 17-year-old son is taking maritime studies through the Regional Occupation Program.

Trustee Pearl Quiñones and Sweetwater Education Association president Alex Anguiano made forceful arguments against the cutting of teachers — and, in turn, 7000 students — from the program.

Quiñones argued that the $3 million needed to keep the program running was "a drop in the bucket compared to the district's overall budget." Prior to the meeting, she had contacted several other districts — including Grossmont and Oceanside — and learned that these districts had found ways to maintain similar programs.

Ultimately, the board voted to eliminate the program in its entirety.

Trustees John McCann and Jim Cartmill voted for the cuts; trustees Pearl Quiñones and Bertha Lopez voted in opposition, and trustee Arlie Ricasa abstained. (In the case of a tie, an abstention counts as a "yes" vote.)

SUSAN LUZZARO, MARCH 13

IMPERIAL BEACH

Sandcastle competition to return?

Port district offers seed money; no event last year for first time in 31 years

The San Diego Unified Port District is set to put up $40,000 in seed money toward reviving Imperial Beach's U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition, which was washed out last year, ending a 31-year tradition that drew thousands of spectators and sculptors from all over the world.

The contest, which highlighted an intense rivalry between the I.B. Posse and Orange County–based Archisand, collapsed just before the 2012 event.

"It had a lot of budget and logistical challenges," said Jim Hutzelman, a manager of community services for the port. "But there's a lot of interest in reviving the event — the city identifies with sandcastles; it's their brand."

Leonard Gonzalez, from the I.B. Posse, said there's strong community interest in the event, but there were a couple of ideas that stirred concern for people at the meeting.

"They're talking about having the event in late September or early October, and they're talking about charging for admission," Gonzalez said. "A lot of people see it as a full summer event and it's always been free — that makes it better for families...."

Hutzelman said the port sees their investment as seed money to get the event started again, with the long-term goal of making it self-sufficient.

"We think we've found a producer to run it — Gordon Summer and Kent Trollen, the people who did the B Street Pier sandcastle event," said Hutzelman. "At this point, we're still working on developing interest and would love to hear from other volunteers."

LUCY D. BARKER, MARCH 12

OCEANSIDE

Bridge dedicated to local police officer

In memoriam: Dan Bessant was shot while on the job in 2006

In an early-evening ceremony on Friday, March 8, the bridge on North Pacific Street (over the beach area of the San Luis Rey River, south of Oceanside Harbor) was dedicated to the memory of Oceanside police officer Dan Bessant.

On the night of December 20, 2006, Officer Bessant was assisting a fellow officer with a traffic stop in the high-crime area of Mesa Margarita when he was fatally shot by a sniper. He died at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla a short while later. He was 25.

Bessant was an Oceanside native and a three-year veteran of the Oceanside Police



A portion of the I.B. Posse's 2008 contest entry, depicting gasoline hoses strangling consumers

Department. Two gang-member suspects were arrested in this case, convicted of first-degree murder in 2009, and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

JOHN T. GRIFFITH, MARCH 12

CARLSBAD

Hold the pepperoni — let's get married

A pizza proposal story

Longtime Carlsbad resident Paul Carreon came up with a unique way to pop the question to his true love — in green pepper slices, on top of a pizza, amid black olives and pineapple.

On March 2, Carreon phoned Paradise Pizza, his favorite pizza place, where he and his girlfriend Maricela Ambriz often go for pepperoni-and-bacon pizza. Carreon spoke with Anand Patel, the manager at Paradise

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Pizza, who was in on the secret plan.

Carreon and Ambriz, both 31, picked up the boxed pizza and then, "We drove up to Armada Drive to watch the sunset overlooking the flower fields in Carlsbad," said Ambriz.

Ambriz said she opened up the pizza box and saw "WILL YOU MARRY ME?" spelled out in bell-pepper slices. "He then got down on one knee and presented me with a gorgeous ring…. I said YES! It was perfect."

EVA KNOTT, MARCH 11

BAJA

150,000 without power

"Panic buying" in Tecate, suspected equipment thief found dead

A bizarre crime that claimed the life of an unidentified man who was apparently trying to steal electrical equipment from transmission towers east of Tijuana left the 65,000 residents of Tecate without power for more than 24 hours, the state-run federal electricity commission reported.

