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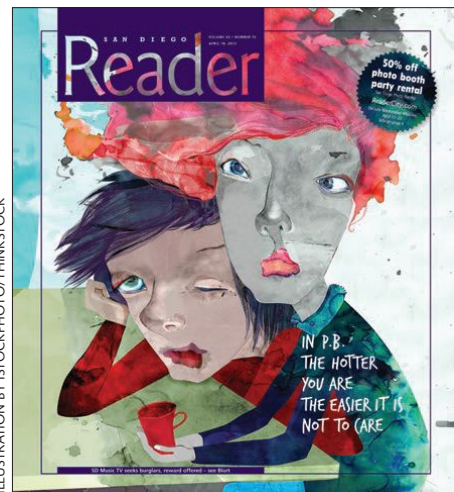
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Not-so-nice IRS agent

Steven Martinez defrauded clients, then plotted their murders

Ramona — Former Internal Revenue Service agent Steven Martinez of Ramona today (April 12) was sentenced to 286 months (almost 24 years) in prison for defrauding clients, then plotting to have four of them killed to keep them from testifying against him. He had pleaded guilty in August to criminal charges including murder-for-hire, witness tampering, mail fraud, identity theft, money laundering, and Social Security fraud.

The person he solicited to kill the four clients reported the offer to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and agreed to cooperate. A meeting between Martinez and the cooperating witness was videotaped by the FBI.

Martinez admitted to stealing more than \$11 million in clients' tax payments.

Don Bauder, April 12

Filner-Goldsmith clash, part 2?

Mayor calls on city attorney to drop suit against city's retirement system

San Diego — Just when all the tensions between mayor Bob Filner and city attorney Jan Goldsmith over the Tourist Marketing District started to ease, it appears as if the two might have another clash brewing.

This fight is over the city's long, drawn-out lawsuit against the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System (SDCERS).

Tomorrow, Mayor Filner will hold a press conference to request that Goldsmith kill the lawsuit that intends to make city employees contribute a near-equal share of their pension.

"Since the case was filed in 2010, the Retirement System's defense costs total more than \$3.2 million and continue to grow," reads a statement from the mayor's office.

"The City is obligated to pay for the Retirement System's legal expenses, so the City is essentially borrowing money to sue itself — at an interest rate of 7.5 percent — and saddling taxpayers with the bill."

Dorian Hargrove, April 11

Gunmen get cartel attorney

Former Arellano Félix lawyer killed en route to gym

Tijuana — A former attorney of the Tijuana drug boss Benjamín Arellano Félix was killed on Thursday, April 11. *El Mexicano* first reported the murder of Roberto Navarro, which occurred in daylight in Tijuana. According to the municipal police, Navarro was attacked by gunmen while traveling to a gym in his SUV. After Navarro was shot and killed, the gunmen unsuccessfully attempted

to burn the vehicle.

Arellano Félix has been convicted of multiple drug and money-laundering charges in Mexico and the United States. Navarro represented Arellano Félix in Mexico before he was extradited to the United States in 2011. Arellano Félix is currently serving a 25-year sentence in Miami, Florida.

Authorities have not indicated if they believe the murder is tied to the Arellano Félix organization.

K. Mennem, April 11

Hunger strikers "verified"

Group ends Hilton protest with backing but no resolution in sight

Mission Valley — About 50 supporters gathered outside the Hilton Mission Valley yesterday afternoon (April 9) to congratulate the self-styled "San Diego Nine." The group ended a public five-day hunger strike protesting a decision by new ownership at the hotel to make continued employment contingent on existing employees passing a check through the E-Verify program, which validates a foreign employee's right to work in the United States.

The strike began last Friday, after Newport Beach-based Evolution Hospitality



Supporters gathered at Hilton Mission Valley to congratulate the strike team known as the "San Diego Nine."

said it would rescind layoff notices to 110 workers but run E-Verify checks, which nine workers were unable to pass, some of whom say they have worked at the property for as many as seven years.

The current labor dispute at the property is the latest in a string of similar events. Last August, a group of workers charged the former hotel operator, Connecticut-based HEI Hospitality, with wage theft related to denial of mandated break periods and involuntary off-the-clock meetings. None of the openly hostile tactics employed by Hilton at a previous press conference were evident toward the gathering on Tuesday.

During the strike, congressman Juan Vargas, mayor Bob Filner, and city-council president Todd Gloria were among those who appeared to speak in favor of comprehensive immigration reform, and a contingent appeared before the city council on Tuesday to give testimony supporting a resolution

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Sidewalk café serves up noise

By Dorian Hargrove

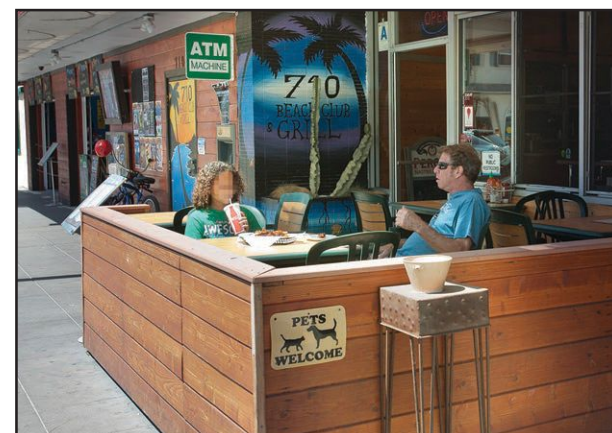
The sound of waves crashing on the sand and birds squawking outside the window are not the only noises that residents

of See the Sea Condominiums and guests at the Crystal Pier Hotel and Cottages hear at night.

They also hear the yells, laughs, and a kick-drum beating its way into the street from the 710 Beach Club on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach.

It's been 20 years since the San Diego city attorney met with neighbors and club owner Scott Slaga to try and hash out a resolution to the hundreds of noise complaints. Two decades later, little has changed, except for the addition of a new restaurant that club owner Slaga purchased next door and a new permit from the city for a 200-square-foot sidewalk café outside the popular bar/restaurant. Nearby residents

are now urging the city to revoke the outdoor-café permit. If not, they say the noise will only increase and their



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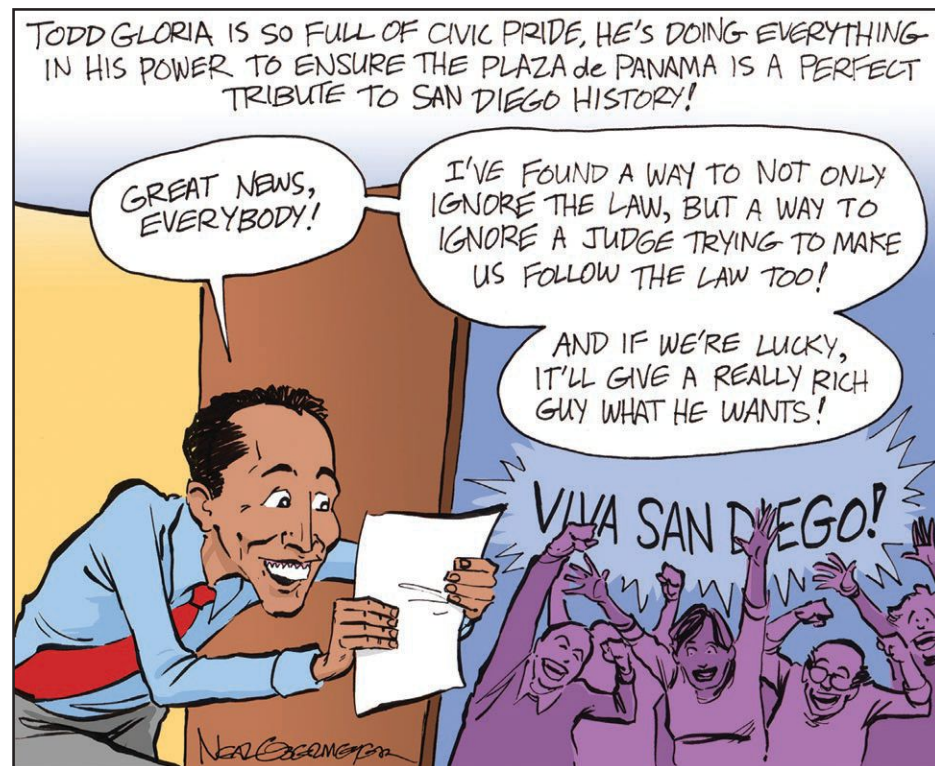
Neighbors say noise coming from 710 Beach Club in Pacific Beach has gone from bad to worse since the city granted an outdoor dining permit.

quality of life will decrease.

"The sidewalk café shall be used only for dining, drinking, and circulation.

dollars for a permit so we can eat outside and enjoy it," stated councilmember Kevin Faulconer in a February 5

Neal Obermeyer





PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALAN DECKER

Capacity crowds plus live music equals late-night noise at the Garnet Avenue establishment, about which neighbors have complained for decades.

press release. “This reform will cut red tape for restaurants so they can focus on what they do best — creating jobs, and serving, and entertaining San Diegans.”

Faulconer’s announcement didn’t sit well with his constituents that live within party-noise distance of the 710 Beach Club.

“I do not disagree with your idea to reduce red

stringent regulations, such as a requirement that bar and club owners obtain conditional use permits before opening.

Concerns about sidewalk cafés aren’t unique to Pacific Beach. Similar complaints have been voiced in North Park, where in 2010 a group of residents fought a proposal from the owners of the Bluefoot Bar and Lounge

never go away: I am a businessman, and they live near an entertainment district.”

Slaga continues, “After 24 years, when I finally have a viable restaurant, I applied for a sidewalk-café permit so I can serve food. I have no vendetta against these people. I am only trying to improve my business.”

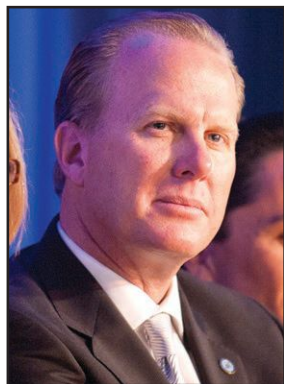
But that goal doesn’t come without a cost. Slaga says that he has paid the city \$10,000 just to get the permit. “When all is said and done, it could cost me upwards of \$20,000 just for a 200-square-foot section of sidewalk.”

Yet, neighbors say that they, too, have paid their dues. In fact, the entire city is forking over cash to pay for police officers to answer calls at the 710 Beach Club. From January 1, 2011, to November 7, 2011, San Diego Police Department dispatchers received 32 calls for service to the club. That adds up to 27 hours of “out of service time” for the city’s police force.

According to a November 19, 2012, email from police sergeant Tom Underwood, “There were 18 calls for service for a total out of service time of 11.34 hours” between November 17, 2011, and November 17, 2012.

In a February 5 email,

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Kevin Faulconer



Lori Zapf

tape,” wrote local business owner Bill Allen in a February 5 letter to Faulconer just hours after he released his statement. “Think about where you are helping and be aware that some places, like 710 Beach Club, has caused us thousands of dollars, and a tremendous amount of time, yet still abuse the crap out of all of us in the neighborhood.”

Allen and some other residents have lobbied city councilmembers for more

to extend hours of operation for its sidewalk café. Restaurant and bar owners such as Slaga are urging the city to not give in to complaints from a few angry residents.

“It’s just another witch hunt for these people,” says Slaga in a February 15 interview. “The problem is simple; I have a nightclub in a commercial zone. I was given an entertainment permit 25 years ago to, well, to make noise and to entertain. It’s a problem that will

UNDER THE RADAR

Ambulances chase politicians

AMR San Diego, an ambulance outfit in the race for the city’s paramedic contract, has just amended its fourth quarter 2012 lobbyist disclosure statement to reveal \$1000 contributions to failed GOP mayoral candidate and ex-city councilman **Carl**

DeMaio in September and November from company president **Mark Bruning** and parent company CEO **William Sanger**, both of Greenwood Village, Colorado. Bruning subsequently departed

AMR without explanation in January. In

addition to its support of DeMaio, AMR also kicked in \$5000 for the GOP Lincoln Club on October 31, records show.

Another out-of-town ambulance firm has taken a slightly different tack, making a big push for **Dwayne Crenshaw’s** bid for city council against union-backed fellow Democrat **Myrtle Cole** in the District 4. According to a March 22 campaign filing, a political committee called Californians for Quality Paramedic Services, sponsored by Rural/Metro Corporation, spent \$15,321 on a mailer on Crenshaw’s behalf. On April 9, the PAC spent an additional \$2000 on a poll for Crenshaw, according to a subsequent filing. The controversial Scottsdale, Arizona-based firm, which was previously called out by the city auditor in a critical report that launched the present bidding war, has the current paramedic contract with the city and is attempting to win the next one.

Besides spreading around campaign cash, Rural/Metro hasn’t been above employing other devices to butter up the hearts and minds of the city council. According to her most recent statement of economic interest, filed earlier this month, city councilwoman **Sherri Lightner**, the La Jolla Democrat, last year received “congratulatory flowers” and a “tower of sweets” worth a total of \$64 from the paramedic provider. Earlier in the year, competitor AMR had come up with a \$95 Roosevelt Dinner ticket for the councilwoman.

Dirty dancing for supper It’s almost time for the San Diego County Taxpayers Association’s annual “Golden Fleece” banquet,

famous of late on YouTube for its promotional video featuring GOP San Diego city attorney **Jan Goldsmith**, dressed up as a chorus boy and dancing behind someone dressed as a junkyard dog. The lobbyist group’s blow-out is particularly popular among city-council staffers and their



Dwayne Crenshaw and Carl DeMaio are among the candidates who have received donations from ambulance outfit AMR San Diego.

politician bosses, who are treated to

drinks, food, and a video floor show by various special interests that buy tables and hand out tickets for free to those they seek to influence. The group itself is a registered lobbyist — backing privatization measures, among other big-business-friendly issues — and its board is heavily populated by some of the city’s biggest influence-peddlers, always in the market to rub shoulders with the city council powerful and their minions. Last year, for instance, **Job Nelson**, chief of staff for Republican city councilwoman **Lorie Zapf**, attended courtesy of the association itself, as did **Alexandra Bell**, another Zapf staffer, according to their annual statements of economic interests filed earlier this month. **Katie Hansen**, chief of staff for GOP councilman **Kevin Faulconer**, got into the bash thanks to a \$160 freebie from controversial private-school operator Bridgepoint Education. In addition to the taxpayers association’s dinner, Hansen also enjoyed the hospitality of the Bio-com Pac, run by lobbyists for the local pharma-

ceutical industry, getting a ticket worth \$50 to a Bio-com reception in August. Evans Hotels, the home-grown San Diego hotel empire — whose president **Bill Evans** was one of those behind the lawsuit against Democratic mayor **Bob Filner** in an attempt to get him to sign a funding deal negotiated by previous GOP mayor **Jerry Sanders** — gave Hansen

a \$100 ticket to an “ADL dinner” in October. She also went to the “Manta Launch Event” at Sea-world, courtesy of the aquatic and amusement park, an admission worth \$146.

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Missed his calling? City attorney Jan Goldsmith (left) dances behind someone in a dog suit.

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Vroom Vroom

Concerning the girl, Cassie Briscoe, on the cover story, “Shame” (April 11). Can you just pass this along and tell her that she’s gorgeous! I would ask her to do a photo shoot on my Harley in a heartbeat!

Name Withheld
via email

Keep on Truckin’

This letter is just something that has been happening to me since I have been released from jail, not prison — just like those girls in the story (“Shame,” April 18) are in jail, not prison. They are inmates, not prisoners.

I have been dealing with heroin addiction for over twelve years. This last run has cost me a lot. I am now a felon on probation. Since I am a convicted narcotics offender, I do not qualify for food stamps or medical. It has also cost me my job and my place to live. I am now jobless, penniless, homeless, and hungry.

Also, I am still addicted to opiates. I’m off the heroin, but I am addicted to the methadone that I am on, which will not be long because I ran out of money to pay the methadone clinic. I have been having a lot of trouble trying to get into a detox center in time, so I will have a place to be sick. I was told at one detox center that there is nothing they can do for me because of the politicians we have in our county.

I always voted for the other guy (the more liberal one) when I could vote. I have been desperately trying to find work but, like the story says, you have to check that little box that says, “Are you a convicted felon?” So, I

believe a lot of applications are filed under T for Trash-can. Now it is too late to try to find a job to pay for my methadone because they are kicking me out.

I am not going to go back to my old ways. I am not going to break the law anymore, even though it seems like the bureaucratic system in this county and state are pushing me that way.

Once you are in the legal system, it is very hard to get out of it. All I can do is to keep on trucking away and do my best to get through my addiction. Hopefully, someday I will get a job so I may pay my fines and rehab centers back. I know it is going to be hard, harder than most “normal” people will ever know.

Tim
via email

Not So Appy

Regarding your article, “In an Appy Mood” (April 4) by Moss Gropen. What a painfully negative and mean article.

Kimberly Knox
via email

Zero-Based Budgeting

Excellent article: “San Diego State’s Growing Contempt for Undergrads” (March 28 cover story). The article makes several excellent points relative to the shifting direction of SDSU’s priorities and primary mission. Namely, focusing on “publish or perish” and “research to grant grab” mentality has truly created a tremendous disservice not only to the nearly 25,000 undergraduates at SDSU, but to the greater San Diego and regional communities as well.

The loss of mission critical thinking for both short- and long-range goal-setting, is not something new at SDSU. The fact is that for the past 30 years, there has been a fundamental failure by SDSU administrative leadership and system leaders to apply the same creativity and thoughtfulness to a new world of reduced resources and a shrinking tax base.

Unless the bureaucracy

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Digging for dinner

Just bring your pitchfork, bucket, and license to the beach

I'm not going to lie. The water is cold. It's 12:51 p.m. on a Saturday and it's low tide. I'm in ankle- to hip-deep water, digging for clams — the native Pismo clam, specifically.



A Pismo clam from the Silver Strand

The first clam you find takes the longest time, and you find yourself doubting they're even there. And you're freezing, because you only dig for clams in months that have an "R" in them. It's the proverbial needle in the haystack.

I use a ten-prong pitchfork from the hardware store. That and a five-gallon bucket full of saltwater to hold the clams and a tape measure. You need a tape measure: the clam must be 4½ inches at its widest points. The last thing you need is a fishing license with the ocean enhancement, \$35 for a year. Or as a resident you can get a one-day license for \$15, which includes the ocean enhancement.

My favorite spot to dig is the Strand State Park. It costs \$10 to park all day. I park in

the first lot near the entrance. I square up with the park gates and enter the ocean from there.

The beaches in Coronado and Imperial Beach are free and have clams, too.

It's low tide. This is important. A lot of people wade out up to their belly buttons in the cold water in wetsuits. Not me. I'm clamming to have fun, to get dinner, and as part of my day at the beach. I don't want to be freezing for a couple of hours, and I don't want to mess with a wetsuit. Board shorts are more than enough.

It takes about 45 minutes, but I finally hit one. Did I hear the pitchfork tine scrape something? Yes, I did.

Stop moving! Don't move the pitchfork an inch. Bend over and start digging where the pitchfork is. It should only take you three to four inches to find the clam. Dig quickly so it doesn't get away. Waves will smack you in the face as you're compromised, but don't you dare let go of that clam.

It's in there good, and you feel the heft of it as you wrench it from the sand. Now stick your foot in the hole. *Stick your foot in the hole!* If it isn't 4½ inches at its widest points, you have to rebury it in the same hole you dug it out of.

One clam is now in the bucket. The water isn't so cold. There's a rhythm to it now. You know where they are. Stick to the soft sand that's only shin-deep at low tide. Be methodical. Create a pattern and you'll soon hit your daily limit of ten for dinner.

You can't miss the rest of the clams. The tines of the pitchfork stop like you've hit a rock wall. It's unmistakable.

My favorite way to cook them is on the beach with my propane stove. I toss them in a pot with a bottle of white wine, garlic, and butter, and steam them till they open — about 15 minutes.

I go out past the breakers and collect another pot of saltwater to cook the pasta in. It's really salty but so good. Cut the clams, discarding any dark meat, and top the pasta with the clams and the sauce they steamed in.

CHRISTOPHER YOUNG, APRIL 12

KEARNY MESA

Better rules, cleaner ocean Surfrider Foundation gives thumbs-up to new water permit at meeting

Community members, environmental activists, government officials, and business owners met in Kearny Mesa on April 10 to vocalize their support for clean water at the Regional Water Quality Control Board hearing.

The purpose of the meeting was for the board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the recommendations made by executive officer David Gibson.

The Surfrider Foundation expressed approval of the new Municipal Storm Water Permit, also known as the MS4 Permit, which establishes the conditions under which pollutants can be discharged from storm drains to local streams, coastal lagoons, and oceans.

According to the Surfrider Foundation's San Diego chapter website, the adoption of a new MS4 permit at the meeting would represent a paradigm shift in storm-water management.

"Nothing is more upsetting to me than to explain the Clean Water Act 72-hour warning to tourists and say they cannot go swimming in the ocean due to storm-drain runoff pollution," said a local hospitality and tourism business owner from the South Bay.

ADAM ANDRUS, APRIL 12

CARLSBAD

Stay off my roof, punks! Bums and kids beware: Village Theatre trespassing won't stand

The owner of the Carlsbad Village Theatre signed an agreement with Carlsbad police on April 2 to help resolve the problem of loitering teenagers and transients who trample on his roof and gather outside the historical building's main door at 2822 State Street.

The small theater has been a part of Carlsbad's downtown since 1927 and hosts live stage performances and small-screen presentations.

"Nobody belongs on my roof," said Tom McMahon. "The kids get up there and venture around. They have other places around Carlsbad to play without being on my roof."

Homeless people also reportedly cause problems when they frequently cluster outside of the theater, McMahon said.



Clay Littrell points out dumpsters that trespassers use to climb onto the roof.

Toward the end of March, theater neighbor Clay Littrell called the Carlsbad police three times: once to report the teenagers on the roof and twice to report the group of transients who became belligerent toward him as he walked past them when exiting his residence. He said they ridiculed his dressy attire and told him they had a right to be where they were.

But with the newly signed affidavit, they don't have the privilege to loiter anymore.

SHELLY DEROBERTIS, APRIL 12

CHULA VISTA

District axes ROP School board cuts occupational programs, students protest

On April 9, the majority of the Sweetwater Union High School District board (John McCann, Arlie Ricasa, and Jim Cartmill) voted to cut the district's Regional Occupation Program/Career Technical Education and adult-school programs.

The district usually gets \$7.5 million for its Regional Occupation Program/Career Technical Education, according to trustee Pearl Quiñones. She has pointed out that other school districts have chosen not to cut the programs and are willing to wait for the May budget revisions. The district has borrowed \$1.5 million from the Regional

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Terri shimmied toward the car — shimmied, because there was no way she could get one whole leg in front of another. The only wiggle-room she had was from the shin down, where her long, tight skirt flared at the bottom. Terri had been true to the text she'd sent me earlier: there was no mistaking the bottom half of her body for anything other than a mermaid tail. As she drew nearer, I could see that her twinkling, iridescent green and purple "scales" were hundreds of quarter-sized plastic discs.

"You're a mermaid!" I said as Terri situated her "fin" into the passenger seat of my car.

"Lynn's wearing a red dress," Terri said. "We were both supposed to wear red, but when I went looking for something red and sparkly, I found this instead."

"I'm sure she won't blame you; this was clearly the only option you had," I said.

Lynn was the other birthday girl. According to the Facebook event "Terri and Lynn's BirthdayFunTimes," their birthdays weren't on the same day, but they were combining their celebrations "to make us both look more popular." First, a small group would meet for dinner at the Red Fox Steakhouse and Piano Bar, then a larger group for drinks at Live Wire, and Terri was hoping to end up at Taco Bell.

Because she couldn't drive while wearing that

get-up, Terri had asked me for a ride. Dinner was at 7:30, but the email from Adam — Lynn's man — encouraged people to arrive at 6:30 for pre-dinner drinks. Terri, aware of my reverence for punctuality, knew that I'd be there no later than 6:25; therefore, I was her best bet at arriving on time.

We (David, Terri, and I) were already 45 minutes in and on our second cocktail by the time the next person in our party showed up. While Terri and I spent the time catching up, David joined the bartender and some random guy in guessing answers to *Wheel of Fortune*, which was playing on the television in the corner above us. I was mildly disappointed when everyone else began arriving just in time for dinner; I couldn't remember the last time I'd seen *Jeopardy*.

We were led to an upstairs room that none of us had known existed. Every time I'd been to the Red Fox Room, I'd never made it past the piano-bar area. But just past the bar and up a small flight of stairs exists

a large room with red booths, wood paneling, and a giant tapestry. I made it a point to walk behind Terri so I could watch her struggle sideways up the steps.

Our party was seated at the far end of the empty room — two big booths on either side of a small table. I sat first, on the booth side of the deuce in the middle. David remained standing and looked down at me. "This table for two in the center should be for the birthday girls, don't you think?"

"I'm not getting stuck between people in a booth," I said. "What if I have to pee? I need my back to the wall and I need an out, and here, I have two." I gestured at the gaps on either side of the two-top. David disagreed with my reasoning, but I glared him into silence. Five people (including Terri) sat in the booth to my left. For the rest of the evening, David and I referred to this as "Team A." Five other people, including Lynn, sat in the booth to my right, or "Team B."

Once he got over the fact that I wasn't going to give up the power seat, David and I, now privy to conversations on both sides, made a game of figuring out which group was more entertaining.

Inspired by Terri's ensemble, Team A immediately dove into the critical matter of mermaid genitalia. A woman whom I hadn't met before spoke authoritatively about the location and color of a mermaid clitoris and informed her table that mermen's penises are about the same size. A man from the opposing team's table happened to catch this "fact." Incredulous, he

asked where she was getting her information. Our mermaid biologist looked up from her phone and declared, "I'm on Yahoo Answers, and that's pretty legit."

Meanwhile, Team B was off to a poor start as another person I'd never met before was describing something about kids in lines at Disneyland. David and I caught each other's eyes, rolled them, laughed at our temporary mind-meld, and then went back to listening in on Team A's conversation.

As dinner commenced and more drinks were consumed, the two teams joined to compete on a single topic — astrology, or, more specifically, the controversy regarding the slow precession of the cosmos over the millennia, and how this may affect everyone's astrological sign. A member of Team A had launched the subject (point Team A) with a discussion of the 13th sign (Ophiuchus, or Serpent Bearer). Whether there were 12 or 13 signs made little difference to me — I had been gleefully bashing the whole concept of astrology as "nothing more than entertainment."

Team B joined the scrum when the woman to my right leaned in to say there was no way she could be a Leo instead of the Virgo she identified with.

"It doesn't matter — astrology is all bullshit anyway," I said. "That's why it's in the *entertainment* section of the paper. Twelve, 13, do you really think people can be categorized into so few signs? I could read any sign's horoscope on any given day

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n.
1. A yell or shout; a call.
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hol·ler (hlr)
adj., v. & n. Chiefly Upper Southern U.S.
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between mountains”: They live up in the
holler underneath Big Bald Mountain.



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Lissa P April 4, 2013 @ 12:39 p.m.

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Northmont Elementary School parents: did your child come home for Spring Break missing a sneaker? There's a stray shoe in front of the chain-link gate that leads to the school garden. :)

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Joaquin_de_la_Mesa April 4, 2013 @ 12:30 p.m.

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They want to build apartments on those two lots at Bancroft and Lemon, next to the 125 freeway. <http://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/20...>

Between that and the nursery project a few blocks away, the already busy lemon ave corridor is going to be nuts.

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Lissa P April 4, 2013 @ 12:39 p.m.

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Where is the nursery going to be? Nursery for plants or children?

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OCEAN BEACH HOLLER

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sunnyOBgal March 7, 2013 @ 6:48 a.m.

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during farmers market last night i visited the new theater on Newport Ave (in the hallway toward the former VFW). as soon as i can get my dropped jaw to close I'll tell you about it. it was AMAZING!!!!!! watch for the film festival at frequencyfilmfestival.com

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Mercy Baron March 7, 2013 @ 11:35 a.m.

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That theatre IS amazing! I saw a play there a few months ago, and during our Street Fair in June, I saw a band play in there. It is jaw dropping! Looks like you stepped into a theatre in Morocco, right?

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sunnyOBgal March 13, 2013 @ 4:31 p.m.

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the ambiance is so enrapturing ! I would love to throw a private birthday party (or perhaps an unbrithday party) there.

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BAJA HOLLER

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EdwardH April 1, 2013 @ 2:54 p.m.

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Wallet stolen during Zona Norte tryst An American in search of some pay-for-play sex in Tijuana on Good Friday inadvertently led police to a man pimping out teenaged girls after the American's wallet was stolen by a 13-year-old prostitute.

To read whole story, click [here](#).



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EdwardH April 6, 2013 @ 11:38 a.m.

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Free backyard fruit - while it lasts Kumquats and lychees- just picked. Help yourself - boxes in front of house on A Ave. Between 6th and 7th - under the pink flower (tabebuia) tree.



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EdwardH April 7, 2013 @ 5:23 p.m.

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Fruit ALL GONE Sunday 5:15 pm. Lady on bicycle who snagged the last of the lychees said she had been telling her friends to see the pink-flower tree.

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Jansenou April 7, 2013 @ 9:02 p.m.

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I'm too late :(

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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news



Ethanol Spill Next to Qualcomm Absolutely Not Part of Attempt to Burn Down Stadium, Say Chargers

“That’s just crazy talk.”

RETHINKING MY DECISION TO LIGHT UP AND ENJOY A SMOKE BREAK, MISSION VALLEY — On April 7, a tanker carrying over 8000 gallons of highly flammable ethanol flipped over on its side in dangerous proximity to Qualcomm Stadium and began spilling its contents onto the surrounding landscape. Both the spill and its location were, of course, completely unplanned, insists Chargers stadium coordinator Ben T. Overbarrell. “Why on Earth would we, or anyone else, want to burn down Qualcomm Stadium?” he asked. “If we did that, we wouldn’t have a place to play. Not unless someone could somehow build us an entirely brand-new stadium somewhere else. It just doesn’t make any sense.”