As of 7 a.m. Sunday, March 10, power had been restored to about 85 percent of the town, according to the CFE (Comisión Federal de Electricidad). The widespread outage began at about 7:30 p.m. on March 8, in a blackout the Tijuana daily *El Mexicano* described as unlike any in the history of the city.

Work crews investigating the power failure determined that it was caused when two transmission towers fell to the ground, taking with them a 69,000-volt cable between Tijuana and Tecate, a statement issued by the CFE said.

In the immediate vicinity of the fallen towers and power line, authorities discovered the lifeless body of a man. According to the CFE, he and any others who may have been involved did so presumably with the intention of stealing electrical material from the sub-transmission towers.

According to various press accounts, the blackout also affected some telephone service, left residents who depend on electric pumps without water, interrupted cable television, shut down gas pumps at service stations, and made it impossible for local radio stations to transmit programs.

El Mexicano reported "panic buying" across the city. Police said they increased patrols in the affected areas to maintain calm.

El Sol de Tijuana reported that, altogether, about 150,000 families were affected.

BOB MCPHAIL, MARCH 11

OCEAN BEACH

Cops to get the boot?

Public vote will decide if parking space is more valuable than police trailer

Should the police trailer in the Ocean Beach pier parking lot go somewhere else? Next week, the people will have their say.

The trailer has been in the middle of the parking lot at the end of Newport Avenue for more than a decade, courtesy of the Ocean Beach Mainstreet Association, which represents business owners in the area. The association began renting the trailer when the police lost their lease on a Newport Avenue storefront. But no one ever bothered to secure a permit and, last summer, the California Coastal Commission told the city to get one.

Police say the trailer allows officers to complete simple tasks — write a report, use the restroom, microwave a snack, store equipment for beach detail — while staying in Ocean Beach. The higher profile and increased accessibility cuts down on response times and discourages drug use, violence, graffiti, and other parking-lot crime, business owners say.

But opponents say the trailer is an eyesore, is infrequently used by police, takes up too many parking spaces, and would be better placed elsewhere.