Mayor Filner Changes San Diego’s Title From “America’s Finest City” to “Pleasantville” in Wake of New York Times Article

“OMG, they noticed us!” gushes Filner.

“If there’s one thing I love to embrace at the end of a day spent developing cancer-killing nanobots,” says Aldena Corp biotech engineer Victor Fulgenski, “it’s two armsful of easy, breezy Southern California casualness. And I know the same goes for my buddy, Carlsbad strawberry picker Manuel Labor.”

“Looking back on my days growing up in San Diego,” says alleged *Dark Knight* shooter James Holmes, “I remember it as a bland, happy place with an exceptional amount of sunshine.”

“Us, too,” said the ghosts of high-ranking Al-Qaeda member Anwar al-Awlaki and the two 9/11 hijackers who resided in nearby La Mesa. “Really,

it was a kind of Pleasantville.”

“But, after all,” argued the ghost of Heaven’s Gate cult leader Marshall Applewhite, “there are worse things than Spanish tiles, palm trees, tropical blooms, year-round flip-flops, fresh fish tacos, and bonfires on the beach.”

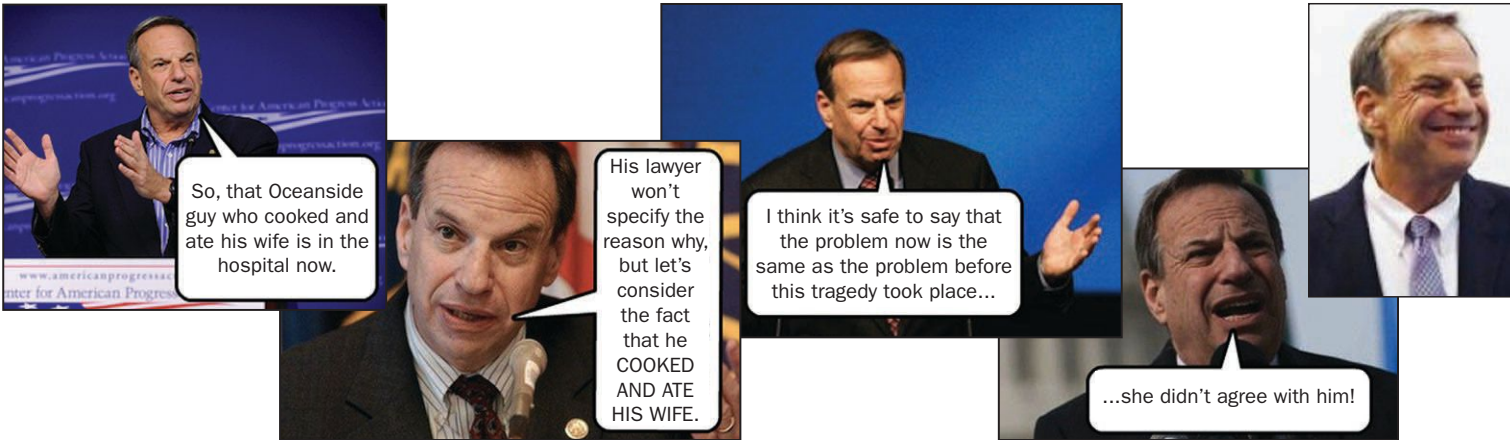
“You can say that again,” said the ghost of BDSM murder victim Brittany Killgore.

“All I know is, there’s a kind of safety and security that comes from living in a military town like Coronado,” said alleged suicide victim Rebecca Zahau. “I guess that’s why they call it the Paper of Record.”

By FREDA MOON
Published: April 4, 2013

Like its urban rival Los Angeles, San Diego is not so much a city as a loose collection of overlapping (and sometimes colliding) communities bound by arterial, life-giving freeways: it’s a military town in Coronado; a surf town in funky, eclectic Ocean Beach; and a border town in the historic Mexican-American neighborhood of Barrio Logan. If San Diego has a cohesive identity at all, it’s a shared embrace of an easy, breezy Southern California casualness. With its lack of pretension, the city is often seen by outsiders as a kind of Pleasantville — a bland, happy place with an exceptional amount of sunshine. Depending on how deep you look, that may be all you see. But there are, after all, worse things than Spanish tiles, palm trees, tropical blooms, year-round flip-flops, fresh fish tacos and bonfires on the beach.

Filner Comments on the Oceanside Cannibal Case!



Friendship Park Re-Opens as “Enmity Alley”

Dozens of people gathered on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border yesterday to protest the proposed closing of Friendship Park, the narrow strip of land dedicated by First Lady Pat Nixon in 1971 as a meet ‘n’ greet zone for people from the two countries. (Incidentally, there is no official record of Nixon musing, “I guess the grass isn’t always greener” as she looked south toward Tijuana.)

Now, it looks as though their protests have been heard. San Diego Sector Border Patrol chief Paul Beeson had notified the group Friends of Friendship Park last month that sequestration cuts would lead to closure. But today, he announced that,

instead, the park would be “re-named [‘Enmity Alley’], re-purposed, and re-opened as a legal no-man’s-land for the working out of international grudges.”

“Immigration reform is being embraced by Republicans who used to be so rabidly anti-Mexican that they wouldn’t even purchase a delicious Gordita from Taco Bell,” noted Beeson. “The tide is shifting, and it’s a brown tide, and it’s coming this way. Even Republicans know that you can’t get elected without votes. And since Latinos are pretty much the only people breeding at replacement levels these days, the Latino vote can no longer be pandered to and then cheerfully ignored.”

In such a climate, said Beeson, “a place like Friendship Park isn’t really necessary. No longer will separated families have to pose for poignant photo ops.” Instead, said Beeson, “the park’s unique structure — fenced on both sides, well-guarded by federal agents from both the U.S. and Mexico, and straddling the border — makes it an ideal ‘no-man’s land’ for the resolving of conflicts between feuding citizens from our two nations. You know — two men enter, one man leaves, that sort of thing. Our new spirit of cooperation is bound to produce new frictions, and we’ll be glad to have a way to settle our differences without spilling any more blood than is necessary.”

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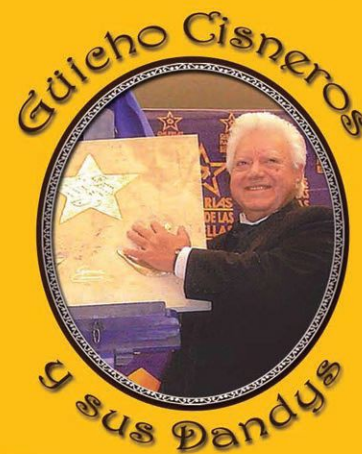
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Heymatt:

Why do some local roadways have different speed limits depending on which way you're going? Sea-world Drive between Friars and Ingraham is 55 in one direction and 50 in the other. West Point Loma Boulevard between Nimitz and Adrian Street is 40 one way and the other direction is 35. I can never remember which way is what speed. I'm afraid I'll get nailed for speeding after a wrong guess. The correct answer is not, "Just go the same speed as the other traffic," since there are lots of speeding, aggressive yahoos mixed in with slow, clueless tourists out there. This makes no sense to me. Traffic volumes and road conditions are the same on both sides of both roadways, as far as I can tell. Is there a logical reason for this or does the entrenched, right-wing city power structure just want to make life hard for OBecians?

— Brent, Ocean Beach

Despite the fact that the government refuses to legalize Ocean Beach's national pastime, it's unlikely the powers that be have it out for you when it comes to speed limits. These stretches of road with disparate speed limits are rare, but they do happen and they are perfectly legal. Speed limits are calculated according to a formula whereby traffic officials measure the mean speed of traffic on a given roadway and then set the limit within five mph. of the 85th percentile of that speed. In short, they put it on the high side of average. This usually works out to a nice medium between the "speeding, aggressive yahoos" and the "slow, clueless tourists." Occasionally, because of features in the roadway, the flow of traffic in opposing directions will differ by more than five mph, which is when those funky, oppositional speed limits happen. In the case of Sea World Drive, it's probably because Sea World slows traffic significantly in one direction. If you look at West Point Loma Boulevard on a map, you'll see that the roadway is developed differently on both sides. Traffic entering and exiting no doubt affects the average speed of drivers, which causes the directional imbalance.

Heymatt:

Do taxpayers pay for congresspeople and senators' flights to and from their home districts or is this built into their pay? Similarly, when the president flies on Air Force One to give a speech and then returns home, do taxpayers pay? Why couldn't he set an example of frugality by teleconferencing?

— Anonymous

You can pretty much rest assured that government expenses are paid with tax dollars. To better

illustrate the point, I'll refer to the House of Representatives' Statement of Disbursements, a riveting, 3000-page document that details the yearly expenditures of all 435 congressmen and women. It's more *Infinite Jest* than *50 Shades of Grey*, to say the least, and I can't claim to make an exhaustive survey of its content. On the subject of travel, the explanatory glossary defines reimbursable travel as "by Members, staff and vendors in support of the official duties for Members of Congress, Committees, Leadership, House Officers and Offices of the House. Ordinary and necessary expenses associated with official travel are reimbursable. Official travel includes local travel and travel away from home overnight to conduct official and representational duties, when returning to the duty station or residence is impractical."

By that logic, even taxi fares can (and are) billed to Congress. Plane trips back to the district? You bet! All of this is online at disbursements.house.gov for your reading pleasure.

As for frugality in the Oval Office, since Americans lampooned Carter for saying we should turn down the thermostats to save, suggesting "thrif" as a virtue isn't a high priority for the chief executive.

Heymatt:

I noticed that the cherry on my cigarette, the coals in my BBQ, and the element in my fish-tank heater all glow the same shade of orange. I believe this isn't a coincidence. Could you please explain why this is so?

— Chris, via email

It's no coincidence, it's incandescence! The same principle that makes lightbulbs shine is at work in the smoldering cherry of a cigarette. It's an effect of black body radiation, which involves no small amount of physics, but I am pretty sure I can explain it easily. When materials are heated uniformly, they emit radiation at predictable wavelengths based on how hot they are. A portion of that radiation is visible light, which is why the coals in the fire glow, but most of it is infrared radiation and heat, which is why they'll barbecue your burgers and brats so well. The dull, orange color of cigarette cherries and coals is at the very bottom of the spectrum — just above the infrared — that corresponds to temperatures around 700–1200C. As temperatures rise, the corresponding colors brighten all the way to a brilliant blue that's nearly ultraviolet. You'll never see that shade in a coal, however, since that would be twice the temperature of the sun's surface and possibly kill you if it was in your barbecue pit.

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

Sometimes the desire for privacy goes beyond the seclusion offered by a guard-controlled, gated community. For those folks, tranquility might be easier to find on a \$30 million, 403-acre ranch tucked into the hills of the northeast San Diego County community of Pala.

Exalta Farms is the name given to the estate at 9256 Old Pala Road, a couple miles east of Interstate 15 off Highway 76. While little farming



Thirty million dollars will buy you Exalta Farms, a 7000-square-foot villa on 403 acres in Pala.

appears to take place on the estate, the sellers' representatives suggest that the property might make a good luxury golf

resort or horse-breeding facility.

The main house on the property has over 7000 square feet of liv-

ing area, including "a solarium, library, large master suite with his and her bathrooms, chef's kitchen with Miele appli-

ances, fountains, [and] eight fireplaces." Two of the three additional bedrooms also have attached bathrooms and outdoor patios.

The backyard, or at least the portion of it adjacent to the house, features a vanishing-edge pool that looks upon "sprawling views of the ranch and nearby hills... includ[ing] majestic oaks, olive, and eucalyptus trees situated along gently rolling farm land," a terrace deck, and a 600-square-foot "pavilion retreat" with a water feature and spa.

The gated driveway to the house leads to a motor court off of which sits a three-car garage with workshop, another two-car garage, an equipment barn, and a horse barn. The estate has detached employee housing as well

as a guest house with its own patio and views.

Three wells supplement the municipal water supply and fill a two-and-a-half-acre fish pond. Groves of persimmon and avocado trees are maintained on the property.

An online brochure advertising the ranch brags that seven golf courses (three private) are within a 15-minute drive, as are four casinos and the San Luis Rey Downs race-horse-training facility.

Exalta Farms is currently owned by Brian and Helga Fritz. According to a San Luis Rey Municipal Water District board of directors profile of Helga, the couple are the long-time owners of Chino Greenhouses, an Encinitas nursery "which has over 350,000 square feet of greenhouse nursery devoted to indoor tropi-



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The two-and-a-half-acre fish pond is filled with water from the three onsite wells.

businesses have been turned over to the Fritzes’ children, and now operate under the name Grow Master in San Marcos.

Not surprisingly, it can take time to find the right buyer for a property this unique (and pricey). Exalta Farms was listed for sale nearly two years ago, on April 21, 2011, with an asking price of \$36 million, which was reduced about a year ago to the current list price of \$29,950,000, making it the third-highest-priced single-family residence listed in all of San Diego County. ■



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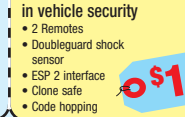
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Lately, this blog has strayed from economics because economics is not simply about money; it is about people.

Economics is the study of free markets (or, to use Marx's derogatory term, "Capitalism"). Economics does not explain communism or socialism or centralized control because that would be the study of power-hungry princes — in other words, politics. The study of free markets boils down to the description of rational behavior in free individuals.

Adam Smith, widely considered the father of economics, wrote *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (1759). In it, he wrote: "When we consider the character of any individual, we naturally view it under two different aspects; first, as it may affect his own happiness; and secondly, as it may affect that of other people."

This seems reasonable to those with Judeo-Christian values. This section outlines the virtue of "do unto others..."

The cornerstone of Smith's work was individuality, a uniqueness you might describe as "personality" or "soul." His concern was with virtue and morality, as he was a moral philosopher at the University of Glasgow. Today, we consider Smith a founding economist, but he did not consider himself an "economist," even though his work helped to define the field.

Smith explained why moral behavior was superior to immoral behavior. His frame of reference was Christianity. So, he explained, as scientifically as he could, Judeo-Christian virtue. Smith described the "soul" in action through humanity.

Paraphrased, free markets are based upon the belief that individuals have a unique perspective in life and can use that to provide value to others. Your unique personhood — your soul — is the basis of your value to yourself and to others.

For humanity in general, gross domestic product is a function of population. The more people, the more a society can produce. Like an ant colony, more ants under the control of a single queen are superior to fewer ants. This is the logical basis of human collectivism: a

detachment from individuality.

Free societies, on the other hand, value the individual. Production is a function of freedom. Freedom is sustained by virtue. Virtue is acquired through faith and wisdom. Faith and wisdom require freedom. This is known as the golden triangle of freedom. It's puritanical, but

the notion was revolutionary in the late 1700s. This explains why America's founding fathers embraced the concept.

Over the past 300 years, production from the world's free people has far exceeded production from

the collectivists. Innovation is a product of freedom, the wisdom of virtues, and the faith to persevere. Without freedom, no amount of determination, ability, or faith can be focused upon that which the individual is exactly suited to pursue.

In a collectivist society, humans are guided by a collective will, regarding which no individual has complete perspective, knowledge, ability, or accountability. The collective is detached from individual humanity. The focus of effort degenerates into what empowers those "in power" instead of what is productive.

Instances where innovation for the collective also benefits the whole of humanity exist. But such instances are rare. Innovation without individual freedom is slowed, distorted, and misallocated.

A powerful colony of human "ants" may steal innovation and riches by conquest. Collectivist empires may spread stolen innovation through their kingdom, but they also destroy innovation, which they do not value. It would be astonishing to find an aggregate human benefit from all the inventions by all the worlds' collectivist governments. Yet a single free nation led humanity from horses and plows to landing upon the moon.

The collective misallocation of resources is a key reason that periods of human enlightenment coincide with flashes of increased freedom and then end when virtue fails. The struggle to maintain a free society is actually an interpersonal struggle within the members of the society. It is a struggle between the virtues of freedom and the comforts of entitlement.

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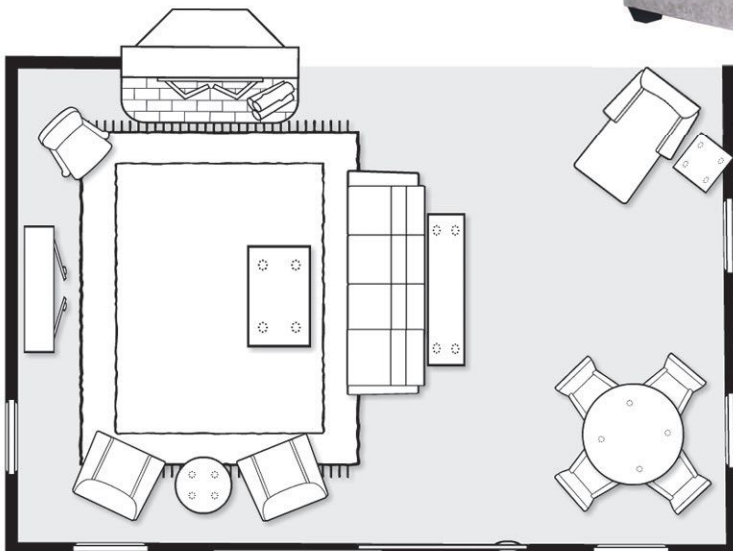
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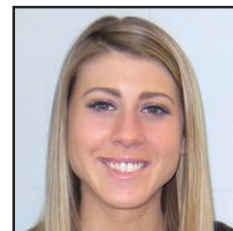
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Charles Norton: "It's absolutely the most fun I've ever had on a bike, and I've been riding since I was four."

"I've never heard of bike polo." Breaking a smile, I add, "You must get that a lot."
"Yeah. My understanding is that it's been around for a long time. It was an Olympic demonstration sport in the early 1900s."

On the phone is Charles Norton, 27, a Vista lad, California College San Diego alumnus, Souplantation employee, and bike-polo convert. One wants to know how his bike polo came to be.

Norton says, "I came across the club playing at the Adams Avenue park on 35th. It was, like, 'Wow, what are these guys doing?' As soon as I saw the action and how it was played, I wanted to play. I wanted to get in on it. Since then, I've been playing and I can't get enough. It's absolutely the most fun I've ever had on a bike, and I've been riding a bike since I was four."

I mention that I'd done brief research into bike polo and like the unorganized, quasi-outlaw quality of it.

"I don't want to say we're a bunch of hooligans, but we do have our own culture. We don't discourage anyone from coming out just because they have a certain lifestyle. It's all in good fun. We normally play at Golden Hill's rec center every Wednesday. That's our main spot. We're exploring the Santa Clara Recreation Center out in Mission Beach, and Linda Vista.

"We meet twice a week. I host a barbecue on Wednesday. The guys show up around 6:00, 6:30, and I have hot dogs, cheddar links, beef brats, make it a simple, quick barbecue before we play. Boosts morale and gives us a chance to talk. Over a dozen guys show up consistently."

I ask, "Are their positions in bike polo or

do you just saddle up and get to it?"

"It's teams of three on three, usually one man in the goal."

"What's a great shot?"

Norton says, "You want to develop good ball handling and be good at passing. There's a bottom bracket shot. It's kind of a trick shot. If you're right handed you steer with your left, hold your mallet in your right hand, and approach the goal with the goal on your left side. You shoot the ball from the right side of your bicycle, between its wheels, and at the goal."

I say, "I've read there are 177 bicycle-polo clubs in the United States. With that many clubs, there has got to be some who are semi-pro, with the uniforms, the gear, the whole razzle-dazzle. Do you ever play those clubs?"

"It's all player-organized and -coordinated. We all have our own playing levels. If you want to play, just play. We play it by ear and see what we can get going."

"What are typical injuries in bike polo?"

Norton says, "One of the things that does worry me is somebody doing a high stick and catching a mallet to the face. I've had it happen two times. I've started wearing a helmet since then. Some of the players do wear helmets and full-face masks, like you would in hockey."

"How about the ordinary, everyday injuries that you would get in any kind of a vigorous sport — sprained ankles, busted fingers, and the like?"

"I tore a muscle in my shoulder, oversteered and tried to control the bike without letting it go to ground. I scraped my shin really bad. Pedal hit my shin and then slid up my shin. Very typical."

I ask, "Where would you like San Diego bike polo to be a year from now?"

"I'd like to see our club size at least double and for us to host another tournament."

"I'm assuming you say, 'Hey, we're putting on a tournament,' and who comes comes. You guys don't have a president, treasurer, any of that stuff, do you?"

Norton laughs, "Oh, no, not at all. We have senior players who have a greater influence on the other players as far as style of play, what's fair, and what's not fair, as far as our rules go. Our games are not organized matches where we're going to have a set team. We call it a pick-up game; we're playing, we're practicing, we're testing each other's limits and skills.

"It is unorganized — it's really unorganized — we don't have a hierarchy. We do have our loyal players who come out every week, twice a week. And some of our guys are very good. One of our guys can scoop the ball up on his mallet and balance it, not using anything else. We've had players who went to the world championships."

Interested readers can check the club's Facebook page or drop by the Golden Hill Recreation Center on Wednesday night.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

The pet debate raged on in the Kelly home. On one side are the kids who ask for a dog every time they see one in a commercial. On the other side is my husband Patrick who resents having been, as he says, the sole caretaker of the one dog we owned, Nellie the miniature schnauzer. Before the two sides took up arms against each other, I suggested we look into the possibility of owning hamsters.

The first thing I found out is that hamster (singular) was a better idea than hamsters. "Hamsters are loners. If you get more than one, you need to get them at the same time," explained David, one of the owners of North Park's Animal House Pet Store (619-295-8834; sdanimalhouse.com). "If you buy one and wait several months and then buy another, you could have problems."

"We carry the dwarf hamsters that are quite a bit smaller than the other ones we carry, which are the teddy-bear hamster [\$14.99]," he continued. "The dwarf hamsters come in white, chinchilla, gray, or brown. The teddy-bear hamsters come in brown-and-white or black-and-white."

As far as cages are concerned, "If you get the smaller hamster, you need to make sure the bars on the cage are real close together so they can't escape. Cages run from \$24.99 to \$100," depending on the size and style.

"They eat hamster food, a kibble all the way to a grain cereal that looks like a trail mix. Hamsters are like a pack rat, but the amount of food they eat is small, compared to a rabbit," he added.

"We sell the Syrian hamsters," explained Lauren from Pet Kingdom in Point Loma (619-224-2841; petkingdom.com). "They come in all kinds of colors, black-and-white, tan; some have long hair, as long as two inches. They are one of the bigger breeds [\$12.99]. You can get away with a smaller hamster cage because they don't move around as much as some of the smaller hamsters. The cage, which comes with the wheel and water bottle, runs \$29.99."

Lauren echoed David's warning. "Most of the time, they are not very social animals. So it is best to have just one."

"We sell teddy-bear, dwarf hamsters, and short-haired hamsters," explained the

"Provide chews for hamsters, because their teeth never stop growing."

saleslady at Kahoots in La Mesa (619-337-0825; kahootspet.com). "They are all \$12.98. The teddy-bear and the short-haired are different types of hamsters, and then the dwarf hamsters are just smaller. They

come in browns, grays, tans, sometimes white, and sometimes more than one color.

"Hamsters can live about two to three years," she continued. "They can be social animals and they definitely can do well with people handling them. But it's best if you socialize them when they are young and you do it often. They can scratch or nip you."

"You can use different types of bedding," she said. "We have CareFresh Pet Bedding [\$21.98 for 60 liters], and that is a recycled newspaper that has been processed and all the dye has been taken out. We don't particularly recommend wood shavings because a lot of them have aromatic oils that can cause respiratory problems. Make sure you are changing the bedding about once a week or as needed."

"You also need to provide chews for them, because their teeth never stop growing," she added. "Otherwise they get bored and start chewing on their cage. We sell all different types of chews, from wood chews to grassy chews."

When I headed in a week later, the saleslady pointed out to me the Farmers Market Seagrass Spirals natural sun-dried grass snacks (\$2.48). "They can carry these around in their mouth, carry them to the corner of their cage and sit and chew."

She also offered a caution with hamster food. "Kahoots sells their own Garden Blend Hamster Food [\$5.98 for two pounds], which is really good. Some of the brands put sweet bits in their food and the hamster will only eat the sweet stuff."

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I HATE BIRTHDAYS.

Nobody knows that about me. Well, I suppose they do now.

I have one of those mothers that never forgets to do something special every year. On my first birthday, she baked a cake in the shape of a giant Humpty Dumpty, topped with fluffy white frosting and a detailed face made from food coloring. On my third birthday, I got a giant chocolate kitty-cake. My childhood birthdays were filled with skating rinks, sleepovers, and once I got older, nice birthday dinners with a candle in tiramisu. When I moved to California, like clockwork I received money, gift certificates, cards, and happy-birthday phone calls every May 28. My mother is not the reason I dread the day; the voices of family members have brought a smile to my face in the midst

of muffled sobs. This is why I feel a stab of guilt every time I'm sad on my birthday.

No, my resentment toward birthdays has everything to do with my friends, each passing year a reminder of the crappy people I end up so desperately seeking approval from.

My obsession in middle school was the popularity I'd never obtain. By eighth grade, I thought I had all the qualities necessary to escalate to the top of the social ladder of my cliquey school. I was prettier than a good hunk of the elite, and although I still had prepubescent Kate Hudson tits, I'd returned from the summer with sun-kissed blond hair, tan skin, and a braces-free smile. I was

even so bold as to sit at the semi-popular-girls' table at lunch. But I found myself on edge, petrified of saying the wrong thing. Every time a girl left the table for a while, the others would make snide remarks behind her back, then greet her with sweet, Southern smiles upon her return. I wasn't kicked out of that table, but I was never warmly welcomed. The girls didn't accompany me to the front of the cafeteria to throw out my tray, even though the rest of them went in pairs.

Determined, I persisted. When Christmas came, I spent hours individually wrapping incense sticks in red and green tissue paper, tying the ends with curly gold strings to place in the cards I would distribute the following day. Writing the names of cheerleaders and beloved yearbook superlatives on the cards, I knew they would not be returning the Christmas spirit.

But handing out Christmas cards was not nearly as tortuous as my birthday-party invitations.

"Sorry I couldn't make it, Maggie," they all said. "I was busy."

It was a fantastic party anyway. Four or five of my *real* friends spent the day with my dad and me on his boat and swimming in the lake. That night, after cutting birthday cake, the girls and I lounged in the hot tub. We squirted water guns filled with Dad's liquor into each other's mouths. Still, my insecure, teenage self could not laugh off the fact that the other girls — those stuck-up bitches — had missed out. I was engrossed in the rejection. Instead of focusing on the family

and friends who wanted to celebrate, I sulked over the ones who didn't. And, every May, I braced myself for disappointment: my birthday would reveal that my friendships weren't real.

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There is no place on the planet more desolate of real friendships than Pacific Beach.

The one birthday I did not dread was my 21st. Turning this age dramatically affects the lives of young, bar-hungry San Diegans. At 18, I'd moved to a very 21-and-over city. San Diego's nightlife is packed with concerts, clubs, bars, and stage venues that all require one to be of drinking age to pass through their bouncer-guarded gateways. And when it came to fake IDs, all the bars I encountered were ruthless. As a 20-year-old Pacific Beach resident, my age inflicted a harsh blow to my social life. Sure, I could go to house parties, but it seemed as if they were often interrupted by some 24-year-old prick shouting, "PUB CRAWL!" My coked-out friends would stumble

toward the bar like a herd of fat people rushing to a buffet, leaving me behind.

I moved to P.B. in February, and from that time on, I awaited May 28, 2006, as anxiously as a pregnant woman does her delivery date.

Two months! I squealed to myself. *One month! Twenty-nine days and 12 hours!*

I was convinced

Two months! I squealed to myself. One month! Twenty-nine days and 12 hours!

that my life would be changed once that date rolled around. I could join other gallant young adults in the quest to drink the entire Garnet Avenue strip dry, starting at a sketchy dive bar called the Silver Fox, which opened at 6:00 a.m. for the most dedicated alcoholics. Then the other 21-and-up warriors and I would depart, headed west for a mimosa breakfast that ended with tequila and

Coronas at Cabo Cantina; this was a gringo bar imitating a Mexican tourist trap, decked out with fake palm trees, mini umbrellas, and salty tortilla chips. It later became one of my favorite bars because of its outdoor patio area. Instead of an ocean view, Cabo's had white boys in wife-beaters shouting obscenities and glitter-coated skanks tripping on

their hooker heels. At 21, I would be able to freely frolic through the strip and enter *any* building I chose. I felt that this must've been what it was like to be black after the Civil Rights Movement.

My excitement for entering the realm of the legally drunk went beyond bars and the booze — I really hadn't changed since my 14th birthday party. Deep down, my one true aspiration was to be cool.

This time, I was among a whole new league of popular kids.

All those people back in my hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, were now nothing to me. The popular girls there desperately tried to be Californian, bleaching their hair and baking in tanning beds until their skin fried orange. But they could have their country music, premature marriages, and hometown drama. I lived in a heavenly beach town. I had palm trees. I had beer bong on the sand. I had the wildness of youth. My friends were thin, pretty, and *naturally* bronzed. They slurped vodka from the bottle while they drove. They roamed the streets in bikinis by day; by night, they wore skimpy dresses short enough to bare their ass cheeks when they bent over. They pushed up their breasts and snorted coke in the bathrooms of clubs before grinding their crotches into strangers until last call. And when the night came to an end, they romped through the filthy, gum-stained streets barefoot, too hammered to feel the broken

glass. P.B. girls were wild, edgy, and dangerously carefree. I wanted to be exactly like them.

It seemed I was well on my way. I felt...*popular*. My Myspace page was constantly blowing up with comments from new friends, refreshing my memories of the outrageous things we'd said and done the night before. We joked about absinthe shots and the weird guy who fell through the glass table after trying to dance on top of it. We giggled hysterically as we filled memory gaps lost to intoxication.

I saw these people at parties. The girls welcomed me into their social circles. They hugged me, swearing that we were great friends. We all vowed to spend the summer parading the beach together.

Loads of people made promises about the glory of my upcoming two-one.

"Okay, well, we *have* to all go out on your birthday," they chimed.