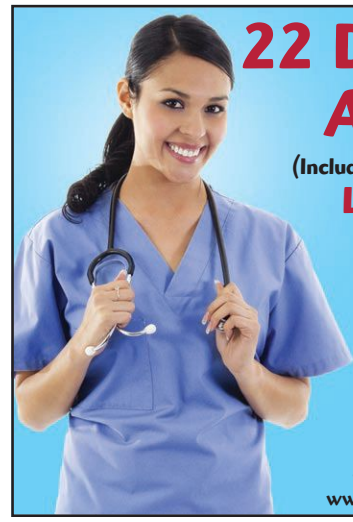
TONY DE GARATE, MARCH 10

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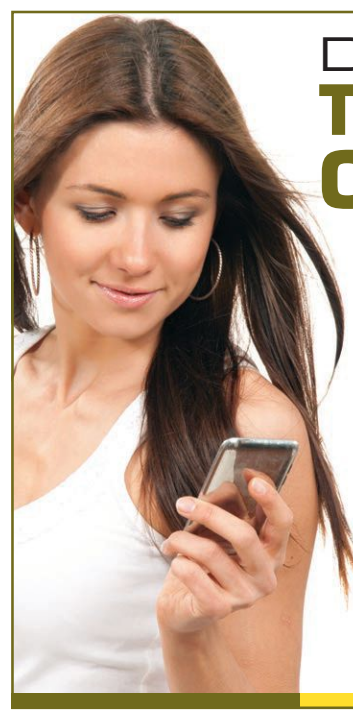
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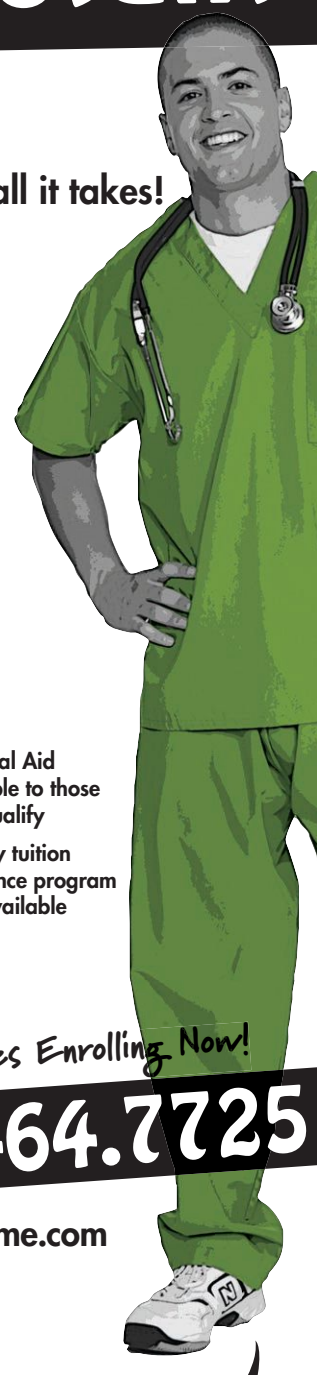
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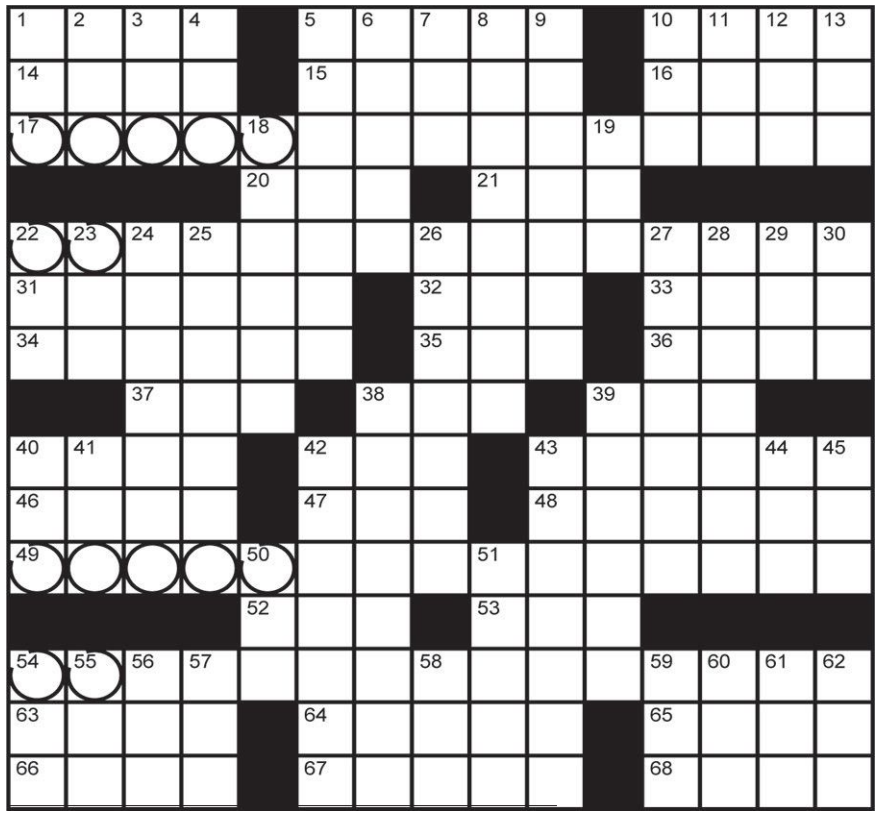
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1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online each week to SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489;** or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our ***new*** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

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1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.
4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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S	Y	N	E	■	S	I	S	■	T	H	A	M	E	S

Across

1. [See circled letters]
5. Kelly of "One Tree Hill"
10. [See circled letters]
14. Juan's water
15. Nine: Prefix
16. It may be half-baked
17. Show stopper?
20. Draw
21. Anaheim team, on scoreboards
22. It helps you sleep at night
31. Ring of color
32. Act like a couch potato, with "out"
33. ____ fixation
34. "True Blood" actress Anna
35. Suffix with Sudan
36. President between Tyler and Taylor
37. Italian "a"
38. You may leave them in stitches: Abbr.
39. Rain-____ (gum brand)
40. Diamonds, e.g.
42. Playtex product
43. Get in a lather
46. "Interesting ..."
47. Bailed-out co. in 2009 news
48. Port ENE of Cleveland, OH
49. Universities often schedule it for the spring
52. Test site
53. Got into a stew?
54. Comic strip whose title characters are named after figures in European history
63. At liberty
64. "It's the end of ____"
65. Inaugural feature
66. [See circled letters]
67. TV star who narrates "How I Met Your Mother"
68. [See circled letters]