"Your birthday is gonna be so rad!" my friend James (not his real name) assured me. "We're gonna rage

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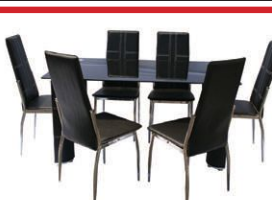
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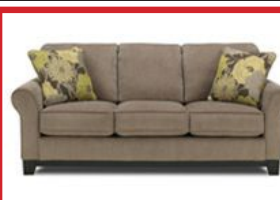
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like we've never raged before!"

I was certain that I would not face the horrible scenario of not having people to go out with on my 21st birthday. This was P.B., after all, a town where a person would hit a bar dragging an oxygen tank, if necessary. My birthday would land at the beginning of Memorial Day weekend. Who was going to stay home?

But as the big day approached, I faced a bleak reality: San Diego, especially P.B., is a town full of flakes. There is no such thing as making plans. If you throw a party, people who say they'll make it won't show, and people who say they won't show, do. Everything is done spur-of-the-moment. This behavior clashed with the tenets of Southern eti-

quette that still lingered from my childhood. In the South, it's extremely rude to back out of plans. You are expected to either keep them or call in advance to cancel. But the people I knew in San Diego didn't give a damn about my plans. Whatever was good for *them* was the only thing that mattered. If I wanted to be a P.B. girl, I needed an ultra-laid-back atti-

tude or I'd be considered uptight and dramatic.

I never could become nonchalant. I only pretended. When a friend and I planned on doing something one weekend, I knew it would never happen. I could repeatedly phone, but it would be in vain. Yet, I never spoke a word in opposition. I never called these precious P.B. friends rude, self-centered, or unreliable. And when my birthday came along, I never revealed how hurt I was when the dozens of friends who'd vowed to make the night unforgettable seemed to have other plans, to scatter, maybe, into the depths of the universe. Nobody apologized or even remembered that I had a birthday coming up. Unlike middle school in Tennessee, the P.B. popu-

lar kids didn't even tell me they were going to be busy. To them, one day I would just magically be able to enter the bars and it wouldn't occur to them why.

This city that I wanted to blend into was populated with lost little lambs — brainless, coked-out, cleavage-baring little lambs — unable to think or care a single footstep ahead of their four-inch wedges. Everyone, it seemed, had the attention span of a toddler on crack.

On May 27, hours before midnight, when I would turn 21, I fought the urge to bury myself in the sheets and cry until my birthday passed. I called a few friends. After enough borderline begging, I convinced Yolanda (not her real name), her husband Dar-

ren (not his real name), and Janet (not her real name) to go out with me.

Janet was a 24-year-old Georgia gal. She was book-smart but seemed as naïve as a Sunday-school girl. When she drank, she did so continuously until she was either purging or naked with someone who would take advantage of her; she was a date-rape waiting to happen. Men were drawn to Janet, though there was nothing remarkable about her appearance. She had a cute-but-quaint round face and a short chestnut bob with the tips touching her chin. Her body was petite and pear-shaped. No, it wasn't beauty that attracted men, but the fact that Janet was such an obvious disaster. When it came to standards, she had none.

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I legally entered the doorways of a bar on May 28, 2006, around 12:30 p.m. The bouncer looked at my ID, smiled, and said, "Happy birthday." I wanted to kiss him. It took only one Long Island iced tea to make me forget about the people who'd stood me up, including James, who I'd seen with his crew at another P.B. bar that very night. By the second Long Island, I was posing for goofy pictures and throwing darts with Darren, happy with the three friends who had come out. By my third or fourth, we had company.

Janet had invited a boy named Tony (not his real name) she'd met online. Tony was short, standing at about five-foot-six, with short brown hair, a five o'clock shadow, and goofy big

ears. He looked as if he'd stepped out of *Jersey Shore*. Tony was accompanied by a friend. I paid little attention to both of them because I was focused on getting hammered, assuming that I wouldn't have an appropriate 21st birthday if I didn't.

night, they stumbled into my roommate Bianca's bedroom.

I should confess that I was not always the greatest roommate. My rent was on time and I did the majority of cleaning in the house, but I occasionally stole Bianca's tampons and allowed

"Your birthday is gonna be so rad! We're gonna rage like we've never raged before!"

After the fourth or fifth beverage, my memory of events gets spotty. The next thing I recall is falling flat-faced onto the sidewalk — wearing heels had been genius. Suddenly, Yolanda and Darren were gone and it was just Janet, Tony, his friend, and me crammed into my tiny living room. I sat on the cheap love-seat, the friend sat in the circle futon, and Janet curled up with Tony on the carpet; he had his tongue down her throat. A happy couple for the

people to have sex in her bed while she was gone. When I was really mad at her, I drank her vodka.

Once Janet and Tony disappeared, the friend and I were alone. We had yet to exchange a word. As he fumbled through his cell phone for cab numbers, I took a good look at him for the first time. Hot damn. He was attractive. *Very* attractive.

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and flipped into a little wave. His face was long and rectangular, with a strong, masculine jawline. He had olive-tan skin — the shade of a white boy who spends his days lounging on the beach — and chocolate-brown eyes below neatly groomed brows. His long legs hung off the side of my round little futon, and I remembered how tall he had seemed (at least 6'2", I thought), and he had a lean, lanky build. He wore a white button-down shirt that hung over a pair of blue jeans. This guy looked clean and well kempt, unlike the scraggly surfers that usually hung around P.B.

I have a theory about men. When I was at the height of my promiscuity, it seemed as if they could smell my availability, as if it were part of the evolutionary process of the male knowing which females are ready to mate. If that was the case, Tall Guy's reproductive instincts must have been in full swing. If words were exchanged between us, they were few. He put his phone in his pocket and followed

me into my bedroom.

The next morning, I woke up to the sunlight shining through the window.

"Dammit!" I gasped. I jerked upright in my bed, knocking Tall Guy's arm off my waist.

"What time is it?" I asked, but I didn't really expect to get an answer

the morning without a goodbye.

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As James would have put it, I "raged" into 21-dom with full force.

Despite the friends who had disappeared, my birthday weekend was everything I dreamed it would be. Instead of

"Have you ever had an 'adios'?"

from the unconscious man beside me.

I jumped up and ran into the living room in search of a clock. It was 9:00 a.m., and Bianca would be home any minute.

"Janet, you guys have to get the hell up!" I said. I slapped open Bianca's door to find Janet and Tony naked.

"Get up! Get up! Get up!" I ordered like a boot-camp drill instructor.

We shoved the guys out the door mere minutes before Bianca arrived. I hardly looked at my birthday boyfriend as I sent him out into

embracing our hangovers, Janet and I treated our aching, dehydrated bodies with more booze.

Why the hell shouldn't I be drunk by noon today? I thought. *It's my birthday.*

When I opened my door, I realized that the rest of P.B. agreed.

P.B. was always a bit hectic, but on holiday weekends, it transformed into what looked like *MTV Spring Break*. It was a shocking sight the first time. What was once sand had been replaced by a mass of flesh. The aroma of sea salt was overpowered

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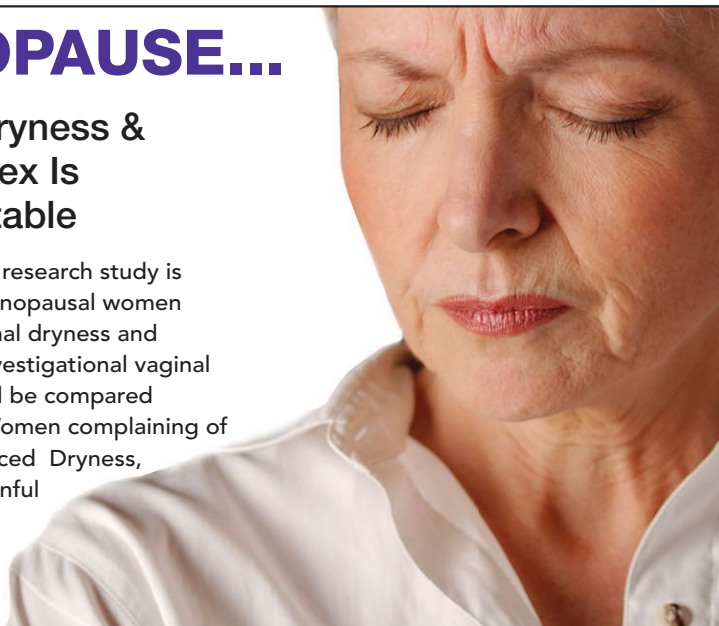
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by the stench of stale beer baking in the sunshine. Early birds arriving before sunrise had already set up tents and coolers packed with alcohol. Some were equipped with food and beer funnels, which would later be shoved down the throats of young ladies in bikinis. Every guy wore his own unique pair of board shorts patterned with Hawaiian flowers or Rip Curl lettering, while every girl wore a bikini, sometimes topped with a short, denim cutoff skirt or a little tube dress.

That night Grizzly (not his real name) escorted Janet and I to the bars on the Garnet strip. Grizzly was my age but looked much older because of his fuzzy, reddish-blond beard and husky, six-foot-five build. He treated his female friends like cubs, pro-

tecting us from aggressive assholes and never making a move on us, even when we were half conscious. A native of upstate New York, he was a small-town guy with a big-brotherly attitude.

"Screw all those bitches that didn't want to come out tonight," he said to me. "It's your 21st birthday. I've got your back, girl. Let's get you a redheaded slut" (a shot made with Jägermeister and peach-flavored schnapps).

Grizzly bought me one redheaded slut after the other.

"Have you ever had an 'adios'?" Grizzly asked. We stood at the edge of a musty, dark bar packed with drunk guys in baggy T-shirts and backward caps.

"Nope," I said. "What's in it?"

Grizzly laughed. "A

lot of stuff, darlin'. But once you drink it, it's *adios!*"

After a long day of alcohol consumption, I was pretty far gone by the time I got the adios in my hands. A tall glass was filled with what looked

sure, were funneling beer and doing body-shots off each other. Men played grab-ass with skin-baring girls who batted their bloodshot eyes. Couples groped each other on beach towels and in the sand. I saw every bikini

"What man will want you? You've been drinking all weekend. Your apartment's a wreck."

like Windex with a cherry on top, but it tasted sweet, and I slurped it down. Two cocktails later, I understood the name. I remember nothing after that. Apparently, I lost my ability to walk. Thank God for Grizzly's strong, fuzzy arms.

The next morning, I downed my second liquid breakfast. I was still in awe of my new ability to walk into the liquor store and buy whatever I wanted. It was Memorial Day, and I entered a mass of greasy, half-nude bodies to meet some girlfriends for another day of drinking. I weaseled my way through the madness. Young adults, many under age, I'm

pattern imaginable, from bright yellows to ruffles to zebra prints, in every cut and shape.

Through the miracle of a good cell-phone signal, I spotted my friends Tiger and Ceci (not their real names).

I knew them through some of my guy friends who they'd been banging, though the romances had fizzled within a week or two. Both girls were attractive, but Tiger was a stunner who outshined everyone. Ceci was petite, five feet tall with short legs. She had a round face, dimples, bleached-blond hair, and angelic blue eyes. Ceci had been the belle of her small Idaho town before com-

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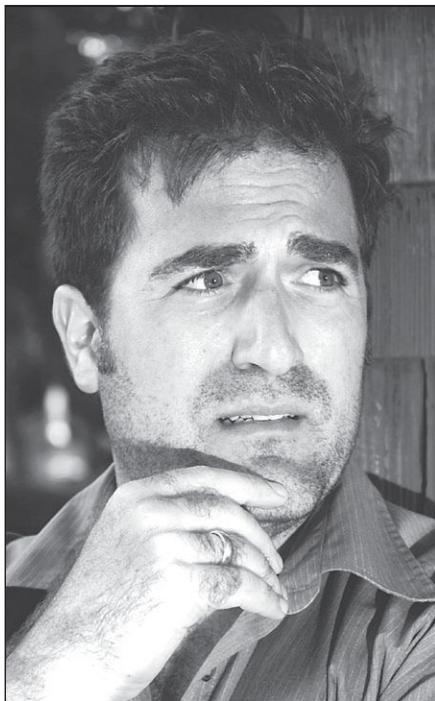
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ing to California to pursue her dream of acting.

Tiger was the epitome of a P.B. girl. She's what middle-aged men call a "firecracker," and they all probably fantasized about taming her while jerking off in their showers. Tiger was the type of girl every other female hated, because of a flawless body she never had to work for. Five-foot-four with a fat-free figure, she had a shapely, firm ass and a naturally full set of tits. I've always secretly loathed skinny girls with big boobs. How the hell does that happen? When I lost weight, the D-cups were the first things to go. Anyway... Tiger's body was almost always fully visible. She didn't hesitate to romp around the streets in a string bikini with boots or heels. When she did wear clothes, they were skimpy shorts, skirts, and tight-fitting dresses with her cleavage visible. Sometimes she wore more outrageous items, like black lingerie beneath a fishnet suit, or she'd don a hot-pink wig. When she dressed up for Halloween, it was always in a bikini — a zombie girl in a black bikini or a gangsta bitch Barbie. I envied the freedom Tiger felt to run around everywhere practically nude

without fear of degradation. She'd obtained her killer bod with a diet of cocaine, Cheez-Its, and late-night Jack in the Box drive-throughs. She wasn't a typical blond California girl. She dyed her natural, ash-brown hair Hot Tamale red, and

stumbling down an alley, rolling each other around in a stray grocery-store shopping cart.

Tiger was loud and bold, unafraid to shout out "Screw you!" to anyone who bumped into her or who mumbled a sarcastic comment under

I was the semi-cute, second-string blonde the boys went for when they struck out with Tiger.

she decked herself out with tattoos and a belly-button piercing. She was a beach babe with rebellion, always the spirit of the pregame ritual before pub-crawls, blaring her music and dancing around her apartment while draining a bottle of rum into her mouth. Jumping on her couches and pulling us up atop the vodka-stained cushions, her voice was the highest WOOOOOO! in the room. She'd fill her purse with dozens of mini liquor bottles so we could get wasted on a budget. A night out usually ended with us bringing guys home to snort up their blow or with five girls

their breath.

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On Memorial Day, Tiger, Ceci, and I filled Diet Coke bottles with Bacardi. Ceci taught me to do a beer bong, which I'd never been successful at before. She held the hose with her right hand while some shirtless guy prepared to pour beer in the funnel.

"Now, Maggie," Ceci slurred, "open your mouth. Wider. Open your mouth, bitch!"

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I obeyed. With all the will I could summon, I slurped down the beer, fighting the urge to vomit it back up. As the bubbly liquid filled my belly and dribbled down the corners of my mouth, a mass of rowdy guys cheered.

"W O O O O O O ! THAT'S HOW YOU SUCK IT!" they shouted, giving Ceci and I pats on the back.

Before long, we had a group of cute boys following us down the P.B. strip. Ceci dubbed one muscular oaf her boyfriend, holding his hand and dragging him everywhere she went.

The guys were Marines. I had my eye on one named Jay, who

had dark-brown hair, chestnut eyes, and olive skin. I remember little about him now, only that he was sweet and that, at some point, the two of us drunkenly danced to Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" in a bar. All of the guys seemed polite

off to her place. Tiger went home. The other three boys headed back to my apartment. All of us were slowly sobering up and were exhausted from consuming so much alcohol in the heat. We sipped water and hung out in my living room.

This must be what it feels like to be a man.

and down to earth. Few were from Southern California, and they had that small-town quality of treating women like ladies, opening doors, and paying for our drinks. They reminded me of the aspects of the South that I missed.

At the end of the evening, Ceci and her boyfriend for the night took

We began chit-chatting about their hometowns and their enlistment. The boys were stationed at Camp Pendleton.

"How long have you been in?" I asked.

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"Oh, so, we're the same age," I said. I was giddy from Jay's return-

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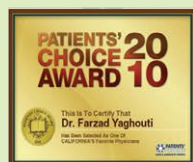
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ing smile.

The second guy — also friendly — picked up on my attraction to Jay and offered to set us up. The third guy sat in the corner, watching us talk. He was skinny with a rectangular head, the most quiet and awkward of the trio.

My parents rarely lock their doors, and my cousins will carry on easy conversations with mentally ill homeless men for as long as they'll follow them. But time in California had taught me not to trust the human race. Still, here I was at 21, regularly sharing my bed with random men, and I welcomed anyone into my domain.

I don't know if it was my frequent use of foul language, my eye contact with Jay, or the messy state of my apartment after a weekend

of partying, but in the midst of pleasant chatter, the quiet boy in the corner was suddenly no longer the quiet boy in the corner.

"LOOK AT YOU, YOU PIECE-OF-SHIT SLUT!" the boy snapped. It was as abrupt as a gunshot in a prayer circle.

I froze.

"What man will want you?" he said. "You've been drinking all weekend. Your apartment's a wreck."

I usually kept my apartment spotless, but I'd been drunk all weekend, for my birthday. I'd left the house-cleaning up to Bianca, who'd let it go.

He moved closer and the other two boys got up to protect me. Their eyes widened. Both looked embarrassed.

"I'm really sorry," Jay whispered. "He went through a lot in Iraq."

"You are so unladylike!" the guy shouted. "This is *not* how a woman should act!"

With that, his friends dragged him out of my apartment, apologizing. I was alone with my mess and my alcohol comedown.

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I partied hard the rest of that weekend. I partied at a level that I would consider myself too old to handle by my 22nd birthday. I had fun. It was everything I'd expected my 21st birthday to be. But something about the PTSD Marine had left a sour note. My hangover depression didn't help. I'd been happily drunk for three days straight, and what goes up must always come down. *Something* about that guy had frightened me — it was the way he'd unexpectedly turned

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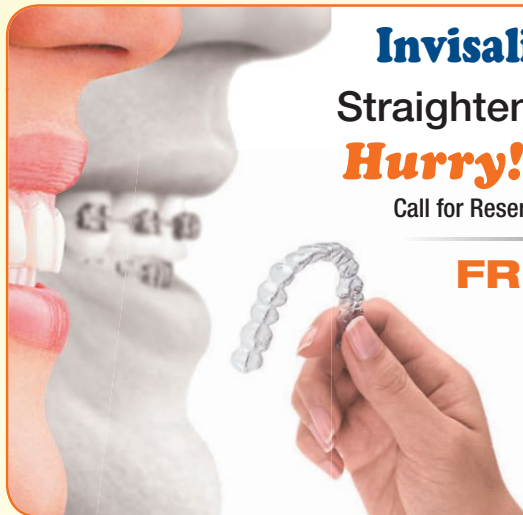
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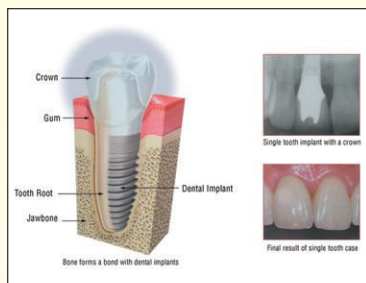
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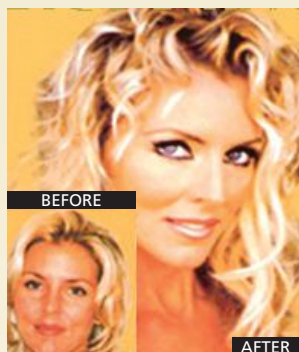


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on me. His heartbreak and mental disturbance were obvious, so I pitied him, but he'd given me a glimpse of how the most unexpected people could become fierce, angry, and vengeful.

I cleaned my apartment, showered, and retired to my bed.

* * *

"Screw those stupid Marines!" Tiger laughed. "They were so dumb."

I loved how she could let conflicts roll off her back — as if to say, "Damn the world!" — and continue having fun.

Tiger and I became good friends as the summer progressed. It began on a regular Thursday night. I didn't have to be at work until 1:00 the next day and felt like going out. Tiger must've been on the same page,

because she called and said, "Nobody wants to go out tonight, and I want to party." I was glad to satisfy her. We had a blast and agreed to become party buddies.

In my family, I was one of the oldest in my generation, and my younger brother and cousins looked up to me when I was a kid. When I did something dangerous, like climb a tall tree or jump off a ledge over a creek, they tried to mimic me, often getting hurt because of their miniature stature.

"You have to be on your best behavior when you're around children younger than you," my grandmother warned. "They look up to you. They want to be like you, so they'll copy whatever you do."

Tiger had the same

effect on me. I looked up to her. I wanted to be like her. Without realizing it, I began mimicking her. I dyed my hair, constantly experimenting with the color, the way she did. I started with professionally done bright-red streaks in my blond hair. When that faded, I dyed it such a bright red that it looked almost hot pink. I spent the next two years dying it every shade of red, brown, black, and blond.

Tiger was like a drug, hyping me up for nights out. We were getting high off the freedom of our early 20s. Together, we stormed P.B. in high heels, our tits to our necks, and with a determination to get crazy. She made me feel free. With her, I could be in drunken stupor while screaming obscenities

and grabbing the balls of any man I desired. Tiger was even more promiscuous than I was.

"How many men have you slept with?" I asked her one night.

We were sipping liquor out of the bottle while putting on the finishing touches of our makeup.

"Thirty-five," she said.

"Oh." I felt a bit inferior. "I'm only at 14, but you're two years older than me, so that makes sense."

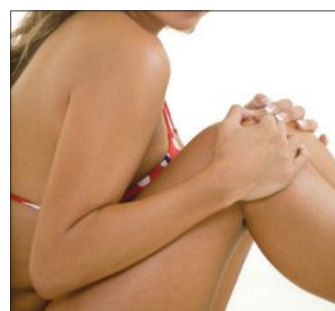
"I'm just a slut," she laughed.

I thought about how her numbers had piled up. It wasn't so much that she was more promiscuous than I was, but she was more desirable. I wanted to be like her, but even if I dyed my hair wild colors, jumped atop couch cushions, hid a hundred mini liquor bottles in my purse, and forced myself to be a ferocious, confident life of the party, I could not be as beautiful as Tiger. She had the sort of personality that only the thinnest, prettiest girls can get away with. She was a sexy firecracker. When I showed that kind of personality, I was white trash. I couldn't wear a black-lingerie/fishnet ensemble and be dubbed "hot." As it turned out, neither could I grip the balls of any man, assuming that he'd be turned on.

As much as I loved Tiger's company, it also haunted me. Watching her strut through clubs in her thigh-high leather boots or at summer festivals in her string bikini, I was reminded of my shortcomings. While she was the hot chick everyone gawked at, I was the semi-cute, second-string blonde

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the boys went for when they struck out with her. This had everything to do with my weight, an issue I'd struggled with since before puberty. Even though I'd lost a significant number of pounds over the years, I was not halfway done.

At the beginning of the summer, I began boxing, and despite my drinking habits, I worked out harder than ever before. After an intense two-hour workout, I'd shower and meet up with Tiger, only to find her in one of her bikinis, a burrito in one hand and a cocktail in the other.

"Damn, I wish I was as motivated as you. I need to get my ass in shape," she'd say as I stared at her firm, pierced belly.

Even more discouraging, I knew that when we emerged into the sunlight at P.B., men were staring and comparing.

The drunkest, most obnoxious boys reminded me of my insecurities.

"I want *her* not *you*," one spat out as I tried to talk to him after Tiger turned him down.

"I'm a trainer," another told me. "You're a pretty girl, but you need to work on this area here." He rubbed his lower belly.

"Screw those assholes!" Tiger said. "Enough about weight. Don't you dare be insecure."

Easy for her to say. In P.B., the hotter you are, the easier it is to not care.

I could work out every day but saw no hope in reaching Tiger's level. So I did what I'd been doing since my teens: I tried to fill my lack of confidence with male attention.

Tiger didn't care who judged her. She did whatever she wanted and screwed whoever she wanted. She was free and empowered. She motivated me to increase my number. Why the hell not? When would I get another chance in my life to walk into a club and shag whoever I pleased? I decided that this was exactly what I would do.

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Typhoon Saloon was a

casual bar by day and a dressed-down club by night. The front area had a peanut-shells-on-the-floor saloon look while the back tried to be more elegant, with strobe lights and stripper poles. Every time I walked into that place, I got into trouble.

The pattern began the night I met my Number 15.

I don't remember his name or what he looked like — I wanted to hook someone from that bar, and Number 15 just happened to be in the right place at the right time. That night, I was conducting an experiment.

How long will it take me to hook up with someone from here? I asked myself, already drunk from pre-gaming with Tiger. It took less than an hour.

Upon entering Typhoon Saloon, Tiger and I slurped down the doubles we ordered, then headed to the club area. The club had several levels, all circular areas of people grinding against each other with hip-hop music blaring. We veered to our left and climbed stairs that led to the high-

est level with a minibar. We began dancing with some random guys, and there he was, Number 15.

We talked briefly. He was as drunk as I was. He was a Navy SEAL, young, tall, and thin, though I can't recall the details of his face. I suppose I released my slut signals strongly, because he was soon kissing my lips, ears, and neck. He backed me into the corner of the bar. Although we were among a mass of people, we were also in a private place. The club was loud, dark, and hectic. I looked at him with a smile and whispered something like "Do me here" into his ear. I don't know what I was wearing and I don't know how it happened — but I do know that penetration took place while we were right there on that dance floor. He also managed to wrap on a condom. After a couple of minutes, we decided to take it outside. I grabbed his hand, and we stumbled out of the club, walked a block, and into somebody's garage. He lay down on the cold cement floor. He looked as if he was about to pass

out but managed to keep his erection.

As I straddled him, something about the situation gave me the creeps. I imagined our roles switched. If I were the woman drunk and passed out on the garage floor and the man continued banging me, the situation would have been morally wrong. I thought about the virginity I had lost while unconscious and looked down at Number 15. Despite his supposed Navy SEAL profession, he appeared so weak and helpless, crippled by intoxication. I shrugged off the eerie feeling. He'd been willing enough to put his condom on. As I maneuvered myself on top of him, I watched him slip in and out of consciousness. I continued anyway.

Suddenly, my phone rang. It was Tiger. Still on top of Number 15, with his barely open eyes looking up at me, I answered.

"Where are you?" she asked. She sounded concerned.

"Hey, I'll be right there," I said. "I'll meet you outside of the bar."

"Maggie," Number

15 mumbled as I got off him. "Maggie, wait." He seemed paralyzed.

"I've gotta go," I responded. "Bye."

I left the garage, Number 15 still mumbling my name.

I should have helped the poor guy up or tried to get ahold of his friends. At first, I felt terrible, but I shrugged off the feeling as I skipped to meet Tiger. I even giggled.

This must be what it feels like to be a man, I thought.

I didn't realize it at the time, but I was angry with men and the way I needed them. It wasn't so much for sexual satisfaction because, in retrospect, most had given me very little of that. It was the way I used them to validate myself — to make me feel as if I had worth. I wouldn't learn this until many more encounters with men, who, despite our intimate relations, were strangers. I was a prisoner of that need, and because of it, I surrendered my self-control. I thought I was taking it back with Number 15, but I was wrong. ■

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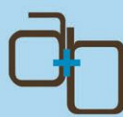
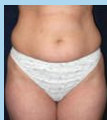
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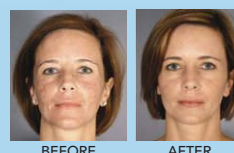
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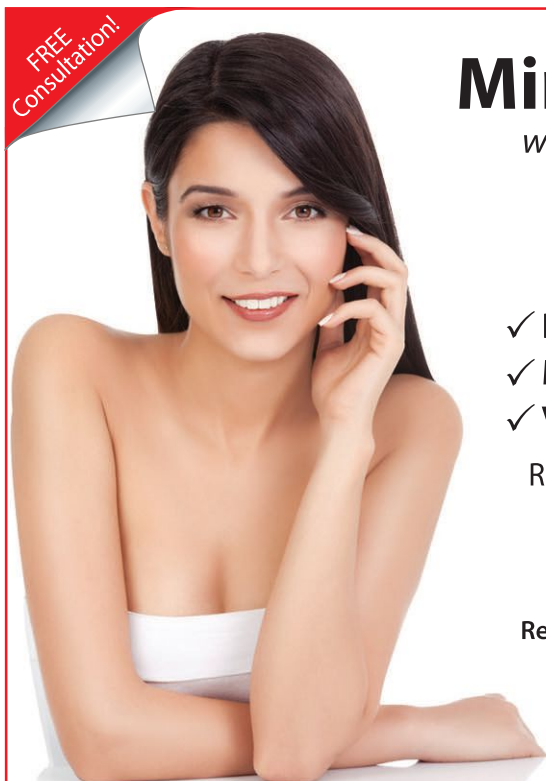
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Serving up noise

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Faulconer defended the idea to ease the regulations for restaurants to get permits to serve food on the sidewalk. The District 2 representative believes that the new policy would not make it any easier for bars to get the same permits, despite the fact that the bar was able to obtain a permit even without the help from Faulconer and Zapf.

“San Diegans love to dine outside, and the sidewalk café ordinance will let local restaurants apply for a permit without unnecessary bureaucratic steps. The proposal allows bona fide restaurants to request an over-the-counter sidewalk café permit. What remains unchanged is establishments such as bars and nightclubs, that wish to serve alcohol outdoors must still participate in the State Alcohol Beverage Control public review process. Also unchanged are noise regulations,” read the statement.

Councilmember Faulconer is supporting the proposal because it reduces red tape for small businesses without reducing valuable public participation or quality of life.

But noise isn't the only obstacle for restaurants and bars to obtain permits. Planning groups across San Diego admit that the current process is burden-

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some, but they believe the city shouldn't give too much leeway to local business owners.

“Opponents seem to be focused on whether the lack of railings would cause tables and patrons to spread over the sidewalk despite any clear path requirement,” writes Joe LaCava, chair of the Community Planning Committee. “Folks seem to agree that permitting and fees should be streamlined but code enforcement should be increased to ensure that users follow the rules.”

Add Allen and those around the 710 Beach Club to that list of opponents. “Approving and helping the 710 Beach Club is not in the best interest of the community,” he says. “Tell me, when do we get your help and support?” ■

(@DorianHargrove)

Under the radar

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Forgive, and forget the cash

La Jolla Democratic congressman **Scott Peters**, who beat the GOP's **Brian Bilbray** in a hard-fought race last year, spent plenty of his own cash in the process. With wealthy wife **Lynne Gorguze** on his side, Peters began making personal loans to his campaign early and often. And now, the congressional freshman has officially declared he won't be getting any of it back. “Personal loans

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were made by me, the Candidate, in the amount of \$1,350,000.00 on 9/04/12 and 9/14/12,” Peters recently reported to the Federal Election Commission. “On 12/31/2012, a total amount of \$1,250,000.00 was forgiven by me, the Candidate, and converted to contributions to my committee.” In addition, “Personal loans were made by me, the Candidate, in the amount of \$1,250,000 on May 3, 2012, May 10, 2012, & May 16, 2012. On 6/30/2012 a total amount of \$1,000,000 was forgiven by me, the Candidate, and converted to contributions to my committee.”

— Matt Potter
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from councilman **David Alvarez** calling on Congress to act on the issue.

Neither hotel management nor labor groups backing the strike have announced any change in the employment situation for the nine.

Dave Rice, April 10

Beware of Caymans

SeaWorld is going public — don't bite

Mission Bay — SeaWorld Entertainment, including San Diego's facility and Chula Vista's Soak City water park, intends to go

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public this week at between \$24 and \$27 a share (likely \$25.50). In my judgment, this one shines and stinks like a rotten mackerel in the moonlight.

Dan Freed of *TheStreet.com* used a similar analogy when he wrote about the preliminary deal in late December: it “stinks like a rotting whale carcass.”

This is one of those deals in which a private equity organization, Blackstone Group, bought the company from Anheuser-Busch in 2009, then loaded it up with debt to pay off the acquirer. In December, Blackstone had already jacked up SeaWorld’s debt load to the tune of \$610 million to pay itself two dividends, points out Freed.

At \$25.50, the net proceeds should be \$231.3 million, says the initial public offering prospectus. Nary a penny goes to the company. The money goes to pay off debt.

Here is a key line from the prospectus: Blackstone and co-investors purchased 100 percent of SeaWorld in 2009 “through SW Cayman LP, SW Cayman ALP, SW Cayman BLP, SW Cayman CLP, SW Delaware DLP, SW Cayman ELP, SW Cayman FLP, SW Cayman Co-Invest LP, SW Cayman (GS) LP, and SW Cayman (GS) LP.”

“So, who owns SeaWorld and all its confusing chain of subsidiaries?” asks Freed. “Lots of shell companies, most of which have the word Cayman in the title.” (The Caymans are reputedly great for snorkeling, so maybe SeaWorld is expanding its ocean mandate.)

Don Bauder, April 11

Costly coast

We still pay fat percentage of income for home ownership *San Diego* — Because of the startlingly low interest rates (3 to 4 percent mortgages), Americans are devoting a lower percentage of their monthly income to servicing their mortgages than they were in the pre-bubble

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years, according to information released by *Zillow.com* this morning (April 10). Nationally, families spent 12.6 percent of their income on their mortgage in the fourth quarter of last year, versus 19.9 percent in the pre-bubble years of 1985–1999.

But in coastal California metro areas, homeowners are still shelling out fat portions of their income to service their mortgages. San Diegans, for example, were paying 25 percent of income in last year’s fourth quarter to pay for their mortgages. Sure, that was down from 31.3 percent in the 1985–1999 years, but that’s small consolation. In the fourth quarter, residents of San Jose were shoveling out 29.5 percent of income to take care of their mortgages. In San Francisco it was 28.8 percent and Los Angeles 29 percent. Those were the three highest percentages among the major 30 metro areas.

Residents of Dallas, Atlanta, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus (Ohio) were all paying less than 10 percent of income to service mortgages in last year’s fourth quarter.

Don Bauder, April 10

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Not far behind was San Diego’s California Western School of Law, with average indebtedness of \$167,867

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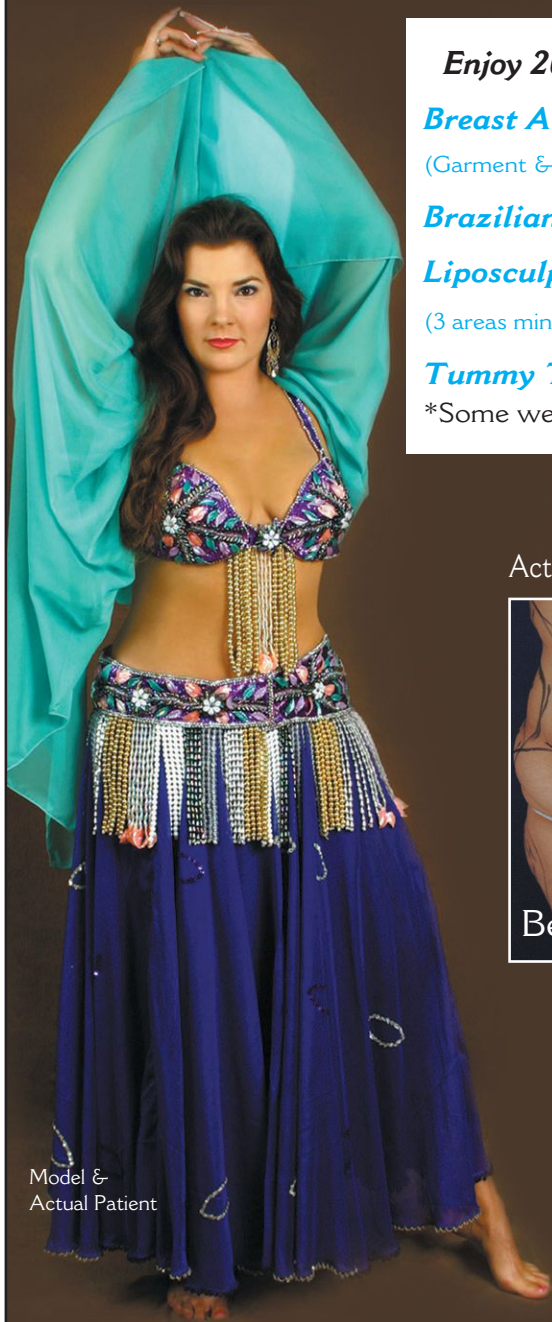
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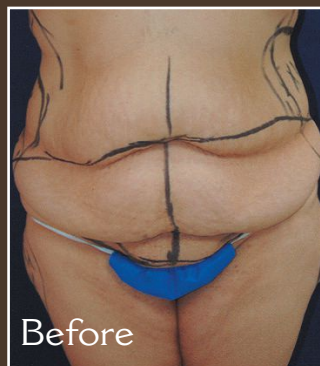
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and 89 percent of grads laden with debt.

In March, the *American Bar Association Journal* reported that around half of all law-school grads had the kind of permanent, full-time legal jobs that people go to law school to get, according to *Business Insider*.

Don Bauder, April 9

Downtown lipstick?

Arts & entertainment district would draw in cash and "invigorate the area"

Downtown — Brighter lights, same city. That may be the case if the city decides to move forward with turning a 65-block portion of downtown into a new arts-and-entertainment district.

On August 1, 2012, representatives from Finwater Advisors, a Denver-based firm that specializes in such districts, pitched the establishment of an arts-and-entertainment zone to members of the Land Use and Housing Committee. The district would stretch north/south from Ash Street to Broadway and east/west from Ninth Avenue to First. An array of brightly colored off-premise LED signs that feature art installations as well as a ton of commercial advertising would be scattered throughout the district's boundaries. The goal would be to bring some extra revenue into the city's coffers.

Just last week, eight months after the pitch and after months of lobbying efforts by lobbyists extraordinaire Hecht, Solberg, Robinson, and Bagley, the city attorney has weighed in on the proposal.

In the memo, deputy city attorney Carrie Gleeson addressed concerns over the size of the area. Gleeson wrote that the district's proposed boundaries could pose a threat to the character of the community, to traffic, and the look of downtown. Gleeson also suggested

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the city examine potential legal issues that may arise if the district is created — including the determination of the correct ratio of artwork to advertising and how and where the revenue from that advertising could be reinvested back into the district.

And while the memo listed an array of issues, not many answers were provided. In the end, the city attorney's office suggests that the city start a pilot program in order to determine the issues that may come with the formation of a downtown entertainment district.

Dorian Hargrove, April 10

Coming soon: \$350M casino?

Gambling-entertainment-plex in the works

East County — Jamul Indian Village, which has six acres of trust land, plans to build a Hollywood-branded \$360 million casino 20 miles east of San Diego, off Route 94, along with Penn National Gaming of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.

According to the plans, there will be a three-story gambling-and-entertainment facility of 200,000 square feet. The casino hopes to have 1700 slot machines and 50 live table games, including poker. The tribe plans multiple restaurants, bars, and lounges and 1000 parking spaces.

Penn operates 29 gambling and racing facilities in 18 states and Canada.

Don Bauder, April 8

House party hold-up

Group of five arrested after robberies at gunpoint

San Marcos — A group of five men between the ages of 18 and 22 were arrested early Saturday morning on multiple charges of armed robbery after they robbed several victims at gunpoint outside a house party on the 500 block of Honeyglen Drive in San Marcos.

Sam Niu, Gregg Leauanae, Johnnie Edwards, Judd

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Liulamaga, and Mautofu Maiava were found in a vehicle matching the description of the suspects from the party about six miles away on the 900 block of Postal Way in Vista.

Property from the robberies, as well as the gun used in the crimes, was found in the suspects' car. A curbside lineup resulted in all of the suspects being positively identified by their victims.

Dave Rice, April 8

Money for spy drones

Grant to fund naval base's urban surveillance drone Point Loma — The robotic birds aren't flying over Point Loma just yet, but according to a document posted online by Muckrock, a Boston-based public-records request service, the U.S. Office of Naval Research here is overseeing at least one experimental drone-research program at the University of Arizona



This unmanned aerial vehicle is meant "to perform Tracking and Shepherding tasks" from Naval Base Point Loma.

in Tucson. The "Grant/Cooperative Agreement," dated April 27, 2012, describes the program's scope of work as "DDDAMS-based Urban Surveillance and Crowd Control via UAVs and UGVs."

The project's administrative office is listed as the Office of Naval Research San Diego, located at Naval Base Point Loma.

The principal investigator on the \$621,640 project, the record says, is Dr. Young-Jun Son, a professor and Da Vinci fellow in the systems and industrial engineering department at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

According to a posting on the website of Virginia's George Mason University near Washington, D.C., which is collaborating with

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Arizona investigators, one aim of their research is to "create an autonomous unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to perform Tracking and Shepherding tasks."

"Shepherding is the problem in which one or more shepherd robots attempt to guide a flock to a goal. The problem is difficult because it is highly under-actuated, dynamic, and requires coordination of movement among the team of shepherds."

A paper describing the research is set to appear in the Proceedings of the 2013 International Conference on Computational Science.

Matt Potter, April 8

L.A. child rapist spotted?

Possible sighting of Tobias Summers in Zona Norte Tijuana — The Associated Press reported, in the early hours of Sunday, April 7, that authorities are still looking for an alleged Los Angeles child rapist in Tijuana. Tobias Dustin Summers, the 30-year-old suspect, was possibly sighted in the Zona Norte area of the city.

According to the AP release, Tijuana police received a call that Summers was seen in what the AP referred to as the "red light district." An authority, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there is strong evidence that Summers is in Tijuana.

Another suspect, 29-year-old Daniel Martinez, has already been apprehended in connection with the crime that occurred on March 27.

According to authorities, two men are believed to have kidnapped a ten-year-old girl from a residence in northwest Los Angeles. The victim was reported to have been raped repeatedly for a 12-hour period by Summers and then dropped off near a hospital.

K. Mennem, April 7

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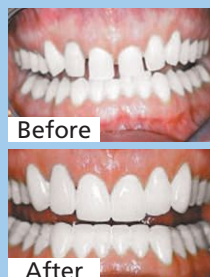


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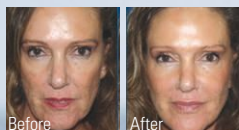
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at SDSU comes to immediate terms with the bleeding erosion of their ongoing acts, the promise of accessibility and quality education will be lost. The following must be the immediate focus and not continued administrative empire building.

— Address the dramatic hikes in cost to students and obstacles to university access. 83% increase in tuition is outrages.

— Inadequate attention to educational quality and outcomes. On average, only 52% of first-time, full-time freshman graduate from SDSU within six years. Only 17% graduate within four years. Of those that do graduate, many are graduating with vast gaps in their skills and knowledge. Less than 11% are able to obtain employment in careers even close to their area of studies. In 2012, less than 15% of graduates were able to obtain above minimum wage employment, many struggling to repay massive student loans.

— SDSU administration has repeatedly refused to use nationally normed and validated assessments to determine whether undergraduates are getting the education they need, for the job market of today — and whether the public is making a good investment.

— SDSU continues to project millions in future building projects, remaining wedded to a nineteenth-century bricks and mortar mentality, while the world is going global through creative use of technology.

— Annual debt service payments at SDSU for infrastructure projects have more than doubled over the past ten years, growing on average 9% per year.

— Dozens of programs have low enrollments, yet are rarely consolidated or closed; meanwhile new and expensive programs are regularly added.

— Executive salaries have grown and have outpaced the current professional stan-

dards in the community in the midst of a serious, ongoing economic and budget challenging environment. The teacher to student ratios continue to be manipulated, while the growth of administrative positions has nearly increased by 40% in the last five years.

If SDSU is serious about its commitment to students, the community, and meeting both the future employment needs of graduates while meeting the needs of industry, it must return back to its core mission.

— Focus on education which trains, provides tools and generates skills which keep up with the needs of industry, technology and commerce.

— Administrative and professor salaries should be based on “pay for performance”. How many students enrolled, graduated and were ultimately able to obtain meaningful employment in their area of studies and expertise?

— Implement zero-based budgeting at SDSU. Every program at the university should have to demonstrate the necessity for its continued existence before being adopted in the annual university budget. It is time to establish zero based budgeting which requires the annual budget to be developed from ground zero, rather than simply constructed from the previous year's spending. For too long, SDSU's budget levels have been decided by building on existing budgets, allowing campus bureaucra-

cies to grow without scrutiny. Under zero based budgeting, every department and program would be required to justify each proposed expenditure and rank them in order of priority and demonstrate how it will result in graduating students with competency and current job skills resulting in relevant employment opportunities.

Joe Diaz
La Jolla

A Burger's a Burger

I'm calling regarding Brandon Hernandez's article, “Taking salt & pepper off The Counter” (March 21, Feast!).

I understand what he's saying. Everything seems to be gourmet these days, and everything seems to be called “cuisine” at so many restaurants that don't even know what gourmet or cuisine means, in my opinion. They just know that it means “better.”

The problem is that those words don't have any meaning legally. Just like organic did not have any meaning until it was codified and Congress said organic means such and such.

There's no such category for natural. Anybody can call anything “natural” and it doesn't necessarily mean anything. And anybody can say gourmet. These gourmet burger joints are all serving the same burger. They just have a nicer, more upscale interior than say, McDonald's.

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and easily apply it to my own life.”

As she dove into her phone to retrieve the traits of Virgos and Leos so that she could prove she was a Virgo and not a Leo, David said to her, with an impish grin, “You're demonstrating very Leo behavior.” After that, David attributed everything she

said to her inherent Leanness with phrases such as, “That's such a Leo thing to say.”

By the end of dinner, David and I had declared a tie: both teams had entertained us equally, and I, with my newfound knowledge of mermaid anatomy and the latest advancements in astrology, felt more prepared than ever for the next episode of *Jeopardy*. ■ (@barbarellaf)

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 18

TOWER AFTER HOURS: ITALY

Celebrate the romance and enchantment of Italy with food, drink, music, and dance. Traditional fare provided by local restaurants — plus wines! Cost includes entrance to the museum, food tastings, beverages, and entertainment. \$12–\$25.

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

WHERE: San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-239-2001; museumofman.org/italy2013

Friday | 19

CHARLIE MURPHY

Charlie Murphy's rapid evolution from *Chappelle's Show* cast member to top-billed international comedian, playing to sold-out audiences around the globe, has been remarkable. He has spent the past eight years performing his critically acclaimed stand-up show and solidifying his position in Hollywood as an acting, writing, and producing talent. \$29.

WHEN: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-795-3858; americancomedyco.com



Saturday | 20

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WHEN: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fisherman's Landing, 2838 Garrison Street, Point Loma. Sportfishing.org

Monday | 22

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Sweet Dreams follows a group of Rwandan women as they emerge from the devastation of genocide to create Rwanda's first and only women's



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24: MIKEY'S MAGNETIC MASH-UP

Tuesday | 23

AFGHAN COOKING CLASS

Participants will learn how to make a flavorful Afghan stew with chicken, tomatoes, and potatoes, plus a spicy cilantro chutney and an Afghan salad. Please RSVP. \$30–\$35.

WHEN: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0831; ljcommunitycenter.org

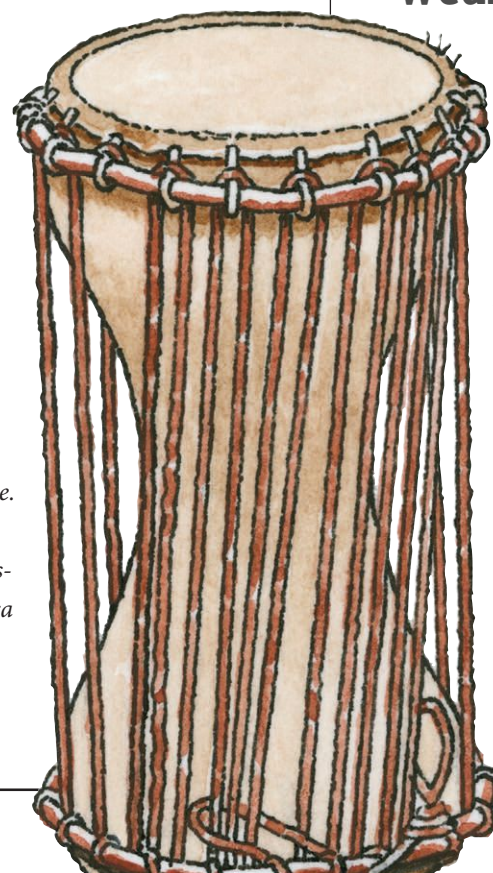
drumming troupe, open to women from both sides of the genocidal conflict. Part of a two-film international documentary film series to benefit the International Rescue Committee in San Diego. \$10–\$15.

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Wednesday | 24

MIKEY'S MAGNETIC MASH-UP

Experiment with kinetic drawings like artist Mikey Eastman. Discover what happens when you mash up chalk and combine colorful dust with magnetic drawing tools.

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

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

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Oregon's Multnomah Falls

By Lisa Bruhn

About an hour's drive outside of Portland, in the early-morning sunrise, I had the pleasure of experiencing some of Northern Oregon's most beautiful sights.

When in Oregon, it's hard not to want to interact with nature, so I set off for the Cascade Mountains, home to the state's tallest year-round waterfall. At dusk, I found myself looking at moss-covered western red cedar trees, once used by the Indians for canoes and totem poles. The western red cedars are in abundance throughout the Cascades.

Not deterred by the "falling rocks" warning signs or the threat of rain, visitors come by car, bus, bike, and foot to take in the beauty of Multnomah Falls. Two and a half million visitors see this natural attraction each year.

Even on this rare clear day, I missed most of the crowds by arriving early. By the time I left, busloads of people were arriving.

An easy, flat, paved ½-mile trail puts you on top of the pedestrian bridge, an excellent vantage point for postcard-quality pictures. The bridge, constructed in 1915, is at the top of the lower falls. Here you're surrounded by flowing waters and green, majestic trees.

If you desire a closer view, hike another ¾ mile up the trail to the top of the falls. Lower Falls is 69 feet high and Upper Falls is 542 feet. The lodge at the

base of the falls dates back to 1925 and now houses an exhibit showcasing the history and geology of the area.

A half-mile before you reach the parking lot for Multnomah is Wahkeena Falls, an appetizer for what's to come. Just a five-minute walk gets you to a good view of these picturesque falls.

The Fetish Market in Lomé, Togo

By James Michael Dorsey

The fetish market in Togo, Africa, is a one-stop shopping paradise for witch doctors and medicine men — as well as a must-see for tourists.

This dusty lot in the center of town covers an entire city block: row after row of tables are piled high with animal parts from the tiniest door mouse to the largest



The author with a voodoo dancer from the Bwa tribe

cape buffalo, while vacant-eyed gorilla skulls and tails of oryx greet the visitor. This is supply central for African voodoo.

Voodoo is an established religion with an oral history that can be traced back 6000 years to Benin, where it is the

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Other Adventures



kweisjohn: Snake charmer in Marrakesh



fotofreak: Backyard resident — Whidbey Island, Washington



island602: Teeth-like rocks guard Isla De Hornos from the west

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Hiking length: Ruffin Rd. to Gramercy Dr. and a return is approximately 2.5 miles; a second hike from Shawn Ave. is also approximately 2.5 miles. **Difficulty:** Intermediate; up to 1000 feet elevation change. Trekking poles plus ankle supported hiking boots are recommended for walking in a streambed lined with cobbles. Steep steps in places.



The Ruffin Road trailhead begins with a native plant garden in which the plants are named on colorfully painted rocks.

Ruffin Canyon is a pleasant surprise that is located only 8 miles from downtown San Diego. There are trailheads to the north

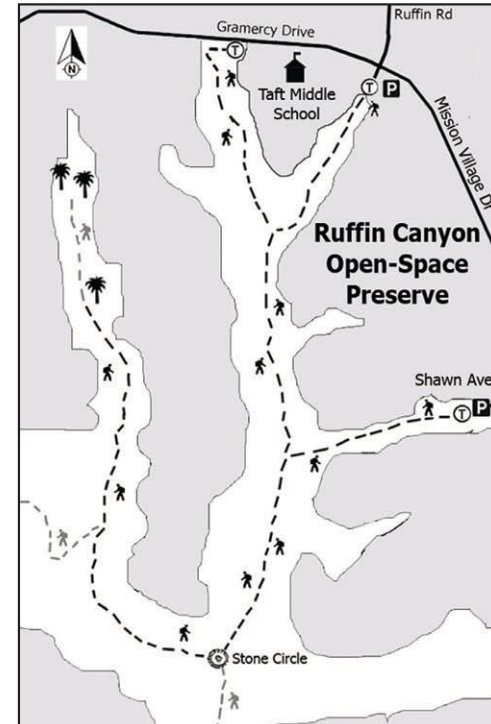
or right of the end of Ruffin Road just south of Gramercy Drive plus at the end of Shawn Avenue to the west just past Mission Village

Road. There is also an entry on Gramercy south of the bus stop near Pasternack Place.

The Ruffin Road trailhead starts

with a native-plant garden with plants named on colorfully painted rocks. The trail then continues along the canyon before dropping down to the bottom via some steps, then continues until there is a fork where the north direction terminates at Gramercy Drive and then backtracks heading south toward Friars Road. Some discovery is needed at the end of the dirt trail to find the streambed to continue south. Depending on the amount of rain, the water can be easily missed in this seasonal stream. Walk on the cobbles with care to pick the stable ones!

Pass the Shawn Avenue side canyon until the double rock concentric circles. Then either return or veer north, continuing on the cobbles toward the west side of the canyon where a dirt road is located further down. Follow the road until it ends, then again follow the streambed. Look back at the entry to the road and up at the canyon rim for landmarks for the return. Veer toward the east side of the canyon to a group of palms where it looks to be the end



of the "easily" followed cobbles. Check landmarks to return to the concentric circles and turn north to where the hike started.

The Shawn Avenue trailhead starts to the north side of the canyon and follows a wide section past a group of cattails before merging to the main section of Ruffin Canyon. Evergreen plants

include lemonade berry, laurel sumac, toyon, and palms. Seasonal blooms include purple nightshade, wild cucumber, fuchsia-flowering gooseberry, agave, virgin's bower, and black sage.

The seasonal tributary of the San Diego River road and trails can be a challenge to follow. It is highly recommended to continue looking at your back trail and rim for landmarks for the return to the starting point. Use trekking poles to stabilize on the round cobbles for an enjoyable walk.

An activity schedule that includes restoration dates with the Friends of Ruffin Canyon is found at: <http://www.serramesa.org/friends-of-ruffin-canyon/>

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Art-on-the-Green Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League (COAL) Gallery member artists display their artwork every weekend (good weather permitting) on the resort’s lawn. 760-434-8497. Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, April 28, **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

ArtStop: Temple, Palace, Mosque Daniela Kelly discusses *Temple, Palace, Mosque* during this 15-minute, staff-led tour of one to three works on view. Thursday, April 18, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Drop-In Day: Exploring Form 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, April 21, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Grand Sculpture Show Four new large-scale sculptures will be unveiled, and guests can mingle with artists, collectors, and patrons over appetizers and wine. Hosted by San Diego Sculptors Guild. Saturday, April 20, 5am; **free**. Art Studios @ Spanish Village, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Hidden Treasures of Japanese Art from the Larry Ellison Collection Laura W. Allen discusses Japanese art on view at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. Thursday, April 18, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Pine Needle Basketry Demonstration Artist Lynn Ely demonstrates how to weave a pine needle basket. 760-434-8497. Friday, April 19, 11am; **free**. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League’s COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

Pompidou Workshop: Journey through the City Visitors of all ages can invent their own city and explore an imaginary urban environment with others during this guided workshop. Working with

more than 1,000 pieces of materials in the space, visitors will be able to manipulate and transform their visionary models of urban landscapes. Saturday, April 20, 1pm and 3:30pm; Sunday, April 21, 3:30pm; **free**. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Mystery 1920s Novelist Dressed in the 1920s flapper style, author E.K. Prescott, Ph.D. provides an entertaining, interactive presentation addressing the 1920s history, characters, themes, and unique facts in her first novel *The Ivy League Chronicles: 9 Squares*. A Q&A follows the presentation. In addition, a psychic will attend and provide a five-minute reading for anyone who purchases a signed book copy. Friday, April 19, 3pm; **free**. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Encinitas, 1040 North El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

We Are Not Robots: Reconnecting with Our Humanity The museum partners with Write Out Loud to present Richard Louv, an award-winning journalist and author of *The Nature Principle* and “Last Child in the Woods.” Louv begins with the controversial themes in Ray Bradbury’s novel *Fahrenheit 451* and offers a vision of the future in which our lives are as immersed in nature as they are in technology. Books will

be for sale during the event, and a book signing will follow. Saturday, April 20, 6pm; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Comedy/Creativity Workout Lively interactive exercises from the world of improvisation get everyone mixing, mingling, and laughing together. Instructor: Jacquie Lowell. 858-581-0050. Thursday, April 18, 7pm; \$20. 18 and up. LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

Composting Workshop Instruction and demonstration in the building and maintenance of a backyard compost pile and worm bin. Workshop will be canceled in the event of rain. Saturday, April 20, 8:30am; **free**. Escondido Community Garden, Centre City Parkway at Decatur Way. (ESCONDIDO)

Introduction to Watercolor Painting Learn the fundamentals and techniques of watercolor painting and the basics of color theory. Participants will be guided through a variety of exercises with demonstrations, exploring wet-on-wet, dry brush, drop-in, and softened edges. Materials list provided upon registration. Instructor Patricia Hyman. 619-223-0058. Sunday, April 21, 10am; \$68-\$78. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Italian for Travelers Participants will learn to ask basic questions, decipher a menu, and find their way around. They will also learn

what to expect while touring Italy, and how to avoid many common tourist pitfalls. Instruction in English. Saturdays, 8:30am; through Saturday, June 1, \$173-\$192. Italian Community Center, 1669 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Voiding Exempt Classifications? In this roundtable, participants will discuss the top ways in which employers both knowingly and unknowingly jeopardize their employees nonexempt status. Discussion will also address liability as well as potential remedies. Friday, April 19, 11:30am; \$35-\$45. San Diego Employers Association, 4180 Ruffin Road #295. (SERRA MESA)

Water Harvesting Bike Tour The San Diego Sustainable Living Institute hosts an informative foray around South Park to meet with homeowners who have installed rainwater harvesting or greywater systems in their homes. During this easy paced bike tour, participants will see both professionally installed and do-it-yourself applications and have the opportunity to meet with people working to create a water abundant “blue” future. The bike tour will culminate in a hands-on laundry-to-landscape greywater workshop. Saturday, April 20, 9:30am; **free**-\$5. Olive Branch Green Building Supply, 3030 North Park Way. (NORTH PARK)

COMEDY

Charlie Murphy Charlie Murphy’s rapid evolution from *Chappelle’s Show* cast member to top-billed international comedian, playing to sold-out audiences around the globe, has been remark-

able. He has spent the past 8 years performing his critically acclaimed stand-up show and solidifying his position in Hollywood as a true acting, writing and producing talent, in his own right. Friday, April 19, 7:30pm; Saturday, April 20, 7:30pm; Sunday, April 21, 7:30pm; American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Comedy and Caring The National Comedy Theatre, an improvisational comedy group, presents their fast-paced interactive show as part of Assistance League Rancho San Dieguito’s spring fundraiser. Event also includes lunch in the ballroom, a silent auction, and opportunity baskets. Jodi Kodesh, of NBC 7, emcees. Proceeds will be used to support programs assisting victims of violence and poverty in local communities. Saturday, April 20, 10am; \$90-\$150. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

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

DANCE

BBW Club Catalina at Riley’s Where San Diego’s Thick and Curvy Women Party. BBW’s, BHM’s and their Admirers playing Hip Hop, Old School, ‘80s, and Reggae. Upcoming Events: April 18-Booty Shaking Contest

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official religion today. An estimated 60 percent of people living throughout West Africa practice voodoo. Voodoo is based on ceremony, ritual, and, unfortunately, animal sacrifice, which has claimed much of the wildlife in West Africa. This is a hard fact for Westerners to accept.