Down

1. Sch. staff
2. Previously
3. Periodic table suffix
4. Push (through)
5. Connecticut city near New Haven
6. Walt Whitman's "____ Pass'd Through a Populous City"
7. Reggae singer Kamoze
8. Authenticity
9. Egg carton spec
10. Mick Jagger's title
11. Lyrical tribute
12. Where swelling occurs
13. Acorn dropper
18. And others, in a footnote
19. "Pshaw!"
22. Limit
23. Good name for an investment advisor?
24. Mass for the dead
25. "Dat dere is a numerical certainty!"
26. [See circled letters]
27. Food brand that makes Go-Gurt
28. Hoofed it
29. "Shallow ____" (2001 comedy)
30. Honoree of a monument at 1964 Independence Ave. in Washington D.C.
38. "Hulk" star
39. World's third-largest island
40. Quote qualifier
41. "Until Every One Comes Home" grp.
42. 1971 Woody Allen film
43. "I told you, didn't I?!"
44. Put ____ fight
45. Wages
50. Country's ____ Young Band
51. Member of the familia
54. Overseer of corp. accts.
55. Genesis craft
56. Grazing ground
57. "Oy ____!"
58. Not pos.
59. Sportscaster Costas
60. Fig. on an ATM receipt
61. Subj. of a pilot's announcement
62. "Zip it!"

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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.

- **Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 7.**
- **James Odell, Vista, 7.**
- **Susan Williams, North Park, 7.**
- **Henry Romero, San Diego, 6.**
- **Gayle Studer, San Diego, 5.**

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2BD+1BA large apartment, Sunset Cliffs. One block to beach! Stove, refrigerator, parking, laundry. Small, quiet, gated complex. No pets. 4736 Point Loma Avenue #9. Agent, 619-232-6811.

OCEAN BEACH, $1495.
2BD+2BA, apartment. All amenities included! One block to beach! Dishwasher, refrigerator and stove. Pool, laundry, fireplace, parking. 4825 Del Mar Avenue. 619-298-0859.

OCEAN BEACH, $1550.
2BD+1BA original craftsman house from 1920's. Home was split, this downstairs apartment has aged wood accents, lots of charm. Close to Dog Beach. 4951 Long Brach. Call 858-768-4333 or visit www.cal-prop.com to schedule a viewing.

OCEAN BEACH, $985.
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PACIFIC BEACH, $1125.
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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 Ingraham Street. 858-270-4674.

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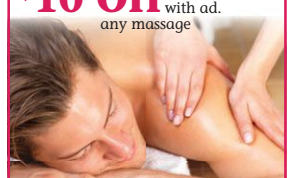
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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified..

3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

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 to our ***new*** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 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.

EASY:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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HARD:

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EVIL:

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Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

- **Wayne Mathieu, San Diego, 7.**
- **David Tomasin, San Diego, 7.**
- **Andy Broderick, La Mesa, 5.**
- **Patrick Driscoll, Santee, 7.**
- **Martin Guillen, Oceanside, 7.**

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1BD+1BA, downstairs unit in the Heart of Hillcrest. Remodeled unit with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Coin laundry. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available now. 3730 First Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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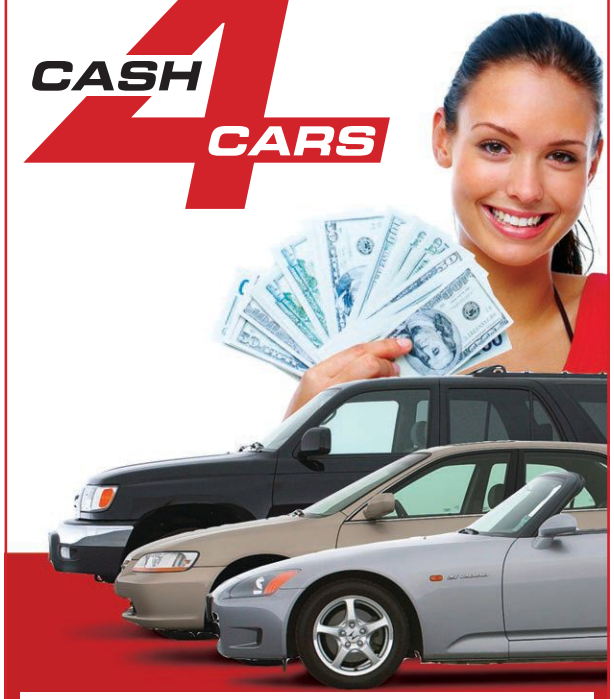
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LEAD STORY