But an open mind is necessary to understand the differences that separate our societies. While we in the West are overwhelmingly animal lovers, Africans have lived side-by-side with wild predators for thousands of years and long ago accepted their sacrifice as a logical means of supporting their own way of life. This grew out of ancient animism, in which powerful deities such as the sun, moon, and stars had to be appeased so as not to inflict their wrath on the people — and taking the life of an animal was the way to do it. As a result, West Africa has become something of an animal-free zone.

Inside a hot shed, I was introduced to powders and elixirs provided by Calixte, a local *griot* who likes to set off small touches of gunpowder for visual effect and delights in the surprised look on tourists’ faces when they read his business card that states he is a practitioner of the occult sciences and a member of the academy of African voodoo. According to Calixte, voodoo is a misunderstood force for good, and without it the world would be overrun by evil beings.

While some of the medicine men put on shows of supposed rituals and casting spells for tourists’ money, they are all the real thing and ready to open their world to anyone with a genuine interest.

To a visitor it is an almost incomprehensible world, but what seems unthinkable to one person is a way of life to another. And isn’t the main purpose of travel to learn about these differences that separate us — and to learn from them?

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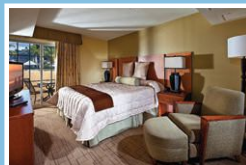
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LOCAL EVENTS

and Masquerade Party. April 19-20 San Diego BBW Bash and Vendor Show will be held at Crowne Plaza, 2270 Hotel Circle North. Contact Kathy at 760-705-5327, catalina19671967@yahoo.com, www.bbwcclubcatalina.com. Riley's Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Argentine Tango with Colette The ultimate social dance! First Class Free to any new student this Monday, April 22, or Wednesday, April 24, at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter!). We start with the proper position, walking, footwork technique and exercises and proceed to the first patterns to be danced as a couple. You may bring a partner or come alone. All levels welcome at Dance Place San Diego. Visit www.tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxton Road, Studio 106 (POINT LOMA)

"Juncal Street" Flamenco DanzArts hosts "Juncal St.," a show featuring Fanny Ara and Manuel Gutierrez, who bring their own contemporary take on the flamenco art form in collaboration with flamenco guitarist Jason McGuire, "El Rubio." Saturday, April 20, 7pm; \$25-\$50. C-3 Performing Arts Center, 4579 Mission Gorge Place. (GRANTVILLE)

Argentine Tango An evening of Argentine tango hosted by instructor/DJ JoTan. Lesson 9-9:30; dance to follow. Thursdays, 9pm; through Thursday, December 19, \$10-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas BL, Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Woman In The Mirror: A Dancer's Journey Michael Jack-

son impersonator Devra Gregory's 90-minute one-woman show includes segments devoted to ballet, burlesque, exotic dancing, and to Michael Jackson, taking the audience on "an emotional, comedic and touching journey into her life as a performing artist," according to the show promos. Included are dance excerpts of the many styles she experienced in life, while sharing her personal story, weaving the threads of Gregory's spiritual quests as she finds empowerment as a woman who today endeavors to embody a male icon of entertainment. Friday, April 19, 7:30pm; White Box Space, 2590 Truxton Rd., Studio 205. (LIBERTY STATION)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Fracking California A discussion of how hydraulic fracturing (fracking) could affect the availability, cost, and cleanliness of our water, and the impact of extracting shale oil on climate change. Speakers include Rose Braz of the Center for Biological Diversity, Shannon Briggs of the Global Exchange, Ben Price and Doug Shields (Gasland) of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, Todd Cardiff, Esq., and Kathleen Hedberg of the Helix Water Board. Saturday, April 20, 5pm; **free**. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

FILM

Granito: How to Nail a Dictator Film screening and a special lecture with forensic anthropologist Dr. Fredy Peccerelli. A Guatemalan court charged former dictator Efraín Ríos Montt with genocide

Rhyme & Verse

Love rode 1500 miles on a grey
A poem by Judy Grahn

Love rode 1500 miles on a grey
hound bus & climbed in my window
one night to surprise
both of us.
the pleasure of that sleepy
shock has lasted a decade
now or more because she is
always still doing it and I am
always still pleased. I do indeed like
aggressive women
who come half a continent
just for me; I am not saying that patience
is virtuous, Love
like anybody else, comes to those who
wait actively
& leave their windows open.



Judy Grahn is a well-known feminist poet and cultural theorist. Her accessible, short poems are collected in *love belongs to those who do the feeling*, from Red Hen Press in Los Angeles. The book won a Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Poetry in 2008. Judy Grahn's memoir, *A Simple Revolution*, was published by Aunt Lute Press. Grahn co-directs the Women's Spirituality master's program at Sofia University in Palo Alto. She currently serves as associate core faculty for the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, California, in their Women's Spirituality master's program. The poem is reprinted by permission.

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for his brutal war against the country's Mayan people in the 1980s. The documentary tells the story of how a film, aiding a new generation of human rights activists, became a granito — a tiny grain of sand — that helped tip the scales of justice. Film at 2:00pm, lecture at 5:00pm 619-594-1103. Thursday, April 18, 2pm; **free**. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

FOOD & DRINK

Tusk & Grain Beer for Breakfast A new San Diego brewery joins us for Beer For Breakfast! What a great opportunity to try some great new brews! Featuring: Loutish Madras IPA, East Kent Bitter ESB, Black Hatchet Milk Stout on tap; and ESB from the cask. \$6 Keeper pint with \$4 refills. Food Special: Braised wild boar shoulder with tusk & grain black hatchet milk stout reduction on grilled polenta cakes and a poached egg. Saturday, April 20, 10am; Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Solare Cooking Class: Pasta! Learn all about pasta at Solare! A true Italian tradition. Solare's pasta is made fresh every day — in our kitchen. We use the finest (and simplest) ingredients: imported flour from Italy, local organic eggs, filtered water, and sea salt from Trapani. Chef Accursio will teach you all the right techniques to enable you to make the bet pasta fresca and perfect ravioli. This is a "hands-on" pasta making class where you will learn the classic dough techniques and so much more! Cost: \$60/person. Solare Ristorante Lounge, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Festival of Beers San Diego Music Foundation hosts event with over 100 different beers from 50 breweries. Unlimited tasters all day, live music from the Palace Ballroom and others, and official souvenir tasting cups for all ticket buyers. 619-381-8789. Saturday, April 20, 2pm; \$35-\$45. 21 and up. Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

A Taste of Hillcrest Over 40 restaurants provide savory samples. From cafés and bistros to Five-Star

dining, this self-guided culinary adventure introduces flavorful bites from fresh seafood and sushi, pastas, all-American favorites, Thai, and Asian delights. Participants will also sample desserts, specialty coffees, and other drinks. 619.233.5008. Saturday, April 20, 12pm; \$30-\$35. (HILLCREST)

Brew'N Que III: The 4-20 Smokeout Featuring Latitude 33 Brewing Company \$3.50 drafts and San Diego BBQ! BBQ goes all day, starting at noon "til we run out!" Saturday, April 20, 12pm; South Park Abbey, 1946 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Namaste at NCM An evening of yoga with Sabrina Garland of Garland Yoga. Yoga practice on the museum's main floor will be followed by a reception featuring wine, sushi, and dessert. All proceeds will go toward providing museum camp scholarships to underserved children in San Diego. Friday, April 19, 5:30pm; \$40-\$45. 21 and up. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Oysterfest in April The old saying goes that oysters are only sup-

posed to be eaten in months containing the letter "R," partly because they are much more prone to spoil during the summer months. Alas, we are in luck because Blue Point has chosen the month of April (which has an "R," so we're safe!), to hold their Oysterfest. The award winning culinary team will feature a number of takes on oysters such as Rockefeller with spinach, parmesan anise and cream, and chowder with bacon, mirepoix, cream and fresh herbs and more. To quench your thirst after the slurp, Blue Point has selected five of the world's finest bubbly champagnes to complement each oyster offering. Sundays, 5pm; through Tuesday, April 30, Blue Point, 565 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Silent Auction Fundraiser Highland Ranch Educational Foundation hosts a Kentucky Derby-themed extravaganza featuring dinner, live music, dancing, and auction. Items available for auction include Disneyland tickets, designer jewelry, a European cottage stay, summer camps, hotel packages, and more. The money raised at the event will go towards purchasing iPads for the school. Contact: Sally Foster-Mortensen, sally@highlandrancheducational-foundation.org or 858-333-2368. Friday, April 19, 6:30pm; \$40-\$45. 21 and up. Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club, 14050 Carmel Ridge Road. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Tower After Hours: Italy Celebrate the romance and enchantment of Italy with food, drink, dance, music, and more. Enjoy traditional fare provided by local restaurants, and delight in a glass of wine. Cost includes entrance to the museum, food tastings, beverages, and entertainment. Thursday, April 18, 6pm; \$12-\$25. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Wine and Chocolate (and Craft Beer) DLH Foundation's sixth annual fundraising event also features an auction. Sunday, April 21, 3pm; \$50-\$60. 21 and up. Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club, 14050 Carmel Ridge Road. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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Wine and Dine Masquerade A night of intrigue where participants can indulge and savor bold wines, specially crafted beers, fine spirits, and samples of local restaurants. All proceeds benefit ElderHelp's mission of keeping San Diego seniors living independently in their own homes. Saturday, April 20, 7pm; \$99. 21 and up. Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

5K Step by Step Walk/Run The Fighting Parkinson's dog-friendly walk/run in honor of those affected by Parkinson's. Saturday, April 20, 7am; NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

13: The Musical When Even Goldman's parents get divorced, he's forced to move from New York to a small town in Indiana. Featuring a cast of over 40 kids. 760-724-2110. Friday, April 19, 7:30pm; Saturday, April 20, 7:30pm; Sunday, April 21, 7:30pm; \$12-\$16. Avo Playhouse, 303 Main Street. (VISTA)

Family Science Saturdays Families explore the properties of packing peanuts and other materials. Discover novel ways of using ordinary materials to create extraordinary objects. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, April 27, free-\$11. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Storytelling Professional storyteller Harlynne Geisler will share lively tales inspired by Bartolome E. Murillo's painting, Christ on the Cross. Saturday, April 20, 11am; 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Kinder Konzert with the San Diego Symphony Kinder Konzert is a musically inspired educational presentation specially designed for young children, featuring musicians from the San Diego Symphony and conductor Ken-David Masur. Children will meet the string family and learn basic music concepts like melody, rhythm, and harmony. This 45-minute concert, free and open to the public, is most appropriate for children in pre-school through second grade. Thursday, April 18, 10am; free. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Public Nierman Challenger Voyage to Mars Voyage to Mars in the year 2076 to replace a crew working at Chryse Station — a permanent research base on the Martian surface. In addition to continuing research of the planet, students calculate trajectories for entering and exiting Martian orbit, launch two probes to the Martian moons of Phobos and Deimos, and view video images of some of the more famous geographic features of Mars. And more. Designed for grades 5 and up. Pre-registration required. 619-238-1233 x806. Saturday, April 20, 12pm; \$15-\$20.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Six-Legged Sundays Dr. Entomology's *Palace of Exotic Wonders* exhibition includes special Sunday family-friendly activities and scientific investigation into the insect kingdom. Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, June 2, San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Updates on Cloud Genealogy: The Future is Already Here" The Computer Genealogy Society presents a lecture by Gary Hoffman. Bring a netbook or tablet. Meeting begins with user groups for Roots Magic and Ancestry.com. Saturday, April 20, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)



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Born: San Diego

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Ordained: October 2012

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

Pastor Christine Higuera-Street: Jesus loves you. That's the biggest gift we've received in this life, and people don't hear enough that they are loved — and loved unconditionally,

without any strings attached. They didn't have to do anything — it's just a genuine love.

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

PH: One of my main concerns is that people could have grown up in the church and don't understand the church's mission — what we're really called to do, which is be outside the church and living gospel lives. Church isn't something you go to and do on a Sunday morning. With some of the small groups and other people we have on council, we see the church as missionary — we're supposed to go outside and

serve our neighbor. We come to church on Sundays to be refreshed and renewed so we can continue to do the work God has called us to do outside.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PH: The church was established over 60 years ago and named after the [San Diego State University] area. Sixty years ago, San Diego State wasn't that big at all, and I think the congregation didn't have any idea how big it was going to grow. The vision they had was to have a preschool in the area because they figured they would need one. So, they started it and that has been one of the biggest ministries

they have here at College. It serves families in the area with lower incomes. It's a more affordable child-care, and it's in a Christian environment.

SDR: Why Lutheran?

PH: I've been a Lutheran all my life. Lutherans really center their theology on the grace of God. God's grace is a gift, and there's nothing we can do to earn it. It's for all. Our means of grace are through word and sacrament. We come to hear the word and then we also come and we are washed clean through our baptism and continually nurtured and forgiven through the sacrament of the Eucharist. **SDR:** Where do you go when



"Church isn't something you go to and do on a Sunday morning," says pastor Christine Higuera-Street. "We're supposed to go outside and serve our neighbor."

you die?

PH: That's something I struggle with — who goes to heaven? I think it's because God's grace is something we can't imagine. I think that,

being human, we're so limited in our thinking that it's hard — we want to put little rules in little boxes. "You're good so you deserve this; you're bad so you deserve this." I think it's hard to describe — I think that God's grace and wisdom is bigger than we can imagine. I would hope that everybody would be in heaven. There is a heaven and a hell; I think perhaps the only way someone would not go to heaven is if they purposely say they reject this love. Those are questions we all wrestle with and I do, too.

— Joseph O'Brien

Find more Sheep and Goats columns at SDReader.com/worship/

Architect Michael Stepner Stepner will answer the question, "Where is San Diego's public realm?" during the Friends of San Diego Architecture meeting. Come early for coffee and an Architectural Moment with John Mann. No

reservations necessary. 619-224-8584. Saturday, April 20, 9:30am; **free**-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Earth Day Solar Luncheon Sullivan Solar Power will host two

informational solar luncheons at EarthFair 2013 in to inform residents about solar technology. The informational presentation will cover solar technology, how solar works, rebates and incentives, and a local case study. Lunch is pro-

vided. Please RSVP. Sunday, April 21, 12pm and 2pm; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

LIFE at MiraCosta College Lectures "Reinventing Vista Community Clinic" with Barbara Mannino, and "Saint Peter's Basilica: 1506

— 2013" with DeWitt Drury. Held in the Administration Building, #1000. Free parking pass at campus police building, #1100. 760-721-8124. Friday, April 19, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

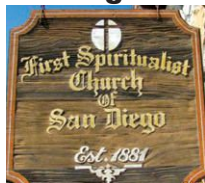
Larry McCaffery Science-fiction critic and editor Larry McCaffery gives a talk about postmodernism and science fiction. Refreshments will be served. 619-594-4991. Thursday, April 18, 2pm; **free**. SDSU Malcolm A. Love Library,

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Through the use of a modern version of the Native American Medicine Wheel, this workshop will introduce a model for getting unstuck. Looking to the four cardinal directions as a paradigm for all experiences as well as life stages, participants will use stories and experiences in the natural world to find balance and to embrace the circular and spiraling adventure of full being. Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. HILLCREST 4190 Front Street (619) 298-9978

CALVARY CHAPEL - OCEANSIDE 12 hour Craft Marathon

Bring your favorite craft, or come learn a new one. Cost includes meals and snacks, craft classes. This event is to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center of Vista. Saturday, Apr. 20, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. OCEANSIDE 3715 Oceanic Way (760) 754-1234

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Presents a benefit production of the play The Vagina Monologues. Join us as we raise funds and awareness to end violence against women and girls. All proceeds will benefit Carol's House, a domestic violence prevention program of the Community Resource Center. April 20, 2013 at 7:00pm. \$15 or \$10/students. Information/ directions: (858) 755-9226 or office@uufsd.org. www.uufsd.org. SOLANA BEACH 1036 Solana Drive (858) 755-9225

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The Hutchins Consort will perform the west coast premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Henry Brant's "Climates." Also on the program is the music of John Dowland, and audience favorites "Summertime" and "Ozark Swamp Gas" (or, "When First Cousins Marry!"). Sunday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m. LA JOLLA 7715 Draper Avenue (858) 454-0713

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO Mozart Choral Concert

The 180-voice Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale of First United Methodist Church of S.D., soloists, orchestra and organ, directed by Stanley M. Wicks, will perform Mozart's Requiem and Solemn Vespers. Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. MISSION VALLEY 2111 Camino del Rio South (619) 297-4366

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Temple Adat Shalom's presents Cantor Lori Wilinsky Frank with a Shabbat service featuring Ladino and Sephardic music in preparation and anticipation of her upcoming congregational tour to Spain. This service will highlight the beauty of this music which still exists today. A special blessing will be given to those participating in the congregational tour which leaves on May 21, 2013. POWAY 15905 Pomerado Road (858) 451-1200

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RBCPC's own resident jazz artist Paul Holtz shares the fruits of his creative pen, as well as the improvisational gifts of his quartet. In a first for the concert series, the concert will be held cabaret style. Complimentary refreshments and sparkling beverages will be available. RANCHO BERNARDO 17010 Pomerado Road (858) 487-0811

5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Shorebird Stewards The Shorebird Stewards program endeavors to help protect endangered species by making a connection with the people who share their habitats. Saturday, April 20, 10am; **free**. Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

“Connolly’s Killing Colloquy”: **Homicide “truths” from the real world** Patrick Connolly, Professor of Administration of Justice, MCC, will present a multimedia presentation in Room 201 on the criminal typology of homicide and the legal/practical issues associated with investigating and prosecuting such crimes with emphasis on homicides in San Diego County. Connolly has distilled the lessons learned during his sabbatical into what he refers to as “Homicide Truths,” each designed to be somewhat entertaining, while thought- and dialogue-provoking. He invites the community to learn about some of the very important issues related to homicides specifically and to law enforcement in general. Friday, April 19, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

OUTDOORS

86th Annual Rose Show A Salute to Roses — San Diego Rose Society’s 86th Annual Rose Show at beautiful Liberty Station in Point Loma. Hosted Rose Show tours every hour! www.sdRoseSociety.org. All amateurs are invited to exhibit their roses. Entries will be received from 6:30am to 9:45am on April 20, 2013. The exhibit hall will be open to the public upon completion of judging. General admission \$5.00 per person, Chil-

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dren under 12 admitted Free. Parking is free. Saturday, April 20, 10am and 12pm; McMillin Companies Event Center, 2875 Dewey Road. (POINT LOMA)

Bird Old Mission Dam Birder Jeanne Raimond leads an avian adventure. In April, birds are in full song at this popular nesting spot. Recommend binoculars and bird book. Meet in parking lot. Saturday, April 20, 8am; **free**. Old Mission Dam, 2 Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

Earth Day Tour the garden and learn about solar ovens, composting, making paper pots, planting seedlings, bird feeders, etc. Also featuring children’s events and healthy refreshments. Saturday, April 20, 10am; **free**. Mira Mesa Community Garden, 8081 Mira Mesa Blvd. (MIRA MESA)

Encinitas Garden Festival and Tour Event includes a Gardener’s Marketplace, self-guided walking tour of the featured gardens, and talks by local gardening experts. This year, the festival returns to Olivenhain, where neighborhood residents will open their garden gates to welcome tour guests. Garden admission by reservation or ticket only. Buses shuttle tour goers between the parking lot and the Gardeners’ Marketplace. 760-753-8615. Saturday, April 20, 10am; **free**-\$23. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Spring Walk/Sage Talk Stroll with trail guide on informative outing amid spring wildflowers. Potential sightings of bird/animal antics. Saturday, April 20, 9:30am; Sunday, April 21, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Star Party Focus on moon features with star gazer George Varga. Early comers may see Jupiter setting in the west behind the For-

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO NWEAMO Emotional Circuits: Electric Animal

The theme of NWEAMO 2013 is Emotional Circuits: Electric animal. Friday, April 26, at 8:00 p.m. will feature NYC’s the IMPetus trio making their first West Coast appearance. Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Panksepp will open with a pre-concert talk on his groundbreaking research and ideas, which are reshaping how we think of ourselves and our felt fellow creatures. The concert will then feature premieres by San Diego composers Bob Kostlan, and Bill Bradberry, and conclude with a new work by Joseph Martin Waters, in which IMPetus will rejoin the stage with the SWARMIOUS-Hausmann Project and friends to create the SWARMIOUS-Hausmann Tsunami Orchestra, to finish off the festival with a new six movement work created in consultation with Dr. Panksepp and applying new ideas about emotions. HILLCREST
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tuna Range. Scoping Saturn’s rise, Whirlpool Galaxy (M51), and others. Meet at the far end of the campground day use parking lot. Saturday, April 20, 7pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

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The Spanish Guitar in Latin America A concert by guitar duo Paper Moon. Join Paper Moon as they travel to the New World exploring the varied sounds of Latin American guitar music,

from its European roots to its modern manifestations: Tango, Choro, Waltz, Spanish Classical. To purchase tickets go to: www.lajollaucc.org or call 619-341-0552. Saturday, April 20, 6:30pm to 9pm. The Congregational Church of La Jolla, 1216 Cave Street. (LA JOLLA)

Earth Day EdenFest The Scott West Band, Bushwalla, and Beatles tribute band Help will perform at this year’s EdenFest. Saturday, April 20; Balboa Park Activity Center, 2145 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Feral Cat Coalition Stray Soirée The Feral Cat Coalition presents its first Stray Soirée cocktail mixer, featuring cocktails, more than 60 in-house beers, and a silent auction and opportunity drawing. Hors d’oeuvres and one shot of vodka are included with each paid admission. DJ Dex Diego will be spinning jazz, lounge, and exotica. One hundred percent of door sales and 25 percent of drink sales will be donated in support of Feral & Friends, a free spay/neuter clinic for unowned, stray and feral cats. Saturday, April 20, 5pm; \$25. 21 and up. Air Conditioned Lounge, 4673 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

The Green Gathering All-day event starting at 12pm; doors open at 11am. Music from 2pm-12am, followed by acoustic set and fire dancers. Vending area containing goods from local sponsors, local food trucks, and art exhibitions. Lavish medication tent provided by a group of local medical dispensaries on site. Yoga sessions

throughout the day. Get tattooed by Body Art Bus. On-site camping available for all. Headlining act will be Afrolicious, a 10-piece funk band. Also on the bill: Rian Basilio & the Roosters, Thicker Than Thieves, Tribe of Kings, DJ Unite & DJ Dash Eye, and Giant Peach. It will be an amazing time!! We look forward to seeing everyone there. Only 250 tickets— Get yours today! Presale \$32/Door Sales \$42/ Camping \$10 <https://www.facebook.com/TheGreenGathering> Saturday, April 20, 12pm; \$32. 21 and up. Address disclosed with ticket sale

Charity Poker Tournament: All In for a Cure Beginners can learn how to play better and pros can play for bragging rights. Buy-in is a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with additional chip purchase and add-ons during the first hour. Prizes for top finishers, and raffle prizes throughout the night. Event raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Team in Training (TNT). RSVP: fishvbgal@yahoo.com. Thursday, April 18, 6:30pm; \$30. 18 and up. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Chavez for Charity Shopping Event Meet the founder of MarieChavez and Chavez for Charity and shop the bracelet bar to support a number of causes. Saturday, April 20, 11am; **free**. Mixture, 2210 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Day at the Docks A public celebration of sportfishing. Festivities include: demonstrations, how-to

on-board seminars, more than 200 exhibits, raffle, live entertainment, casting competition, a captains’ dunk tank, kids’ free fishing areas, art contests, and boat rides. Sunday, April 21, 9am; **free**. Fisherman’s Landing, 2838 Garrison Street. (POINT LOMA)

EarthFair 2013 The 24th annual event hosts more than 350 exhibitors, all with a cause, product, or service that addresses our environment and quality of life. Also features special theme areas, a food pavilion, a special children’s activity area, five entertainment venues, the children’s Earth parade, the eARTh Gallery art show, and the Cleaner Car Concourse. Sunday, April 21, 10am; **free**. (BALBOA PARK)

Me and Mary Jane: Queer Cannabis Celebration A celebration of the queer community’s victory in legalizing medical marijuana for HIV/AIDs patients. Evening includes music by Piracy Conspiracy, local (vegan optional) food vendor, hookah and drinks (nonalcoholic) all night, raffle, and more. Bring a doctor’s recommendation to medicate. RSVP: cfac-field@gmail.com or 619-630-7750. Saturday, April 20, 7pm; \$15-\$20. 18 and up. Canvass for a Cause, 3705 Tenth Ave., third floor. (HILLCREST)

San Diego Antique Drags A grudge race featuring a collection of 1975 and older classic cars. 858-361-3057. Sunday, April 21, 8am; \$10-\$20. Barona Drag Strip, 1750 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

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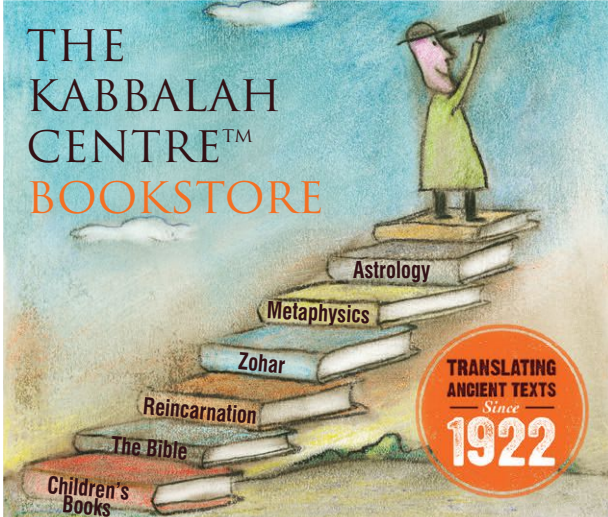
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Spirits of the Adobe: The Paranormal Experience The San Diego Paranormal Research Society hosts a ghostly tour and offers guests the opportunity to participate in a paranormal investigation of the Adobe. Various techniques and equipment will be used such as dowsing rods, EMF meters, EVP sessions, and ITC session via the spirit box. Contact: Kim Crawford at 760-726-1340 x1571 or krcrawford@cityofvista.com. Friday, April

19, 7pm and 10pm; 18 and up. Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, 640 Alta Vista Drive. (VISTA)

University Community's 40th Anniversary Featuring music, refreshments, crafts for the children and appearances by Mayor Filner and Councilperson Lightner. 858-552-1655. Saturday, April 20, 12pm; **free**. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Work At Home Business Expo Features workshops by business industry leaders and entrepreneurs who offer their best business practices and tips on social marketing, sales techniques, business planning, and financing strategies. Also featuring a website tune-up pavilion by Go Daddy. Saturday, April 20, 10am; Sunday, April 21, 11am; **free**-\$5. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

SPOKEN WORD

Storytelling Festival Storytelling activities for the whole family, from preschooler to business owner. Additional workshops will highlight storytelling games and a hands-on personal story workshop. Contact: 760-753-7376 or 858-484-1325. Saturday, April 20, 10am; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS & FITNESS

10K/5K Run/Walk for Life Family-friendly event featuring a run/walk and a community health fair from Includes health service exhibitors, food, kids' zone, face painting and more. Complimentary health screenings offered by the Cardiovascular Disease Foundation. Info@cvdf.org or 760-730-

1471 x 304. Sunday, April 21, 8am; **free**-\$25. Embarcadero Marina Park North, 500 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

April Pool's Day Swim lessons, recreational swim, swim with a Navy SEAL, and infant swim — all complimentary. Also featuring presentations on water safety and CPR, and fire department rescue demonstrations. Info: 619-667-1494. Saturday, April 20, 12pm; **free**. La Mesa Municipal Pool, 5100 Memorial Dr. (LA MESA)

Biking4Boobs The ride starts in Irvine and ends in Solana Beach. San Diego riders can jump on the ride at Las Pulgas and ride through the Elfin Forest or take the direct route to Solana Beach. Post-ride party and awards ceremony at a local eatery will follow. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen 3Day Walk for the Cure in San Diego in November 2013. Contact jen@biking4boobs.org. Saturday, April 20, 7am; \$35. Solana Beach Transit

Center, 105 North Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Ragnar Relay SoCal 2013 More than 7000 runners and over 600 teams sporting costumes, painted vans, and running day and night with headlamps and vests will run to the roads and trails of sunny California. The race starts at Huntington Beach State Park and ends at the Embarcadero Marina. Friday, April 19, 5:30am; Saturday, April 20; **free**. Embarcadero Marina Park North, 500 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Tehyathon 5K Inspiration Walk and Concert The event will feature Adaptive Sporting Events, including wheelchair races for people with medical or mobility challenges. A celebration concert produced by Feeding the Soul Foundation and Outreach Through Dance follows. Tehyathon raises funds to increase awareness of Spina Bifida. Sunday, April 21, 2pm; \$10-\$100. Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Road. (DEL MAR)



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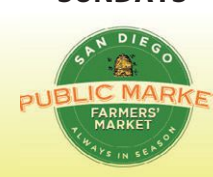
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All it needs to complete the scene are a few chickens and a couple of snorting pigs.

Mainly, I remember the walk. Up Sorrento Valley Road, across the Peñasquitos River, past countless modest-sized high-tech outfits, plus gyms, dance studios, and empty lots. I'm walking mostly on grass or dirt 'cause, again, no sidewalk. Nobody figures people will use their two legs to get to places around here. 'Specially in this part of town, where you can see glass palaces straight out of Oz, on the tops of mini mountains, silhouetted against the sky. Names like General Atomics, Pfizer, Qualcomm.

But, man, does it make getting there feel like an achievement. I must be a mile and a half up when I spot the crossroads with Carmel Mountain Road and — out of whack with all that glass and steel — this gabled farmhouse with arbors, gardens, and picnic tables under the trees.

I say "hi" to a white heron fishing from a little stream, near a sandwich-board sign that reads, "Corner House Cafe. Now serving coffee, smoothies, acai bowls."

I head up across a small parking lot filled with a bunch of upper-crust cars. Sporty Beemers, Mercedes, Volvos. Then I'm past a birdhouse on a post and up to the side of the house, where there's a blue granite counter and a couple of order windows.

Whew. So glad to be here, bit like Li'l Red Riding Hood making it through the woods to Gramma's place. The walk has added to my hunger. I'll take a load off my feet at one of the round concrete picnic tables in the garden as soon as I've put an order in.

I see three shadowy figures running about in the gloom of the kitchen inside. Better find a menu. Ah...here it is, on the wall.

Scenes from a grocery store are painted beside the windows. They show make-believe shelves of tortillas and apples on the left, veggies on the right. Also on the right: the menu specials. "Salmon Salad, \$9.49." "Lunch special, a pizza slice, side salad, and soda, \$4.49." "Chipotle black bean veggie burger, \$6.89." "Homemade hum-

mus with pita bread, \$4.49."

"That hummus is very popular," says this gent from inside when he sees me looking.

"We make it right here. We are Iranian-Americans. We know hummus. Maryam, my wife, puts garbanzo beans, garlic, olive oil, sautéed jalapeños, cilantro, tahini — sesame — it's luscious. I've been eating it for years."

I recognize this guy's face. I've stopped here before. Must be about six years ago.

"Name's Kiu, right?" I say.

"Short for Kiumars, the first shah of the world," he says. "'Kiu,' or 'Gaya,' means 'life.'"

Hey. Gaya — like Gaia. And now I'm remembering...we talked last time about the great kings of Persia, like Cyrus, who was the first in the world to codify human rights. We talked, and I ate an Ironman sandwich, pretty sure.

I reckon that might be a good choice now, too. I'm looking for a sandwich that's gonna replace all those electrolytes.

Kiu agrees. "We have lots of fitness fanatics, bike-riders, runners, and climbers come by. It's popular with them."

Huh. Now I'm an athlete.

I look up at the menu on the wall above the order window. An Ironman is "Grilled chicken breast, avocado, Swiss, honey-mustard dressing, tomato, and sprouts on sourdough bread, \$6.89."

Kiu says the price has gone up 54 cents in the six years since I was here last. That's not bad.

I almost ask for that, then think, *Nuh-uh. Been there, done that.*

I see they have a burger for \$6.69, fish and chips for \$6.99, tons of sandwiches, pizza and pastas (spaghetti with meatballs is \$6.99), and it's all good, standard stuff. In the end, I go for the gyro plate (\$7.39). I love the taste of that beef-lamb combo. Here, it's 20 percent lamb, 80 percent beef. Kiu says I can have a Caesar salad instead of the rice. Which is cool, because there's so much of the green stuff, and it comes with fried croutons and a good Caesar dressing.

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Murals painted next to the windows make the place look like an old-timey general store.

Pita bread, all those slabs of melt-in-your-mouth meat, plus the salad is way more than enough food. For \$1.55 extra, I get a soda.

"It's 'round the corner," says Kiu. "Open the little shutters in the wall."

I do as he says. Huh. The shutters are two feet high, hinged to the outside wall. Somebody decorated them with bluebirds, bicycles, and garden chairs. I open them up and — presto! — the whole panoply, from Sprite to Barq's root beer. I get an iced tea.

I head for the small balcony at the side of the house. Wow. Crowded. 'Specially the big table in the middle. It's filled with one large family, looks like. I recognize Maryam, Kiu's wife. She's sitting with her brother and his family. She says they're fresh out of Iran.

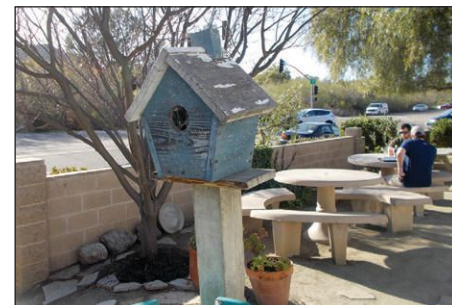
"The food here is so much better than in Iran," says her brother, Parssa. "And the service. People here are happy to serve you at restaurants!"

His wife Sharzad agrees. Her name is the same as Scheherazade (which is how we spell it), the legendary queen who told the *1001 Nights* tales to the sultan, to save her neck. "Here, the meat is tastier," she says, "and the drinks are sweeter. But we do have good holiday towns in the mountains. They have good food."

I take the cardboard lid off my foil pan and start chewing. That meat: so tender and flavorful. The tzatziki sauce is nice and refreshing. Kiu says it has cucumber, yogurt, dill, and fresh lime. Yes, it's served in a round,



Maryam, sitting with her family visiting from Iran, makes Corner House's popular hummus.



Crowds of humans and birds flock to the garden patio at lunch time.

aluminum-foil pan, so this isn't exactly Hilton presentation, but the food? Could be Hilton. You want to loll the whole afternoon away here. I'd've probably done it, if I hadn't had to get back to the train.

Before I leave I have to ask: Is this a genuine farmhouse?

"That was a question till February this year," Kiu says. "Then a little old lady came up, and told Maryam she had lived in it for years...in Point Loma. After she sold it, someone *trucked* it up here. So, farmhouse? I don't think so."

But does it *look* like one in this setting? You bet it does. All it needs to complete the scene are a few chickens and a couple of snorting pigs.

Gosh, if it wasn't such a pain-in-the-butt walking distance from the Sorrento Valley Station, I'd come here every chance I got, just to enjoy a country picnic under the trees. ■

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Dan Diego's

I watched Dan Diego's get built along Morena Boulevard as I passed by it a couple of times every week. The "coming soon" sign tantalized me, dangling a new restaurant out there. The only thing was that it looked a little silly, like a confused faux-Irish sports bar calling itself a "Euro café." What is that, exactly?

Well, for starters, it's a family affair. Ryan, the chef/owner, named the place after his late brother Dan. I got the whole story from the genial *pater familias*, who cruised around the dining room, making guests feel welcome. I liked this. It felt genuine. What can I say, I'm a sucker for a good narrative!

And the food was good, better than "not bad," even. The menu is a little wacky, with all the entrées

priced at \$10, no matter what they are, and a handful of appetizers to go along with. Fishn' chips was cod in a crispy beer batter with fat, salty steak fries on the side. Covered in malt vinegar and the horseradish-hot tartar sauce, it was a good little fish fry.

The \$10 pricing strategy falters a little when the item in question is a grilled-cheese

sandwich, even if it does have some tasty beer-soaked mushrooms inside and a choice of cheese from a list that includes whiskey cheddar, apricot stilton, smoky blue cheese, and house-made mozzarella. At least it was, as my friend said, "F#\$%ing good."

In addition to the good food, there were a couple hundred beers, wines, and sodas to drink. Lots of good stuff in bottles, too. A wine-sized bottle of Corsendonk dubbel? Heck, yes! Dan Diego's impressed

me, outdoing my expectations. Everybody there was friendly *and* competent, which is a rare and appreciable thing. The vibe was way more chill than I would have expected and it had just the right amount of classiness to temper the pub aesthetic. Really, they hit all the right notes for a solid beer and grindage spot.

by Ian Pike

FEAST!

La Fachada Logan Heights: Gordita vs. mulita

"Used heart for sale," sing Los Tigres del Norte. "Because I just don't want to mend it..."

Aah. I can relax. Sunset, cocktails, music. Love it. Okay, so the cocktail is *guayaba* juice (guava, totally delish, \$1.80), the appetizer's gonna be a gordita (\$4.15), and the place me and other customers are sitting at is chairs and tables under an open white wooden shelter in a kinda parking lot.

It's dusk. We're here outside La Fachada ("The Façade"), opposite the police station at 25th Street (#20, 25th Street, Logan Heights, 619-236-8566). I'd jumped off the Orange Line trolley (25th Street stop is yards away) because I thought I could get something here that Carla'd like... and I could chomp part now and probably spend less than if I went and got something at Vons.

Ian and I have both been here before. About a year ago he was getting into their *cabeza* and tongue tacos. They have a much bigger menu in the blue main building, but tonight I'm sticking out here for their outside "truck" food.

Main choices: gorditas, mulitas, taquitos, quesadilla asada, huarache, rolled tacos, and sopes.

Honest truth is I still confuse gorditas, mulitas, huaraches, and sopes. They all look like corn tor-



Vicki the cashier and Marta the cook will explain how gorditas, mulitas, huaraches, and sopes differ from each other. To Ed Bedford, "They all look like corn tortilla discs with stuff on top."

tilla discs with stuff on top.

"The gordita is deep fried tortilla with meat, cheesecream, lettuce and cotija cheese on top," says Vicki the cashier. "The mulita is two grilled tortillas with meat, white cheese, onions, and cilantro sandwiched inside."

I stop her there, 'cause any further and I'll forget the first two. I order one of each, but mine, the gordita, for here. Too danged hungry.

She brings chips and a red *tomate*-based salsa, then the gordita. And a pot to fill with beans at the outside grill, where a big saucepan's steaming above glowing coals. It's got beans in their juices inside. And on a tray next to it, roasting slowly away, green jalapeño peppers and onions. I grab some of all of them.

What a combo. The gordita's specially good, and filling. It's crisp underneath, and the *al pastor* pork and white cheddar is covered with cream and lettuce. I go get a pot of green jalapeño hot sauce, pour it over, and have at it.

Love the combo: hot, *picante*, that flavorful pork and the crisp skin, refreshed by shredded lettuce and sweetened by sucks at the guava juice.

Main difference with last time I was here, though: they used to have an actual food truck parked in the garden and tables out around it, and meat and onions and peppers and frioles smoking on open grills. You couldn't walk up 25th at night

without being totally seduced by the smoke and the savory smells. It was always crowded.

"The Health Department said we had to have a permanent structure, and cooking indoors," says José, the boss. "It might be their tradition, but it's not a Mexican tradition. We lost a lot of customers."

Dang. Since when is cooking and eating outdoors a threat to health? The authorities did the same with a food truck down at the Iris Avenue bus and trolley stop. They could only keep

going if they took their savory smoke indoors and took away all the tables and chairs.

Is this crazy or what? Somebody ought to go tell those health fellas that this here is a border town. Ya gotta give a little to live a little.

P.S.: Carla loved her carne asada-filled mulita.
by Ed Bedford

Meat...er, Meet Salt & Cleaver

There's a real sausage-fest coming to Hillcrest. Sorry, had to go there when I heard about Salt Cleaver (3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest), a venue devoted to house-made meat-in-tube-form scheduled to open this month, likely by April 15. It sounds like a nice concept. Keep in mind that I'm usually cynical about most new spots I hear about that are devoted to mega-focused menus made up of signature items that are low in cost to produce but easy to charge exorbitant prices for due to their "artisanal" nature and the fact they're en vogue.

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It's a simple idea, but one that's easy to get behind, especially since the ingredients used to make the sausages, which will be designed to convey flavor combinations from around the world, will be procured from nearby sources. Offerings will include the "Pork Belly" with lemongrass-ginger relish, Sambal vinaigrette and China rose radish sprouts, and "Duck.Duck.Pig" — a duck-and-bacon sausage with crispy duck confit, bacon-aze, and orange marmalade. Duck *a l'orange* with bacon. Um, yes, please!

Salt Cleaver will also serve a lobster sausage with garlic pepper and shrimp remoulade, a jalapeño-and-green-chili-stuffed rabbit sausage, and their vegetarian option made from brown rice and eggplant that's wrapped in a cauliflower leaf. Now, I'll admit, that last one doesn't get me salivating, but it's inventive and none of the above qualify as more of the same old stuff I find on other meaty menus.

by Brandon Hernández

Coronado street taco wars

Carla — here for hair — is late. I'm standing outside Bay Books when I hear "Tacos! Tacos!"

Tacos!"

Then a silence. Then "Tacos! Tacos! Tacos!" I head south and here's this feller Ferrer holding a hand-painted sign.

"Los Tacos Aqui."

Look beyond him, and there's a whole taco stand set up through the sidewalk patio railings at Costa Azul (Costa Azul Grill Rotisserie, 1031 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-3525).

Ferrer's buddy, the chef Miguel, has set up a hot plate, a blue-cloth table, volcanic molcajetes filled with red and brown and green salsas, limes, radishes, onions, cilantro, lettuce — the whole taco bag of tricks.

"Two for \$3.95," says Mary Ana. She's a Costa Azul staffer. "They're all on corn tortillas. Really good."

I trust her. She's the one who told me about La Ermita, one of my greatest taco finds ever in Tijuana.

"The best," says Gennaro. He's loading up four carne asada tacos with the fixings. "Here every Tuesday."

"Carne asada? Carnitas? Chicken? Or today I have chorizo. Good flavors," says Miguel.

He tosses a little chunk of chorizo on the hot plate. The smoke smells spicy.

You can see: people are kinda

surprised to hear Ferrer shouting out "Tacos! Tacos! Tacos!" here in the land of admirals and *ricosuaves*. Amazing what having the food right here on the street does to people. They stop, readjust their radars, start remembering other days, other places.

Whatever, crowd's gathering. I need to say what I want quick.

"Okay, two, chorizo," I say. It's Mary Ana who passes it to me. Just because she's between me and Miguel, through the smoke there.

"The green," says Miguel, when I ask him which salsa's best for chorizo. "It's a little bit hot. Tomatillo, serrano chili, and avocado. We peel it and blend it right here."

So, I pile on onions, cilantro, the green avocado salsa, and top it all with a squirt of fresh lime.

Ah. Mm. Ooh. What a great combo! The tart, salty chorizo pork and the light sparky salsa.

Was the day when Villa Nueva, a block north, did this. The charcoal, the smoke, right on Orange. Haven't seen it lately. Looks like the taco party's moved south one block.

by Ed Bedford

Lee's Garden

Someone described Lee's Garden

(4055 54th Street, Rolando, 619-583-8208) as an Asian wedding destination. I even wrote that down in my notes ("Asian wedding destination"), wondering exactly what that would mean for me as a non-Asian person not shopping for a wedding destination. When I finally got to check out Lee's, I ended up sharing the dining room with a full-scale wedding party — cake, tuxedos, piped-in quasi-Chinese muzak and all. Nobody seemed to care, and I gather that this kind of thing happens all the time.

Ordering seemed difficult at first, but the seemingly endless menu broke down into variations on a theme and not every dish was a unique preparation. One could choose between salted shrimps, salted squid, salted lobster, spicy shrimp, spicy squid, spicy lobster, etc. I tried to go for a whole, steamed fish, but alas, they were sold out.

Instead, a starter plate of fried shrimp was more "fried" than "shrimp," and otherwise unremarkable.

Salted squid was a big improvement, with the calamari chopped into manageable pieces and fried in a light, crispy batter. Calling it "salted" is not a joke. The dish had about a year's supply of sodium chloride sprinkled on it. Anyone who likes extra-salty meals every now and again will be delighted by Lee's salted-fish options.

An order of fried beef ribs reined in the saltiness, although only partially. Not an elegant dish by any means, the ribs were chewy and fun to gnaw. The best part was the pickled cabbage and carrots that came on the side. They were sharply tangy and spicy in all the right ways.

I also managed to score a crazy — but tasty — beverage. It was a mixture of condensed milk, soda water, and egg; basically a sweet version of the Rocky Balboa breakfast.

Everything was served with plenty of good, white rice and that's about it. I wouldn't call Lee's Garden exceptional, but I would call it fun and inexpensive. Almost nothing on the menu was more than \$10, and three people ate heartily for under \$40 because the entrée portions were shareable.

by Ian Pike

Off Duty Foodie Burger

Between eating, drinking, interviewing, photographing, writing, editing, and posting, it's natural for a writer to wonder every now and then if there's anybody listening out there. Fortunately, we have shares, retweets, and web analytics to quell the fear that one's readership has abandoned them, but the best confirmations come when someone from the outside world drops me a line.

One of the most interesting of these instances occurred a few weeks ago when Grant Tondro, the owner of Urge American Gastropub (16761 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo) reached out with an interesting proposition.

That week, he'd read two pieces I'd written describing a pair of subpar experiences at burger restaurants. In one post, I lamented the lack of salt and poor exotic ingredient selections. In the other, it was portion size and a host of other problems. Spurred by these, Tondro asked if I'd like to try my hand at developing a burger recipe on a professional level. His idea was that I cook up something to be billed as the Off Duty Foodie Burger (after my Twitter handle, @offdutyfoodie) that he would run as a one-month special. I like burgers, I like Urge, I like putting myself out there. What was there to think about? I accepted immediately.

So, running the rest of this month, the Off Duty Foodie Burger will be available for \$13. In developing it, I tried to pinpoint a theme to center everything around. Figuring I'd knocked a venue for the ingredients they'd utilized to make a Mediterranean burger, I went that route. It's only fair. In doing so, I went with a patty that boosts high-quality beef with added zest from pork chorizo sausage to guarantee no shortage of flavor or seasoning. Cheese is a must for any burger, and I went with Spanish Manchego, a mild sheeps' milk variety that's one of my personal favorites.

On the topping front, there are roasted red peppers, romaine lettuce, and the same habanero pickle chips I contributed the recipe for in the beer-centric cookbook *Brew Food: Great Beer Inspired Appetizers, Main Courses, and Desserts*. There's also pancetta that's been glazed



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by Brandon Hernández

Back from the brink?

Oh, no. I'd been hoping that things may be starting up again by now...

But Babbo's Bar and Grille looks as dead as it did last September after a fire and sprinklers ruined the newly moved restaurant.

This place, at 4130 Park Boulevard in Uptown, had previously been most famous as the New Orleans-style eatery Gulf Coast Grill.

Babbo's had been firmly ensconced a half mile away at 1731 University Avenue as Babbo Grande.

That's where Carmen, the lifelong carpenter known to his friends and family as "Big Daddy" — "Babbo Grande" — took over from what had been the Deli-France crêperie.

He put art in, doubled the space, graced the restaurant with beautiful wood carvings and a tropical back patio, and turned it into a Sicilian-style café that customers could drop in to maybe three times a day. You could always get breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, coffee, whatever. That sort of place.

Then a flood ruined it. But when Gulf Coast Grill vacated this 4130 Park Boulevard location, Babbo's moved in and came alive again. Their customers followed, including a loyal LGBT crowd.

Who wouldn't? They brought their \$5.55 breakfast and lunch deals with them.

But, boy, how many hits? Last September, a fire broke out in the kitchen. Ever since, the place has been closed.

When I ask neighbors, they say they think this time it'll be for keeps. And the front certainly looks untouched and cozy.

But on January 19, a message appeared on Facebook: "Dear friends, Thank you for all the love and support during this

time. New information coming soon! XO Lynn."

And March 21: "Happy Thursday all! I've been waiting for good news to share but we have yet to have a resolution with insurance!!"

Whatever. At least there's movement. Maybe Babbo's will be back, after all.

by Ed Bedford

Eba's Lounge and Bistro

Walking into Eba's (142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-269-0123), I was surprised to find that it was a Mediterranean restaurant and not a French place. The purple walls and curlicue decor gave off a sense of Parisian café, or at least a romanticized vision of one, but the menu read like another gyros shop; with tabouli, shawarma, falafel, etc.

But Eba's went way beyond that, by leaps and bounds. It's hard to capture the warmth and kindness that Eba and Wisam (the cook) extended me. I could not have felt more welcome. They shared the duty of taking my order in a way that was more familial than professional, but I didn't mind the friendliness because it came off as perfectly natural and not the mock-cama-

raderie of "cozy" service styles.

I talked about language and transliteration with Eba as I worked my way through an order of *lahm bi ajeen* (\$3), which I've always known as "lahmajun." It's a simple flatbread topped with spiced ground beef and lamb. Alongside that, I tried a plate of salads, hummus, and baba ghanouj that I did not order, but which Wisam insisted I had to try anyway.

Wisam and I talked about love and loss after I finished my "chicken cream chop" (\$13), which was a peculiar name for a delicious chicken cutlet served with tangy salad and a miraculous barley dish that made the average mushroom risotto pale in comparison. For \$10, a Greek pizza came on the same tender flatbread as the *lahm bi ajeen* but included olives, tomatoes, and cheese.

After that, I ordered Turkish coffee, strong and laced with cardamom.

Sitting there with my Turkish coffee, talking to the soft-spoken Wisam about the future and the crazy ways the world works, I can say I had one of the coolest and most random dinners ever.

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In their crosshairs.

"Please, we need your help," SD Music TV's Megan Erickson posted on Facebook on April 1, "as it is a sad day for the San Diego Music Community." Sometime during the weekend of March 30, thieves forced their way into the music-

the other end of the line, calling to tell her he'd gotten to work early on Monday morning and discovered the break-in. "He said the computers were gone. I thought it was an April fool's joke. But when I got there, I saw that the door had been pried open." She begins to cry.

brary and those as-yet unedited band performances.

The list of stolen items includes some custom Taylor guitars and other items Erickson is not at liberty to reveal. She says there is an ongoing investigation and that the San Diego County Sheriff's Poway Station may already have suspects in their crosshairs. Erickson says she is working with her insurance company to replace the missing items.

A nonpracticing lawyer, Erickson says that she has lived here since the age of seven. Last October, she opened up her music-video shop with underwriting from private investors. She explains that the SDMTV idea grew out of a job with a local marketing firm that also happened to be making band videos. "I learned that there are artists who are getting screwed over by venues," She says this turned into a desire to help the music community by filming their gigs and archiving them on the internet. "It's all free of charge to the artist."

As of this writing, there is no update on the investigation. SD Music TV is offering a \$500 reward for any information that leads to an arrest or the recovery of the stolen property. "We hope to be back up and running in a couple of weeks — hopefully."

— Dave Good

Redefining awesome.

The 4th&B concert hall was forced to close in December

following the eviction of business owners Vince and Judy Puma. The Pumas were hit by lawsuits from building owner Crown Investments and former

Under Dean, it is assumed that the new 4th&B will primarily be known as a mecca for electronic dance music (EDM). Dean was connected for



Luis Martinez of Audio Impact Entertainment thinks EDM at 4th&B "could definitely go off."

owner Ali Nilforushan over nonpayment of rent and other alleged financial obligations.

All of 4th&B's sound equipment and other fixtures were sold at auction last month. No official word has been released on whether the space that housed the 4th&B nightspot would reopen as a music venue or as some kind of retail or office complex. Twenty years ago it was a bank.

The outside marquee on B Street reads, "Redefining awesome."

Word has it that longtime local electronic dance-music impresario David Dean has signed a lease on the 25,000-square-foot, 1500-person-capacity venue. Insiders say the new venue will be equipped with a state-of-the-art sound system and that the interior will be completely remodeled.

many years with Spin Nightclub on Hancock Street. He has presented events at Spin as well as in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. He could not be reached for comment.

A spokesman for California's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control says the alcohol license has not yet been transferred.

Dean and his group would face a daunting task, as EDM already thrives at downtown clubs such as Spin, Fluxx, and Voyeur.

Then there's the rent. Legal documents state that the rent at 4th&B was \$29,000 a month.

But, one local EDM promoter thinks it could work as a dance palace, despite the cost and stiff competition. "EDM is not going anywhere anytime soon," says Luis Martinez of Audio Impact Entertain-

ment. "Some elements aren't as popular as they were a few years ago, like dubstep, but new genres keep popping up, like trap (techno rap). It keeps evolving.... Everyone is used to huge festivals with a lot of bass. This genre is so bass-driven. If they can get ample sound to fill that huge room, that place could definitely go off. That place has great parking and it's easy to get to."

— Ken Leighton

Elephant vanishes.

Another San Diego venue has dropped live music. The 200-capacity Carlsbad restaurant/club Flying Elephant, which flourished for almost four years under the ownership of Flogging Molly accordion player Matt Hensley, has closed. After a remodel, the building at Tamarack Avenue and I-5 will reopen as a British pub-style restaurant. New owner Ben Sanchez says the Stag and Lion Pub and Grille may have an occasional Irish musician or two, "but no bands."

The venue started hosting bands 30 years ago. "I was in the first band to play there," says drummer Dan Stewart, who used to play in Carlsbad bands Jack and the Rippers and the Sarcastics. "It was called Fannie's back then."

After morphing into Squid Joe's, it presented local bands as well as such diverse headliners as Quino, Agent Orange, and U.S. Bombs. Hensley, who lives

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the inside track blurt

video production company's studio-office complex in Poway. They made off with computer equipment, cameras, and hard drives containing unedited footage of local bands taped in

"We work so hard to help people, and now this happens." Erickson stops for a moment to collect her feelings before she moves on. "It's been a very sad few days. We had bands



Erickson (blue pants) thought the call was an April fool's joke.

performance for playback on SD Music TV's website and on their YouTube channel.

Erickson, 27, is the founder of SD Music TV. "I was asleep at the time the phone call came." It was an employee on

scheduled that can't come in now." She says that all of SD Music TV's finished product is posted on the web and is safe. The real loss, she says, is in the theft of hard drives holding the company's extensive graphics li-

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near the restaurant, took it over six years ago. He remodeled and reopened it as Hensley's Flying Elephant (named after Hensley's Chicago-based scooter club). Hensley would play on one of his two stages, and he would bring in Exene (Cervenka of L.A. punk band X), members of the Pogues, and other local rockabilly, punk, and country bands.

Hensley found it was too difficult to run a venue and be on the road with his band.



No longer an "Elephant" and no longer a live-rock club

"Let's just say I'm very happy to not be the owner of a bar anymore," Hensley says about his four years of ownership.

For the past two years, the Flying Elephant has hosted San Diego bands such as Nihilist,

Shake Before Us, and the Paragraphs. The last band to play the Flying Elephant on April 5 was, appropriately enough, Hills Like Elephants. Less Than Jake was supposed to play the

following night, but that show was canceled because the new owner had taken over the establishment sooner than expected.

Stewart thinks locals will miss the Flying Elephant

daily blogs

Song X tribute at Villa Musica

By Robert Bush — April 15, 3:27 p.m.

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By Chad Deal — April 13, 12:05 a.m.

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By Bart Mendoza — April 8, 11:41 a.m.

The Wrong Trousers righteous reunion coming to Normal Heights July 5

By Jay Allen Sanford — April 7, 8:36 p.m.

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because of its location. "It's on Tamarack, and Tamarack is for the locals, while downtown Carlsbad is for the tourists. This place is not part of the club crawl. They always had their own people who stayed there for the night. Plus, it's right next to the freeway."

— Ken Leighton

Not gone Hollywood.

"The new Secret Seven album, *How to Imitate Thunder*, is a hundred percent completed. I'm just finishing up the track list and artwork," says Zachary Goode. "I haven't decided yet whether to release a physical copy or just do it online. Apart from a very small niche of record nerds like me, nobody seems to obsess over packaging the way they used to, so I may just cave in and go digital-only."

Goode says his relocation to L.A. six months ago ("I was ready for a change after 21

years in San Diego") essentially left him the sole permanent member. "I had a killer band that recorded this new album with me, but they're all San Diego-based, so I need to start from scratch again. I'm in the

local roster intact for Secret Seven? "Living in L.A., it'll be impossible to get together for band practice and songwriting unless I find some new players. It's a lot easier in Gezer, because we're playing covers, and

in iMovie and created a new storyline to fit the lyrics to my song." The album also includes a Neil Young cover. "The version of 'Winterlong' we recorded is closer to the Pixies version they did back in 1990 for a UK B-side. I've always loved the song and used to play it for solo acoustic shows." The video and song are playable on the Secret Seven's page in the Reader's online Local Music Database.

As for the album title, "It's just one of those names that popped into my head and stuck. I'm hoping people don't think it's a Norwegian black metal album. They'll be severely disappointed when they hear...theremin and harmonies."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Secret Seven down to Secret One, and he's living in Los Angeles

process of finding all new band members to play the album live."

Not that Goode has necessarily "gone Hollywood." "I'm still playing with Gezer, so I go back and forth every few weeks to play shows [in San Diego]." Why not keep a

we hardly practice anyway!"

An online video for the album track "Junk" was created using footage from the movie *The Man Who Laughs*. "That's one of my favorite Victor Hugo novels," says Goode. "When I discovered the film was public domain, I just chopped it up

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Friday 19

South Bay punk perennials the **Zeros** roll into Soda Bar Friday night. Between reissues and more-occasional bookings (which included a showcase at SXSW in 2010), in the past few years the Zeros'



THE ZEROS AT SODA BAR

stock has been on the rise. In a *spinner.com* interview, frontman Javier Escovedo said he thinks the reason is "that period, the Cali punk-rock scene from the late '70s, is something that a lot of kids that weren't around want to see." That and the

quality of the Zeros' material and musicianship are rare these days. With Santa Ana '60s-style garage-rock band the **Neumans** and our own electro-punk outfit **Stalins of Sound**, this is thee gig to get to, punky.... Else: Dizzy's sets up SanFran jump-jazz band **Fishtank Ensemble**, which, for fans of the brand, *L.A. Weekly* calls "one of the most thrilling live acts on the planet"...Cleveland noise-pop quartet **Cloud Nothings** are at Casbah in advance of this year's *Body Music*. **Dream Buddies** and **Jeans Wilder** open the show...the Ken Club conjures a couple apparition acts out at the end of Adams, as the **Roadkill Ghost Choir** from Florida and our own **Ed Ghost Tucker** appear...and Hollywood's hard-rock hairballs **Faster Pussycat** are at Bay Park bar Brick by Brick.

Saturday 20

Midway punk club the Shakedown will host a Johnny Thunders tribute Saturday night. The ever-influential New York Doll/Heartbreaker guitarist/singer/songwriter died on April 23 in 1991. He was 38 years old. **Deadbolt**, **Chinese Rocks**, the **Embalmers**, **Schitzophonics**, and **Clockwork** will pay loud tribute.... Brooklyn band **Beach Fossils** wash up at the Irenic with this year's *Clash the Truth*, which trades in the indie act's scrappy charm for cleaner, poppier tones. **Mrs. Magician** up first.... Soda Bar sets up shoegaze pioneers the **Telescopes**, the band hailed by *NME* as "the best shoegaze band ever." Guess they never heard of My Boody Valentine. NorCal noiseniks **LSD & the Search for God** will open the show.... The Void's 420 showcase features garage-pop groups **Heavy Hawaii**, the **Plateaus**, and like-minded Los Angelinos the **Dreamboys**...while doom-pop duo **Gloomsday** and the **Pheasants** ("new age punk and roll for the leather and feather set") will play record-release sets at Tin Can Alehouse on Bankers Hill.