— A leading "adult" search engine reported in December that, during the past seven years, just two of the most popular internet-pornography websites it analyzes have been viewed 93 billion separate times, which averages to about 13 views for every person on Earth. Given the average viewing time of 11 minutes per visit, the search engine (*PornWatchers.com*) calculated that men (and a few women, of course) have spent about 1.2 million years watching pornography on just those two sites. Noted the search engine in its press release, "Say goodbye" to calling online porn a "niche." "It's in every living room on this planet."

Recurring Themes

— Peter Welsh, 32, and Dwayne Doolan, 31, weren't the first burglars to try breaking into a building by smashing through the adjoining basement wall, but they might be the clumsiest. Their target, on New Year's Eve, was Wrights Jewellers in Beaudesert, Australia, but trying to smash the front window failed, as did smashing the rear doors, which were actually those of another store. They finally settled on the basement option but broke through the opposite-side wall and wound up in a KFC restaurant. (Undaunted, according to police, they robbed the KFC of about $2600.)

— Once again, a public library has been sued for gently asking a patron to leave because his body odor was provoking complaints. George Stillman, 80, filed a $5.5 million lawsuit in October against the New York Public Library for feeling "humiliat[ed]" by the staff of the St. Agnes branch in Manhattan. Stillman said he views body odor (his and others') as mere "challenge[s] to the senses" and "a fact of life in the city." Actually, he had also denied that he had any body odor at all, but a *New York Post* reporter, interviewing him about the lawsuit, said she noted "a strong odor."

— Drunk drivers often try to avoid hit-and-run charges by claiming that they did not realize they hit anything, but their odds drop if there is a dead pedestrian lodged in the windshield, as with Sherri Wilkins, 51, who was arrested in Torrance, Calif., in November, 2.3 miles from the crash scene, after other drivers finally persuaded her to stop. (Wilkins, it turned out, is a "rehabilitated" drug user who worked as a counselor at a Torrance drug-treatment center and who claimed to have been sober for 11 years.)

— Women's love-hate affairs with their shoes is the stuff of legends, but a Memphis, Tenn., podiatrist told Fox News in November of a recent increase in women deciding on what might be called the nuclear option — "stiletto surgery" — for horribly uncomfortable, yet irresistible, shoes. Either the shoe must go or the foot, and more are choosing the latter (or at least the pinky), to be removed or reduced by surgery. The Memphis doctor said he sees as many as 30 patients a month interested in the procedure.

Updates

— Almost-extinct vultures may be making a comeback within the Parsi community of Mumbai, India, after a pain reliever (diclofenac) nearly wiped it out. Parsis' Zoroastrian religion requires "natural" body disposals (no cremation or burial) of humans and cattle, and bodies have always been ritually laid out for the hungry birds, but the community has also come to rely on diclopfenac in hospitals and for cattle. In 2001, vultures were reportedly dying out from kidney damage caused by the drug, and bodies were piling up. (Parsis were exploring using solar panels to burn the corpses.) However, according to a November *New York Times* dispatch, clerics are reporting modest success in weaning Parsis off of diclofenac, and the vultures appear more plentiful.

— When a man died of a perforated colon in 2005 in Enumclaw, Wash., while having sex with a horse (at what news reports suggested was a "bestiality farm"), the legislature passed the state's first anti-bestiality law, which was used in 2010 in another "farm" case, in Bellingham, 110 miles from Enumclaw. A British man had sex with several dogs on the property of Douglas Spink, who had allegedly arranged the trysts, and the man was convicted and deported, but Spink was not charged (though instead was re-imprisoned for an earlier crime). In November 2012, with Spink nearing release, prosecutors filed bestiality charges using evidence from 2010, involving "four stallions, seven large-breed male dogs," and "13 mice, each coated with a lubricant." According to the *Bellingham Herald*, Spink (acting as his own lawyer) denounced state officials and "the bigotry behind the [law]."

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