Sunday 21

D.C. Dischord artist **E.D. Sedgwick**, aka Justin Moyer (El Guapo), is touring in support of last year's *We Wear White*, a title that, perhaps, is



JOHNNY THUNDERS TRIBUTE AT SHAKEDOWN

meant to detract from his years performing as his transgender alter-ego Edie Sedgwick, the Andy Warhol hanger-on who OD'd on barbiturates. *We Wear White* also ditches the pop-culture party pop and silly celebrity send-ups for, as Moyer describes it, "a more aggressive, dirtier batch of songs." They like that at Tower Bar, where the Sedgwicks, now a four-man (well, one man and three women) band will be joined by the always excellent **Mexico City Rollers** and **Rail Them to Death**. Sunday shmunday, see you in City Heights.

Monday 22

A couple of Chicago-born and -bred fiery redheads, the brother/sister act **White Mystery**, will play the Ché Café on Monday. According to their hometown daily *Chicago Tribune*, the sibling Whites, Alex (she on guitar) and "White Francis" (he on drums), "play the type of garage rock that makes garages crumble." They are touring in support of the fresh-off-the-presses *Telepathic*. Go get some: *whitemystery.bandcamp.com*. This no-frills bill includes L.A. "zoocore" sextet **Heller Keller** and local faves the **Frights**, **Barbarian**, and gross domestic product **Wild Wild Wets**. Monday shmunday, see you on campus.

Tuesday 23

Specter at the Feast, the new (seventh) dealio from fuzz-rock trio **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club** is getting some love for BRMC's return to their early mid-tempo/blown-cone tones. The record's a reflective affair over a recent family/band member's death that, though over-long here, was at one time a double album. Eesh. That said, a couple tracks (opener "Fire Walker," especially) dig deeper than I've ever heard the Rebels dig. Little self-reflection sounds good on 'em. BRMC hits House of Blues with Fat Possum garage-rawk duo **Bass Drum of Death**.... Torn on Tuesday, as Soda Bar slips in **Black Bananas**. This Jennifer Herrema (Royal Trux/RTX)-led trio will ride its very recommendable Drag City disc *Rad Times Xpress IV* into the Normal Heights hotspot after **Vampire**



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and **Skrapez**.... And also: Japanese noise-rock trio **Boris** plays Casbah after L.A.'s "heavy-rock bone-chillers" **Marriages** and **Bruisecaster**, a "disco sludge-metal" three-piece fronted by *CityBeat*'s Peter Holslin.

Wednesday 24

Seattle-based indie-folk four-piece **Cave Singers** are out to tout this year's well-received *Naomi*, a collection inspired by a fictional muse. This one doesn't stick to the wall as well as *No Witch* did/does, but it harks back a bit more to the players' post-punk origins (Pretty Girls Make Graves, Murder City Devils, Cobra High). Cave Singers will take the stage at Casbah after Philly psych-rock trio **Bleeding Rainbow**.... Best of the rest: the **Lumps**, **Sonic Angels** (France), and **Shiva Trash** fill a garage-punk bill at Tin Can Alehouse...space-rockers **Chappo** touch down at Soda Bar after **Okapi Sun**...Arlington, VA's reggae Soldiers of Jah Army, **SOJA**, visits House of Blues...and the Griffin's got Kill the Mainstream II on tap, featuring electro-clash artists **Therapist, Ese' & Zain**, and **Pal&Drome**. Bang.

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5/6 Bonobo - SOLD OUT!	5/23 & 24 Katchafire	7/12 Tainted Love
5/7 An Evening w/ Richard Thompson Electric Trio	5/25 Cold War Kids - SOLD OUT!	7/25 Johnny Winter
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Convolutions

“I went from grinding rails to grinding coffee.”

During our time, we’ve gotten to play with great bands, from Swing Kids and Unbroken to Texas Is the Reason and the Promise Ring,” says drummer Gabe Gamboa of the recently reconstituted quartet I Wish I. “In the early days, we’d play Soma with Blink, pre-182, GBH, and Korn. Another great venue to play was the Pickle Patch in Santa Barbara, which ended up being the birthplace of Dim Mak Records.”

The original Fugazi-inspired lineup of Gamboa, Joey Guevara (vocals, guitar), June Cate (bass, vocals), and Jay Choy (guitar) were signed to Dim Mak when their last record was released in 1997, after which Gamboa played with Kill Holiday, Guevara joined JeJune, Choy focused on martial arts and running his Ebisu Sushi restaurant and bar in Hillcrest, and Cate became a pro skater and then worked for a well-known coffee chain (“I went from grinding rails to grinding coffee”). Over the lengthy hiatus, I Wish I played only a handful of shows between 1997 and this year.

The reunited foursome has signed up with Dim Mak again for their new full-length, *Convolutions*, recorded at Earthling Studios by Mike Kamoo and set to drop with a release party at the Soda Bar on April 23. “The album cover art is a painting from Nilo Naghdi,” says Guevara. “She’s actually the artist that designed our logo back when we first started in 1994. It was special for us to have her painting on our new release, since it ties in our past with our present.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

June Cate

1. The Album Leaf, *Into the Blue Again*. “I usually throw this on when I start my day.”
2. Fono, *Too Broken to Break*. “One of the best bands in San Diego, and people don’t know it.”
3. A Tribe Called Quest, *The Low End Theory*. “Like a fine wine, it just gets better with age.”

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Joey Guevara

1. Ministry, *The Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Taste*. “Classic Ministry.”
2. Nation of Ulysses, *13 Point Program to Destroy America*. “This is from before frantic hardcore and screamy vocals became mainstream, watered down, and wimpy.”

Gabriel Gamboa

1. Every Time I Die, *The Big Dirty*. “One of the best albums of the year.”
2. The Sword, *Age of Winters*. “Good, heavy riffs with great structure.”
3. Bloc Party, *A Weekend in the City*. “I’m still a big fan of the first album, but this does the job as far as sophomore albums go.”

Jay Choy

1. Editors, *An End Has a Start*. “Echo meets Interpol. Nice.”
2. Kaiser Chiefs, *Yours Truly, Angry Mob*. “Refreshing and full of youth.”
3. Drive Like Jehu, *Yank Crime*. “This is where we’ve been, and where we’re going.”

DESERT ISLAND DVDS?

Cate

1. *Chappelle’s Show*. “Nonstop laughter, the kind that hurts your stomach.”

2. *Friday*. “Classic ’hood movie, still funny after multiple viewings.”
3. *The Last American Virgin*. “Hilariously funny, with a heartbreaking ending.”

Guevara

1. *Class of Nuke ’Em High*. “The unrated director’s cut. Tro-ma rules.”
2. *Santa Sangre*. “Oedipus complex, anyone?”
3. *The End*. “Skate video with a massive budget [and] scenes of the impossible.”

Gamboa

1. *The Wedding Singer*. “Adam Sandler at his best.”
2. *Old School*. “Words cannot explain how funny this movie is to me.”

Choy

1. *Spaceballs*. “*Star Wars* was great, *Spaceballs* was the Schwartz.”
2. *The Shawshank Redemption*. “Smart feel-good movie.”
3. *Rudy*. “Gets me every time.”

YOUR BEST DRUNK STORY?

Cate: “I’m a mellow drunk. I did pee walking once, on my way home from Nunu’s in Hillcrest.”
Guevara: “Wrecked my life, not so funny. Now I party with monster java and mango suckers.”
Choy: “Can’t remember when, where, or what happened, but I bet it was awesome.”

GUILTY PLEASURES?

Cate: “*The Hills*, *Sex and the City*, *Slap* magazine’s



After playing only a handful of shows over the past decade and a half, I Wish I has reunited and produced a full-length album.

message board, *Cheaters* TV show, and fried foods.”
Guevara: “Comic books, pirating copyright material, vanilla shakes from Ghirardelli, and the Bee Gees.”

Gamboa: “Candy.”

Choy: “Cafeteria food, *American Idol*, Target, cigars, and whiskey.”

COOLEST HANGOUT?

Cate: “Lolita’s for the best bean, cheese, and guacamole burrito.”
Guevara: “Balboa Park archery range.”

WORST JOB?

Guevara: “I was a vendor at SeaWorld for awhile, and that fully sucked. One time at Shamu Stadium, I forgot to get out of the way and Shamu spit water all over a fresh tray of popcorn, and I had to pay for it. Whale bastard.”
Gamboa: “Working in a plastic printing company, I had to pull apart the credit cards from the machine and each time it would shock me. I probably got shocked about 12 times a day.”
Choy: “Furniture mover. Just lame all around.” ■

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Barry McGuire and Trippin’ the Sixties.

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Saturday, noon — The Green Gathering. \$32.

Air Conditioned Lounge:
Thursday, 9pm — Organic Thursdays. **Free.**
Friday, 9pm — DJ Junior. \$5.
Saturday, 9pm — Juicy with Mike Czech. \$5.
Monday, 9pm — Organized Grime. **Free.**
Tuesday — Lisa Ubiquitous, Lee Reynolds, Jon Doss, Tucker.
Wednesday, 9pm — House & more. **Free.**

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Friday, 7pm — Ade Suparemaer.
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Friday, 7:30pm — Acoustic Evenings with Jefferson Jay. \$12-\$17.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Jacqui Silver, From Brahms to Broadway. \$14-\$19.

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Saturday — Earth Day EdenFest.

Balboa Theatre:
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Bar Pink:
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Friday, 9pm — The Styletones.
Saturday, 9pm — Neon Beat.
Sunday, 9pm — Happy Endings with DJs.
Tuesday, 9pm — Tiki Tuesday.
Wednesday, 9pm — H.A.M with DJ L.

Belly Up:
Thursday — Tippa Irie.
Friday, 9pm — Queensryche starring Geoff Tate. \$40-\$42.
Saturday, 9pm — 40 Oz. to Freedom, No Duh, Red Not Chili Peppers. \$14-\$25.
Sunday — Tim McIllrath, Chuck Ragan, Jenny O.
Monday — Gaslight Anthem and Matt Mays.
Wednesday, 7pm — Lexington Field and Steph Johnson. \$10-\$12.

Boar Cross’n:
Thursday, 8pm — Lyrical Skoolyard.
Friday, 8pm — Club Musae.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 7pm — Soul Ablaze, Burning Up, Big Toe.
Friday, 7pm — Faster Pussycat, Jesters Fate, As the Crow Flies. \$12-\$15.
Saturday, 5pm — Hellbent, Iron Mayhemm, Rattz, Van Roth. \$12.
Sunday, 6:30pm — Missing Neptune, the Rift, Jerod Dulaney. \$10-\$13.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — SD Music TV Open Mic. **Free.**

Canyon Crest Academy:
Sunday, 7pm — Pomerado Community Band. \$5-\$12.

Casa Del Sol:
Sunday, 2pm — Masters in Concert: Tibetan Bowls & Gongs. \$25-\$30.

Casbah:
Tuesday — Boris and Marriages.

Ché Café:
Saturday, 7pm — Globe & Beast, Alioth, Cart Numbers. \$8.
Monday, 7pm — Peter Prance, White Mystery, Kids, the Frights. \$7.

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BY DAVE GOOD

White punks on folk: the sixth Revival Tour kicked off in Texas on March 15. The group rolls into San Diego April 21 propelled, as its promoters say, by “an innate need to tell a story in its naked acoustic style.” Folk haters, read no further. While the individual players on the Revival Tour may have had spiked hair and played loud three-chord rock music at various times in their respective careers, this is a flannel-shirt gig. For the unfamiliar, the Revival Tour is essentially an ensemble collective and a great big folk-influenced acoustic jam session. It is in-the-moment stuff, meaning that the performances, with any luck, are for the most part fluid creations left to chance. No two shows, the promoters say, will be alike. Also, the cast of musicians changes as the tour

Saturday, 6:30pm — **The Spanish Guitar in Latin America.** A concert by guitar duo Paper Moon. Join Paper Moon as they travel to the New World exploring the varied sounds of Latin American guitar music, from its European roots to its modern manifestations: Tango, Choro, Waltz, Spanish Classical. To purchase tickets go to: lajollaucc.org or call 619-341-0552. \$10-\$12.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD:
Thursday, 7pm — SpringFest: Six Marginal Pretexts. **Free.**
Friday, 8pm — Smetana Trio. \$36-\$54.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant:
Friday, 7:30pm — Scott Woker. \$5.

Coyote Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 6pm — Clay Colton Band.
Friday, 6pm — Big Rueb and The

crosses America. In Solana Beach, Jenny O from Los Angeles, Dave Hause (Loved Ones), and Rise Against’s Tim McIlrath will appear with tour organizer Chuck Ragan — yep, that Chuck Ragan.

Ragan emerged from Gainesville, Florida, in 1993 with a post-punk outfit called Hot Water Music, the name borrowed from a story collection by Charles Bukowski. The band members looked like farm boys, not punks. Hot Water Music featured dual singer/guitarists in both Ragan and Chris Wollard. After five years of touring and grinding out albums and a multitude of EPs, the members checked out, and then back in. Hot Water Music stop-started all the way through 2006, when Ragan made the break permanent (or so he thought, as HWM released a new disc in 2012) and moved to California. Here, the raspy-voiced punk shouter began recording folk music in earnest. It seemed to be something he’d wanted to do all along. Ragan had

Reloaders.
Saturday, 3pm — Billy Watson.
Saturday, 6pm — Bill Magee.
Sunday, 5pm — Jerome Dawson.

Dirk’s Niteclub:
Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Nemesis.

Dizzy’s:
Thursday, 8pm — The Joshua White Trio. \$10-\$15.
Friday, 8pm — Fishtank Ensemble. \$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Danny Janklow & Christopher Hollyday. \$10-\$15.
Sunday, 7pm — Francisco Loyo. \$15.
Monday, 7:30pm — New Youth Orchestra Lab Jazz Band. \$10.

Eastbound Bar & Grill:
Saturday, 9pm — The Drinking Cowboy Band. **Free.**

Ferry Landing Marketplace:
Sunday, 2pm — Ferry Landing Concerts: Cool Fever. **Free.**

Flame:
Saturday, 9pm — MayStar’s Diamond Dust. \$3-\$5.

Gallagher’s Pub & Grill:
Friday, 9pm — The Drinking Cowboy Band. **Free.**

Golden Acorn Casino:
Friday, 7pm — Pine Creek Posse. **Free.**

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Tuesday, noon — **Carlos Velasco.** Flamenco and latin guitar and vocals; 6pm — **Tomcat Courtney.** Born in 1929, Tomcat Courtney performs original down-home blues.
Wednesday, noon — **Carlos Velasco.** Flamenco and latin guitar and vocals; 5pm — **Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio.** Opera Latina Romantica.

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Friday, 8pm — Sara Petite and Bastard Sons. \$10.
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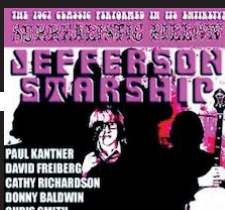
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The Five Browns — Five Pianos on Stage! “With five grand pianos on stage,” group will perform arrangements of Hollywood hits including *Star Wars*, *The Sound of Music*, *Psycho*. 619-235-0804. Friday, April 19, 8pm; Saturday, April 20, 8pm; \$20-\$85. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street.

The Spanish Guitar in Latin America A concert by guitar duo Paper Moon. Join Paper Moon as they travel to the New World exploring the varied sounds of Latin American guitar music, from its European roots to its modern manifestations: Tango, Choro, Waltz, Spanish Classical. To purchase tickets go to: www.lajollauc.org or call 619-341-0552. Saturday, April 20, 6:30pm; \$10-\$12. Congregational Church of La Jolla, 1216 Cave Street.

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People, Hell and Angels

Jimi Hendrix

By Mary Leary

Jimi Hendrix has been dead 43 years — and continues to be represented by a stream of releases. If his Age of Aquarius idealism has been muddled, he can't be held accountable for the milking of his artistic corpse. Nor can Hendrix answer the question posed by observers who've wondered how much that output has been about a desire to share his dazzling expressiveness and how much it's about

benefiting from the latter.

In any case, *People, Hell and Angels* will help keep music journalists busy.

Just about any Hendrix passage can impact someone whose playlist has been missing his soulful vocals, casually incendiary guitar work, and stream-of-consciousness compositions. But the process of documenting his creative, post-Experience process would be more intriguing if most of it weren't already available elsewhere.

Still, there's scorching guitar in a cover of Elmore James's “Bleeding Heart” and welcome clarity in the original edition of “Crash Landing.” A funky, sax-spiked “Let Me Move You” inspires a fantasy: On-fire Hendrix + James Brown. A rather chaotic mess? Probably. But it could have been a fine mess, all the same — perfect gospel accompaniment at the Church of Latter-Day Hendrix.



Dazzling expressiveness, soulful vocals

Yes pulls out the stops

By Daniel Knighton

For the first time, progressive-rock band Yes played three full-length albums onstage. The nearly three-hour show began with 1972's *Close to the Edge*, followed by *The Yes Album* (1971), and then *Going for the One* (1977).

As the feud with original singer Jon Anderson is still unresolved, vocal duties were relegated to Laguna

Beach resident Jon Davison, who was recruited from SoCal Yes tribute band Roundabout. Davison is a very capable replacement.

Despite the occasional missed cue or dropped beat, 63-year-old drummer Alan White still has a thing or two to show the younger musicians. Guitarist Steve Howe, bassist Chris Squire, and keyboardist Geoff Downes seem to still be at the top of their game, though, putting on a music clinic for the sold-out crowd.



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April 26 — Tribute to Etta James and Women of R&B.

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May 4 — Matt Smith & the Neu Jazz.

May 7 — SD Music TV Acoustic Songwriters Competition.

May 12, May 12 — Brandon Primus and Friends.

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ArtLab: 3536 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-1151.

April 26 — Ade Suparemaer.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

April 26 — Acoustic Evenings with Jefferson Jay.

April 30 — Jacqui Silver, From Brahms to Broadway.

The Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute:

10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla, 858-626-2000.

May 8 — Jason Moran and the Bandwagon.

May 23 — The Anthony Wilson Seasons Guitar Quartet.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.

April 25 — Touché.

April 26 — Bonkers EDM Dance Party.

April 30 — Tiki Tuesday.

May 2 — Gone Baby Gone CD release.

May 11 — The MilkCrates.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

April 25 — Paul Cannon Band.

April 26 — Transfer and Dead Feather Moon.

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April 26 — Club Musae.
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April 25 — Kommunity FK and They Feed at Night.
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May 1 — SD Music TV Open Mic.
May 3 — Cherie Currie, Roni Lee, Get Rockin'.
May 4 — Killing Joke, Czars, Shaolin Signal.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.
May 1, May 1 — Mariachi Garibaldi.
May 5 — Coastal Cities Jazz Band.
May 9, May 10 — Faculty Dance Concert.
May 18 — Wine, Brews and Blues Festival.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
April 28 — Metz.
April 29 — Mad Traffic EP release.
April 30 — Caitlin Rose and Daniel Romano.
May 1 — Os Mutantes, Capsula, DJ SK.
May 4 — Born Ruffians and Moon King.
May 5, May 6 — Built to Spill.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
May 22 — Your Demise and Expire.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: 2600 Calhoun St., Old Town, 619-297-1869.
April 26 — Lisa Hightower & the Full House Band.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
April 26 — Slower.

April 27 — Shelle Blue Band.
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Crossroads Stagehouse:
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May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25 — Insatiable Saturdays.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
April 26, April 27 — FX5.
May 3, May 4 — Serious Guise.

Dizzy's: 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467.
May 3 — California Guitar Trio.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:
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May 2 — DJs J.Blow & Unite.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
May 17 — Millionaires and Trace Cyrus.

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April 25 — Carlos Velasco at noon; Dusty Brough Guitar & Friends at 6pm.
April 26 — Juan Moro; Flamenco Dance Show.
April 27 — Pan Am.
April 28 — Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio.
April 30 — Carlos Velasco at noon; Tomcat Courtney at 6pm.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
April 25 — Leanna May & the Matadors.
April 26 — Blackberry Smoke.

April 30 — Dirty Sirens.
May 1 — Helmet.
May 3 — Adam Green, Binki Shapiro, La Sera.
May 4 — Crash Kings, Chris Wilson, Planet Earth.

Hacienda Casa Blanca: 700 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827.
May 4 — Cinco Fest 2013 with Instant Replay Band.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 866-751-7625.
May 3, May 3 — Prince.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.

April 25 — SOJA, Rootz Underground, Los Rakas.
April 26 — Alkaline Trio and Bayside.

April 26 — Sweethearts Salute.
April 27 — Los Amigos Invisibles.
April 28 — Breakthru Entertainment.
May 1 — Face to Face.
May 4 — Problem and IamSU!
May 5 — Mindless Self Indulgence.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
May 6 — Robin Henkel Band with Horns.

Indigo Grill: 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802.
April 27, April 28 — Robin Henkel.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington, 619-284-2848.
May 17 — Stone Iris and Freak the Mighty.

Ki's Restaurant: 2591 S. Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-436-5544.
May 3 — Robin Henkel, Whitney Shay & Billy Watson.

The Landings at Carlsbad Airport: 2198 Palomar Airport Road #100, Carlsbad, 760-929-0200.
May 18 — Patrizia the Sultry Lady Of Jazz.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
May 17 — Natalie Gelman and Lucy Langlas.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
April 25 — The Lonely Forest and Now, Now.

Mike's BBQ & Sports Bar:
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May 4 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
April 26 — Outta Line.
May 3 — SoCal Vibes.

Monterey Bay Cannery: 1325 North Harbor Dr., Oceanside, 760-722-3474.
May 19 — Band Of Gold.

Museum of Making Music:
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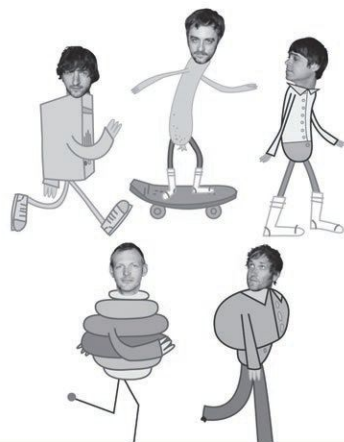
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Palomar Starlight Theater: 11154 Highway 76, Fallbrook, 877-946-7252.
May 18 — Tony Bennett.

Paradise Point Resort and Spa: 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-274-4630.
May 10 — Brett Dennen.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.
May 5 — Andres Martin: World Premiere Harp Commission.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
April 26 — John Lee Hooker, Jr.
May 15 — Cannibal Corpse, Napalm Death, Immolation.

Ramona Outdoor Community Center: 5th Street and Aqua Lane, Ramona.
May 4, May 4 — Cowboy Jack.

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church: 17010 Pomerado Rd., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-0811.
May 19 — Paul Holtz Jazz Quartet.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777.
May 3 — Rio Peligroso.

The Rook Bar: 7745 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-741-6677.
May 4 — Kalamity Wayne & the City Slickers.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
April 25 — Nerf Herder, Tsar, Kirby's Dream Band.
April 30 — Snake Rattle Rattle Snake.
May 24 — SXO, Shake Before Us, Duping the Public.

San Diego Museum of Art: 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931.
April 30 — Art of Elan: Dreams and Travels.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.
May 11 — This Is Jazz!

Second Wind (San Carlos): 8515 Navajo Rd., San Carlos, 619-465-1730.
May 16 — 321 Stereo.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
April 25 — D.P.I., Lord Howler, Revenge Death Ball.
April 26 — Roman Watchdogs, Chica Diabla, Hocus.
April 27 — Zachary James & the All Seeing Eyes.
April 28 — The Hooten Hallers.
May 2 — Stitched Up Heart and Undead Garden.
May 3 — Inferno Of Joy.
May 4 — Nerve Control and Hogboss.
May 18 — Fagz, Plasma Cannon, Chang'o's Psychotic Garage.
May 19 — Dead Bundy and the Neat Neat Neats.
May 23 — Desecrate, Exmortus, Axis Of Death.
May 24 — The Business.

Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego: 700 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-3541.
May 19 — The Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires.

Sleep Train Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
May 10 — Ne-Yo, Demi Lovato, Trey Songz.

Smith Recital Hall at SDSU: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-5200.
April 26 — SDSU South Coast Percussion Ensemble.
April 29 — World Music Series.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
April 25 — Whitehorse.
April 26 — Various Cruelties, Hindu Pirates, Yawmen.
April 27 — The Drowning Men and Wild Wild Wets.
April 28 — Blood Red Shoes and Splashh.
April 29 — Marnie Stern.
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Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
May 10, May 11 — All Time Low and Pierce the Veil.
May 18 — Into the Flood and Wrath Of Vesuvius.

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May 10 — Glottalopticon: Experimental Opera Series.
May 11 — Author & Punisher and Isolde Touch.
May 14 — Jeff Parker Trio.

Spanish Landing Park: 4077 North Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego.
May 10, May 11 — Gator by the Bay 2013.
May 11 — Manny Cepeda Orchestra.
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The Spot: 1835 Main St., Barrio Logan, 619-566-6278.
May 18 — Power Animals III: Spirit Guides.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-702-8138.
May 5 — Kiwanis Concert in the Park.

Thirsty Moon Records: 525 Evans Pl., Hillcrest, 619-542-1500.
April 29 — The Loons.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington, 619-516-4746.
April 26 — Taboo Fridays with Miki Vale & DJ Niomiesoulfly.

Tower 13: 2633 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-635-1200.
May 10 — Fleetwood MAX! at Tower 13.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: 873 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.
April 25 — Pan Am.
April 26 — Tomcat Courtney; Afro Jazziacs.
April 27 — Peligroso Caramelo; Tomcat Courtney.
April 28 — Middle-Earth (Belly Dance ensemble).
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The Void: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights.
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May 19 — Anchoress.

Whistle Stop Bar: 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.
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April 28 — San Diego Mixtape Society: Pulling A 180.
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San Diego Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

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

BALBOA PARK

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

BANKERS HILL

Avenue 5: *Daily, 5-7pm:* \$3 select beers, \$2 off select wines by the glass, specialty cocktails, \$2 off "bar stuff" menu.

Barrio Star: *Daily, 5-7pm:* \$4 beers; \$5 regular margaritas, sangria, and select wines. 5-6pm: \$3-\$4 tacos.

Bertrand at Mister A's: *Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm:* \$5 wells, \$6 wine, \$10 cocktails, \$4 local brews. Bar or patio only.

The Caliph: *Daily, 11am-8:30pm:* \$3.25 domestic beer, \$4 wells, \$5 flavored cosmos. (All day Monday.)

Tin Can Ale House: *Daily, 4-8pm:* \$1 off drinks.

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

Bay Park Fish Company: *Daily, 3-6pm:* \$4 draft, \$5 house wine by the glass; \$2 oyster shooter, \$3 fish taco. Bar only.

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-BY-THE-SEA

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.

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

CARLSBAD

The Alley: *Daily, 11am-7pm:* \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Club-house: *Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$6 select wine, \$5 well cocktails, \$6 argyle bites, \$5 draft and domestic.

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

La Costa Grill: *Daily, 4-7pm, 9-11pm:* \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

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

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: *Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm:* \$3 house microbrews.

CARMEL VALLEY

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

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

CHULA VISTA

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

BJ's Brewhouse: *Monday-Thursday, 3pm-7pm:* \$1 off draft and cocktails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small bites not included). *Friday, 3-7pm:* \$1 off beer and cocktails.

Diamond Jim's: *Daily, noon-8pm:* \$3 domestic beer, \$4 wells.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2 beer, margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm:* \$1 off every drink; \$3.50 wells, \$5 martinis.

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

Bullpen Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm:* \$2 wells, domestics. \$5 double cheeseburger, chili-cheese dog, hot wings. (Monday & Tuesday, 10pm-close: \$3 you-call-its, \$5 Patrón, cognac, specialty 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.

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.

Brigantine: *Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm:* \$4 Brig brew, Dos Equis. \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$6 merlots, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted tacos, shrimp, oysters.

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

DEL CERRO

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.

DEL MAR

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

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

Sushi Japoné: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3.50 Japanese beers, house sake, plum wine, apple sake. \$3.50 select sushi hand rolls, tempura, deep-fried tofu, seaweed salad.

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

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white wine; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

Bice: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$5 house wine, wells. \$5 lobster pizza, tuna tartare.

Blue Point: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails; \$4 draft, \$5 featured wine by the glass. \$1 oysters & jumbo shrimp, \$6 calamari.

Buster's Beach House & Long-board Bar: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale/amber ale; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island. \$4 fish tacos, crab cakes; \$6 sliders; \$8 carne asada nachos.

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

Downtown Johnny Brown's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 off wine; 40% off bar menu.

Dussini Loft Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, *Sunday*, 9-10pm: \$1 off wells, drafts. 1/2-off sliders, onion rings, calamari. *Friday-Saturday*, 10-11pm: \$1 off wells, drafts. 1/2-off sliders, onion rings, 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.

Jsix: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 bottled beer, \$6 cocktails, wines. \$6 salads, grilled garlic shrimp, ravioli.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 pints, flights, house wine, and well drinks.

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN



ERIC JOHNSON
Sycamore Den
3391 Adams Avenue
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If you didn't have the good fortune of having a dad who grew up in the 1970s, then you probably know little about the glories of wood paneling, Gordon Lightfoot, and plaid-on-plaid polyester suits.

But, don't worry — it's all coming back to Normal Heights with the grand opening of the Sycamore Den, where bar consultant Eric Johnson of Noble Experiment fame has made sure that you have the appropriate cocktail in hand as you take in the establishment's grooviness.

According to Johnson, as the perfect entrée to the Sycamore Den, there's no better drink to serve than

that dad of all dad drinks, the Harvey Wallbanger.

"The Harvey Wallbanger is definitely one of those cocktails that stand out during that era," he says. "People know the name but don't really know what's in it.... I am switching up the recipe a bit," he admits.

"I'm sticking with the main ingredients, but adding a little vanilla extract. The original Harvey Wallbanger was a little vodka, a lot of OJ, and just a touch of Galliano, so I'm trying to shine the Galliano and bring that liqueur out."

Besides ringing your bellbottoms, the finished product, Johnson says, has a creamy taste but all the right stuff to taste like nostalgia to those who remember (and a history lesson to those who don't).

"The lemon was not originally in the Harvey Wallbanger, but it adds a bit more acidity to the cocktail to brighten it up a bit," says Johnson. "The soda on top adds some more life. But you're getting your original flavors of the Galliano, the vodka, and the OJ."

THE SYCAMORE DEN'S HARVEY WALLBANGER



In a Collins glass filled with ice, pour:

- 1½ oz. vodka
- 1 oz. Galliano
- ½ oz. lemon juice
- 1 oz. orange juice
- Two drops vanilla extract

Top with soda, garnish with orange slice and maraschino cherry, stir,

and pull back on your avocado-colored naugahyde La-Z-Boy as you push in that Styx eight-track.

\$5 wings, hummus, calamari, chili lime sweet potato fries and spinach dip.

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

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

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

Time Out Sports Bar: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$1 Jell-O shots; \$2.50 select drafts; \$3 house wines; \$4 shooters,

wells, select crafts. 1/2-off onion rings, chips & guacamole, sliders.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 keg beers; \$5 liquor, house wine. Free pizza samples.

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

Toast Enoteca & Cucina: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Half-price appetizers; \$3 drafts; \$5 wine. *Sunday*, All day: Half-price appetizers; \$3 drafts; \$5 wine.

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.

Calypso: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: *Daily*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

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

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, select sake, gyozas, stuffed mushrooms, sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

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Solace & the Moonlight Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 off drinks.

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

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Monday*, 11:30am-close: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Saturday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Sunday*, 3:30-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay.

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells. *Saturday*, noon-5pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Tuesday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials. *Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials; sushi happy hour: 1/2 off select rolls.

GOLDEN HILL

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

GRANTVILLE

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: Discounted drinks.

11pm-1am: Discounted drinks, hot wings, lumpia.

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

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

HILLCREST

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

Nami: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off house sake; 1/2-off sushi rolls. *Sunday*, 5-9pm: 1/2-off tempura, edamame.

Wine Steals: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. *Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. *Sunday*, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

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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.

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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 jam-balaya, 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

Beaumont's: *Daily*, 3-6:30pm: \$5 margaritas, mules, & mojitos; \$5 ceviche; \$7 pork spare ribs; \$4 three-meat sliders.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Daily*, 10pm-2am: \$1 off all beer, \$2 off all wine; \$5 wells.

Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

Jose's La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

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.

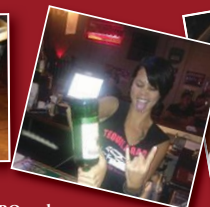
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Chico Club: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 22-oz. Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light. (\$3 Bud draft, \$3.75 bottle Corona during Nascar races.)

Manny's Cocktails: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 well drinks. *Saturday*, all day: Jäger blasters, \$5.50. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: Two large domestic drafts, \$4.

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.

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

LAKESIDE

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

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.

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

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

LINCOLN PARK

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

LINDA VISTA

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

LITTLE ITALY

El Camino: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light. 1/2-off quesadilla & nacho plates. *Sunday*, 10am-4pm: \$1 mimosas.

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$5 specialty cocktails (Mojitron, Ginger Pear Smash, mint-tea juleps, margaritas, & Cuba Libres). \$3 French dipper sliders, \$10 charcuterie platter & artisan cheese plate.

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

MIDWAY DISTRICT

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.

Desi's Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts.

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

5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers. *Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers.

MIRA MESA

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

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Brewski's Bar: *Monday*, 4-9pm: \$1 off Pints & \$3 off Pitchers. *Tuesday*, 4-9pm: Buy One get One Half Off. *Wednesday*, 4-9pm: \$5 Gentlemen Jack. *Thursday*, 4-9pm: \$4 Vegas Bombs. *Friday*, 4-9pm: \$5 Rockstar & Vodka. *Saturday*, 4-9pm: \$2 Jack with Beer Purchase. *Sunday*, 4-9pm: \$4 Bloody Mary or Mimosa.

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

MISSION BEACH

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

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

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2-7pm: 50¢ off beer, wells, and calls.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Proprietor's Reserve Wine Pub: *Saturday-Sunday*, Noon-4pm: Half-off all open wines.

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

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

Sabuku Sushi: *Daily*, 4-6pm; \$5 Shiso Craze, \$5 Buku Bites, \$5 Buku Nachos, \$7 Twice Baked Mussels, \$7 Seared Ahi Tacos. \$5 Large 20+oz Asahi or Sapporo, \$5 Rock Sake's, \$7 All cocktails & wines (by the glass)

West Coast Tavern: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

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.

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Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3 domestics, wells; \$4 premiums, glass of wine; specialty cocktails from \$3.50-\$8, 50% off select appetizers.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Barra Barra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat-bread tacos.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-6pm: House wines and drafts, \$4. House drinks, \$4.50.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$2.75 micro-brew pints, \$7.50 pitcher, \$3 house wine.

Good Time Charlie's: *Daily*, 4-6pm & 9-11pm: Crushes \$2.50, wells \$3, drafts \$3-\$5, domestic bottles \$2.50, select wines by the glass \$4.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint: *Daily*, 4-7pm: Two slices & soda \$6, two slices & beer \$8; pitchers starting at \$10.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Monday*, all day: Doubles for the price of a single; \$4 APA. \$1 slider. *Tuesday*, all day: \$3 Dos Equis draft, \$5 Patron margarita, \$10 Bud Light Pitcher. \$1

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Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cask wines. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

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Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers, drafts, wells, and select house wine.

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm; \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails. *Sunday*, 4-7pm; \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Half-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢-a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

SANTA YSABEL

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: *Monday*, Mojito Monday: \$4 Irish Mojito. *Tuesday*, Tropical Tuesday: \$4 Tropical Dream. *Wednesday*, Wicked Wednesday: \$5.50 Speedy Gonzalez. *Thursday*, Thirsty Thursday: \$2 bottled domestics. *Friday*, Fiesta Friday: \$4 classic margarita. *Saturday*, Sweet Saturday: \$5 pineapple-Midori martini. *Sunday*, Sunset Sunday: \$4 Amaretto Sunset.

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Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

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Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

The Saddle Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 pints, \$3.50 bottled beer, \$5 22oz, \$5 polish beer, \$4 house wines, \$2 off cocktails.

SOUTH PARK

Hamilton's Tavern: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off all liquor/wine/any tall domestic draft. 50% off all starters. *Saturday-Sunday*,

10pm-close: \$1 off all liquor/wine/any tall domestic draft. 50% off all starters.

Fannie's Nightclub: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Daily*, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 bottled beers, \$3.50 wine by the glass, \$3.50 Ouzo Aperitif.

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: *Monday-Saturday*, 4pm-close: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers. *Sunday*, All day: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers.

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Babbo's Bar and Grille: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.

Cheers: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.

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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for Community Resource Center's Carol's House, the El Nido Interfaith Shelter for victims of domestic violence, and V-Day, the global movement founded by Eve Ensler. Contact: Kathy Faller, socialaction@uufsd.org.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN DIEGUITO, 1036 SOLANA DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-755-9225. 7PM SATURDAY.

A Doll's House

The Old Globe Theatre stages Henrik Ibsen's drama about a young wife's illegal risk to save her husband's life. Kirsten Brandt directs. SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 21.

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4:30PM THURSDAYS, 4:30PM FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 1PM



Robert Smyth as Damien, at Lamb's Players Theatre through May 5.

SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 21.

An Inspector Calls

J.B. Priestley's mystery/morality drama begins where comedies end. The upper class Birley's have it made. During a white-tie celebration a trench-coated, local gendarme arrives and announces that an impoverished woman committed suicide. Anyone heard of her? No, Birley responds. So the inspector pries, then patiently and systematically dismantles the entire family. Under Daren Scott's quite capable direction, Scripps Ranch

offers a tight, suspense-filled staging. Fred Harlow and Jill Drexler head a strong cast, and D. Candis Paule gives the inspector a gently insistent voice, like the Master of Ceremonies for a collective comeuppance. Worth a try. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 21.

Assassins

The Stephen Sondheim/John Weidman collage of nine presi-

dential assassins flips musicals upside-down. Audacious lyrics invade familiar song forms. John Hinckley, Jr. and Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme sing a beautiful ballad to Jodie Foster and Charles Manson. Sondheim said he wanted audacity but not to be "smartass." Parts of *Assassins* are that too, which can irk and detract from poor traits of "those who never win" and "those who might have been." Director Sean Murray gives the Cygnet Theatre production an appropriately edgy flow (as unpredictable as the

assassins' motives are predictable). Everyone in the cast gives a fully committed performance, especially Manny Fernandes as Samuel Byck, whose urgent, thoroughly disillusioned voice articulates what the others fumble to say. Worth a try. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 28.

Chicago

Welk Resort Theatre stages Kander and Ebb's "musical vaudeville" set at the end of the Roaring Twenties. Ray Limon directed and choreographed.

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Damien

If you saw Father Damien de Vuester holding a cardboard "Please help" sign on a street corner, you'd probably walk swiftly past (with good reason, since his smelly cassock carried leprosy). Robert Smyth's admirable performance will invert your first impression. Damien, the resident priest at Molokai, Hawaii's leper colony, was canonized for his caring and devotion. I've seen several versions and have watched Smyth grow as a storyteller. This version, by far his best, weaves an intricate text into a moving tale. Mike McKeon's set turns the Lamb's Players stage into an island. Costume wiz Jeanne Reith has only one outfit for the

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DerbyWise

Circle Circle dot dot gives voice to locals who may not have one otherwise. The company's also becoming known for inventive sets and costumes. Their latest piece, about women on a roller derby team, has promise. It sketches out the conflict between amateur enjoyment vs. professionalism (and between "being strong and being a bitch"). But the script, by Katherine Harroff, is too talky, the characters too one note, and the scenes taking way too long to make obvious points. And the cast, with few exceptions, talks down to the floor much of the time and needs to enunciate better. The production's pluses: another eye-catching set (hot pinks and limes and a smart use of cartoony videos) and authentic, fishnet-laced, roller derby outfits.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 20.

Dreams in the Sand

Joseph Powers's drama, about "immigration, deportation, death and dreams, has its world premiere at Cal State San Marcos. The performance includes poetry by Juan Felipe Herrera, California Poet Laureate.

CSU SAN MARCOS, 333 SOUTH TWIN OAKS VALLEY RD., SAN MARCOS. 760-750-4000. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 27.

Federal Jazz Project

The San Diego Rep presents the world premiere of Richard Montoya's tribute to San Diego and Tijuana's contribution to jazz. Gilbert Castellanos composed the score. Sam Woodhouse directs. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 5.

Grey Gardens

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ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 20.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your



Circle Circle dot dot presents the colorful DerbyWise at Tenth Avenue Theatre through April 20.

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

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NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 9:45PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 1.

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One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

To avoid work duty in prison, Randle P. McMurphy feigns insanity and enters an institution, where he's certain he'll thrive. Good luck with that, Randle P. New Village Arts is staging one of its best shows in some time. With some tweaking of the pace it could be

even better. Director Claudio Raygoza peoples the stage with sharply drawn inmates. Kristianne Kurner smartly downplay's Nurse Ratched's monstrosity (Ken Kesey's book is about invisible forms of repression that force people to censor themselves unwittingly). From his first, raucous entrance to his mute, deeply moving finale, Jeffrey Jones is excellent as McMurphy. He makes one bold choice after another and fills the stage with Randle P's indomitable spirit. **Critic's Pick.**

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 21.

References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot

Moxie stages Jose Rivera's surreal romance about the dream of Gabriela (or is it?) as she awaits the return of his husband/soldier from overseas. Dana I. Harrel directs. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 5.

Smoking Men and Other Activities

Suburban Salon hosts a reading of Eva Barnes' comedy, inspired by the paintings of Canadian artist Teresa Wacławik. Reservations recommended. SUBURBAN SALON, 1504 TZENA WAY, ENCINITAS. 760-402-7757. 2PM SUNDAY, 7PM SUNDAY.

The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler

Diversions Theatre stages Jeff Whitty's comedy. After her nightly death, Hedda Gabler searches for a more fulfilling ending. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

The Odd Couple

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Neil Simon's comedy about Felix and Oscar, unlikely roommates. Andrew Barnicle directs. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA

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Poisoned

Why do we come back down?” asks Marina (Olga Kurylenko) in Terrence Malick’s *To the Wonder*. Why, after mounting to transcendence, do we sink back willy-nilly into everything we sought to transcend? To take an example from the film: why, after we ascend into an other-worldly realm like the island abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, do we wind up tromping through the unstable muck that surrounds it?

Well, because we’re human. Even if we believe are made for Heaven, we must make our home on Earth — whether that’s France, where Marina lives with her daughter, or Oklahoma, where she goes with her new lover Neil (Ben Affleck). Both places offer the wonder that the title mentions. France has gardens and cathedrals, Oklahoma has prairie sunsets and the neon brilliance of a Sonic burger joint. But both places are also stuffed with the deadening weight of the everyday. Tellingly, not a single glowing screen appears in the film: no TVs, no smartphones, no

tablets. In short, no distractions from real life and the (wonderful, awful) real people we encounter.

On top of that — or maybe, rather, below it, adding ballast to our earthbound selves — there is something amiss. The world is poisoned, and so are we. Affleck spends his time investigating fouled rivers and toxic dirt, but that’s not the point of the film. Like almost every exterior

Malick shows us, it’s just a sign, pointing to the interior landscapes of his characters. It’s

Affleck who is poisoned: the river of love that ought to flow to Marina is choked, dammed, diverted. And Marina, damaged by the failure of her first marriage, is herself closed off: if children are the fruit of love, she has taken steps to remain fruitless.

How to dramatize such an interior story? How to convey restless souls with a minimum of dramatic actions? Malick takes two approaches. First, he makes the camera move. It’s not shaky, but it’s rarely still, and when it is, it’s only for a few seconds. Neil is a stone slab of



To the Wonder: Bracing, like a convertible ride on a cold morning in France

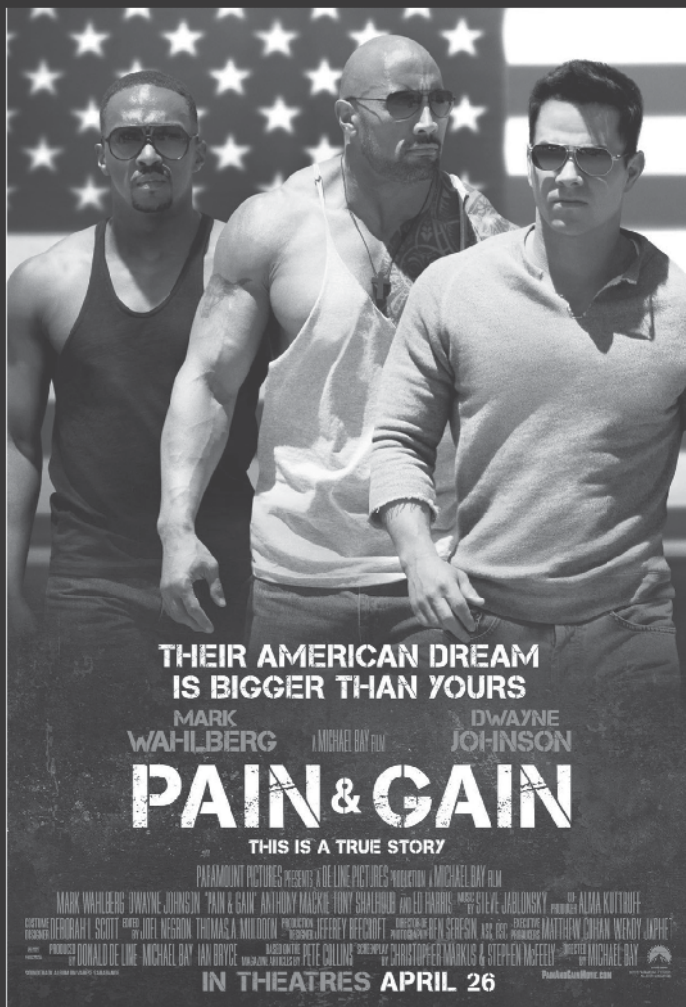
a man, but the cinematography sends Marina beating against him like waves on a cliff. Second, he gives us a man whose exterior life is devoted to care of the interior: a parish priest, Father Quintana (Javier Bardem). As a preacher, Quintana can talk about the transcendence demanded by love

even as he fails in his own search for the divine. And as a minister, he can show that perhaps the best way to search for wonder that endures is to roll up our sleeves and dig into the muck.

Of course, this being Malick, nothing about *To the Wonder* is quite

so straightforward as I may have made it seem here. Some may find its allusive, elusive character frustrating, or even obtuse. Others, myself included, may find it a respectful, even reverent approach to the mysteries of love.

— Matthew Lickona



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DIG A HOLE: JONATHAN WINTERS

God must have been in dire need of a good laugh. Someone please inform Jerry, Albert, Howard, and Joan that they are free to move one rung up the ladder of living comic legends. Jonathan Winters died on April 11. He was 87.

The problem with Jonathan Winters was no one knew quite what the hell to make of him, let alone how to harness his talent. Winters exemplified the term “always on,” and a pair of self-imposed stunts in a “nut house” didn’t help.

Jonathan Winters spent eight months in a private mental hospital for a nervous breakdown in 1959, and again in 1961. Back in the day, Hollywood felt no remorse when it came to rewarding the talents of dipsomaniacs, pederasts, pill poppers, needle pushers, and other stars who flagrantly abused their celebrity, just so long as their scandals didn’t make headlines. But instead of keeping his illness on the QT, Winters did what any anarchic genius would have done under similar circumstances: he turned personal misfortune into fuel for a standup bit.

Jonathan Harshman Winters III was born in Dayton, Ohio, on November 11, 1925. The son of a radio personality and an investment broker, his banker father turned to drink after the stock market crash of 1929. The couple divorced in 1932, leaving young Jonathan deposited on the doorstep of his maternal grandmother’s house in Springfield, Ohio.

Winters dropped out of high school during his senior year to join

the Marines. He served two and a half years in the Pacific theater during World War II. It was in 1948, while studying cartooning at the Dayton Art Institute, that he met the love of his life, Eileen Schauder. The two were married a month later and remained together until her death in 2009.

A lost wristwatch is credited with giving Jonathan Winters his start in show business. Strapped for cash, a replacement watch was a luxury the newlyweds could not afford. Eileen noticed an ad for a talent contest, with a brand-new timepiece going to the first-place winner, and suggested that her husband give it a shot. His performance that night proved her right, and soon after, Winters landed a job on radio talking up records.

The radio gig led to a children’s TV show in Dayton in 1950, and that paved the way for a game show. A talk show soon followed. But after two-and-a-half years, *The Johnny Winters Show* left Dayton’s airwaves after Winters’s request for a \$5 raise was denied. He packed up the family and moved to New York with only \$56 to his name. Within two months, he was turning down nightclub bookings.

Winters had the fastest mind in the business, and any comedian who has ever performed before an audience owes Jonathan Winters a debt of gratitude. If anything, Jonathan Winters made improv look too easy. If you were fortunate to see one of

Winters’s contemporaries in person, chances are there was little more than a live presentation of their hit comedy album. Not our hallucinogenic surrealist. Winters’s act was frequently nothing more than a string of spontaneous reactions to topics audience members threw at him. If someone called out, “A tubercular tennis ball trapped in a clothes dryer,” Winters would oblige the suggestion with ten minutes’ worth of improvisation.

Winters should have left behind a legacy of character roles, but the movies never did know how to properly utilize his demented talents. Case in point: Winters’s last two features have the word “Smurfs” in their titles. If no two standup routines were ever the same, imagine how difficult it must have been to get Winters to stick to a script, particularly when it came time to shoot retakes.

He was easily the maddest cast member in *It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, and his dual roles in *The Loved One* are rivaled only by a conspicuously under-dressed Liberace and Aylleen Gibbons as Rod Steiger’s mother. I’ve been meaning to revisit *The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming* and *Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mamma’s Hung You in the Closet and I’m Feelin’ So Sad*, but the stench of *Eight on the Lam* still burns strong. There’s no need for another visit.

I keep looking in vain to find episodes of *The Wacky World of Jona-*

than Winters, a short-lived (weren’t they all?) TV series that still brings a smile to my face almost 40 years after the fact. (Whatever became of the fellow whose one contribution to showbiz history was the line, “I’m with yooooou?”)

One of the more obscure pieces of the Winters puzzle was entrusted to me 13 years ago in the form of a pair of audio cassettes from a fellow devotee, David Elliott. Winters would call his friend Jim Smith at all hours of the day and night and leave outrageous, off-the-cuff messages on his answering machine. Smith, knowing what a great disservice it would be to not share these priceless recordings with the rest of the world, cut the calls down and released them on two volumes. *Jonathan Winters Crank(y) Calls* is available on Amazon.

There is only one way to remember Jonathan Winters, and that’s

through laughter. Check *The Big Screen* blog for a few choice bits, courtesy of YouTube. God bless you, Mr. Winters.

— Scott Marks

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42 (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **Juras-sic Park 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 Sat. 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15 Sat. (10:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Call theater for program information.

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Evil Dead (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:30, 10:10 Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:30, 10:10; **G.I. Joe: Retali-ation** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 4:30) 7:25, 9:55 Sat-Sun. (11:00) 4:30, 7:25, 9:55; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (1:45p.m.); **It Takes a Man and a Woman** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun. (10:05, 12:45, 3:45) 6:30, 9:15; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:15) 7:00, 8:15, 10:00 Sat-Sun. (10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:15) 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:15, 10:30; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri. (10:10, 4:10) 10:05 Sat-Sun. (10:10) 4:10, 10:05; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat. (1:10) 7:05 Sun. (1:20) 7:05; **Side Effects** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10 Sat-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
My Brother The Devil (NR) 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; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight; **No Place On Earth** (PG-13) Opens Friday, April 26; **Simon Killer** (NR – For Mature Audiences) Opens Friday, April 26

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Admission (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **Evil Dead** (R) Fri. 10:35, 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30 Sat-Sun. 10:35, 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; **The Host** (R) Fri-Sun. 10:40, 4:10, 7:10; **Jurassic Park 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 10:45, 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun. 12:10, 3:20, 6:35, 9:40; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Side Effects** (R) Fri-Sun. 10:50, 4:25, 10:00; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun. 1:40, 10:10; **The Lords of Salem** (R) Fri-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **Tyler Perry's Temptation** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 1:35, 7:05

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
42 (PG-13) Wed & Thu: (2:10), (5:10), 8:10, Fri: (2:10), 5:10, 8:10, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (5:10), 8:10; **The Company You Keep** (R) Wed & Thu: (2:20), (5:20), 8:20, Fri: (2:20), 5:20, 8:20, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, Mon & Wed: (2:20), 8:20, Tue & Thu: (2:20), (5:20), 8:20; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Wed & Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Fri: (2:00), 5:00, 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Mon & Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Tue: (2:00), 8:00, Wed: (5:00); **Quartet** (PG-13) Wed: (1:50), (4:50), 7:10, Thu: (1:50), (4:50), No 7:10 PM Show Thursday, 04/18/13, Fri: (1:50), 4:50, 7:10, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 1:50, 4:50, 7:10, Mon: (4:50), No 7:10 PM Show Monday, 04/22/13, Tue: (4:50), 7:10, Wed: (1:50), (4:50), 7:10, Dis-count Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “ () ”; **Renoir** (R) Opens Friday, April 26

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
42 (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 11:35, 1:10, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15) 6:20, 7:30, 9:30, 10:45; **Evil Dead** (R) Fri. (10:20, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15, 10:55; **Filly Brown** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 7:20; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 4:35) 10:10; **The Host** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:15, 5:00) 8:05, 11:10; **Jurassic Park 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 2:00) 7:50, 10:40; **Oblivi-on** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:35, 10:45 Fri. (11:10, 2:10, 5:10) 8:10, 11:30; **Oblivion: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri. (11:00, 1:55, 4:45) 7:40, 10:35; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 1:20) 7:25; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri. (4:20) 10:30; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri. (10:25, 12:50, 1:35, 3:20, 5:50)

7:10, 8:20, 10:50; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. (10:35, 4:05) 9:35; **The Croods** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:25, 1:50, 2:55, 5:25) 7:05; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 4:25) 9:45; **The Lords of Salem** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Fri. (11:55, 3:25) 6:55, 10:15; **Tyler Perry's Temptation** (PG-13) Fri. 7:45, 10:35

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.

PACIFIC BEACH

Full Moon Drive-In
1500 Felspar Street (888-211-0404)
Big Daddy (PG-13) Fri 4/19/13 (7:45); **American Psycho** (R) Sat 4/20/13 (7:45); **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Sun 4/21/13 (7:45pm)

SAN DIEGO

ArcLight La Jolla
4425 La Jolla Village Drive Suite H60 (858-768-7770)
42 (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 7:35p.m. Fri-Sat. 10:30, 12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 2:50, 3:45, 4:45, 5:25, 6:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 11:15 Sun. 4:45p.m. Sun. 10:30, 12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 2:50, 3:45, 5:25, 6:30, 7:35, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 11:15; **Disconnect** (R) Fri-Sat. 11:10, 1:10, 3:35, 5:05, 6:10, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 11:50 Sun. 11:10, 1:10, 3:35, 5:05, 6:10, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40; **E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Sun. 4:30p.m.; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 8:15p.m. Fri-Sat. 10:45, 11:25, 12:00, 1:15, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:05, 9:45, 10:15, 11:00, 11:45, 12:00 Sun. 5:30p.m. Sun. 10:45, 11:25, 12:00, 1:15, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:05, 9:45, 10:15, 11:00; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sun. 11:35, 2:35, 4:35, 8:45, 10:45; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 10:10, 1:55, 4:00, 8:20, 11:10, 12:15 Sun. 10:10, 1:55, 4:00, 8:20, 11:10; **The Company You Keep** (R) Fri-Sun. 11:55, 2:05, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sat. 10:05, 12:20, 1:30, 3:55, 6:15, 9:55, 12:30 Sun. 10:05, 12:20, 1:30, 3:55, 6:15, 9:55; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. 11:05a.m.; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Fri-Sat. 10:15, 11:30, 1:05, 2:20, 3:50, 6:00, 7:10, 8:05, 10:10 Sun. 10:15, 11:30, 1:05, 2:20, 6:00, 7:10, 8:05, 10:10; **The Sapphires** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 11:00, 1:20, 6:05; **Trance** (R) Fri-Sat. 10:00, 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:05, 10:30, 12:05 Sun. 10:00, 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:05, 10:30

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
To The Wonder (R) Fri: (1:40), 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40; **The Sapphires** (PG-13) Fri: (1:50), 4:30, 7:10, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:35; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Fri: (2:00), 5:10, 8:15, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 2:00, 5:10, 8:15, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (5:10), 8:15; **The Com-pany You Keep** (R) Fri: (2:20), 5:20, 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:20, 5:20, 8:00, Mon – Thu: (2:20), (5:20), 8:00; **Trance** (R) Fri: (2:10), 4:40, 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:20, 9:45, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “ () ”

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Call theater for program information.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Home Run (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:20 Sat-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 4:15) 7:30, 10:30 Sat-Sun. (12:25) 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; **Oblivion: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 11:55, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
42 (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; **Evil Dead** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; **G.I. Joe: Retalia-tion** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun. (10:40, 1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:30; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:30, 1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
42 (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30 Sat-Sun. (11:55) 4:10, 7:20, 10:30; **Evil Dead** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 4:55) 8:00, 10:35 Sat-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:55, 8:00, 10:35; **G.I. Joe: Re-taliation** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (1:55) 7:30; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 4:35) 10:15 Sat-Sun. (11:05) 4:35, 10:15; **The Host** (R) Fri. (12:10, 4:15) 7:25, 10:30 Sat-Sun. (12:10) 4:15, 7:25, 10:30; **Jurassic Park 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:20, 2:30) 6:45, 9:50; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 12:20, 2:50, 4:40) 6:55, 7:40, 10:00, 10:45 Sat-Sun. (11:35, 12:20, 2:50) 4:40, 6:55, 7:40, 10:00, 10:45; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40 Sat-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:45) 7:00; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. (2:55) 10:10; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:05, 4:50) 7:55, 10:20 Sat-Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:50, 7:55, 10:20; **Side Effects** (R) Fri. (4:00) 9:35 Sat-Sun. 4:00, 9:35; **The Croods** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45 Sat-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; **The Place Be-yond the Pines** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:15, 2:25) 7:05, 10:25; **Trance** (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:50, 4:30) 7:35, 10:10 Sat-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:30, 7:35, 10:10; **Tyler Perry's Temptation** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:15) 6:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **21 and Over** (R) Fri - Sun: (2:30), 7:45, Mon - Thu: 7:45 PM; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: (11:45

AM), (2:30), 5:15, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 8:00; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (12:00), (2:45), 5:30, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:15; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:15), (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, Sun: (12:15), (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:15; **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (1:45), 7:30, Mon - Thu: 7:30 PM; **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:40, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:40, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:40, 7:00; **Warm Bodies** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 07:00, 9:30, Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:00), 5:00, 10:00, Sun: (12:00), 5:00, Mon - Thu: 5:00 PM; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 6:45, 9:00; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri - Sun: (12:30), 4:15, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 8:00; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri - Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:15, Mon - Thu: 4:15 PM; **Argo** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), 4:30, 10:15, Sun: (11:00 AM), 4:30, Mon - Thu: 4:30 PM

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
42 (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05; **Evil Dead** (R) Fri-Sat. 10:30, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. 10:15, 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 11:10, 2:00, 7:25, 10:15 Sun. 11:10, 2:00, 7:20, 10:00; **G.I. Joe: Retali-ation 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 4:40p.m

POWAY

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Call theater for program information.

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)
Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
42 (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:35, 12:20, 1:20, 3:30, 4:10) 6:30, 7:10, 9:30, 10:10; **Evil Dead** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50) 8:15, 10:30; **Filly Brown** (R) Fri-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **Jurassic Park 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:40, 1:30, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:10, 12:35, 2:00, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50) 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun. (10:45, 1:35, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35) 7:05, 7:55, 9:35, 10:15; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:40, 1:25, 4:15); **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:20, 12:40, 1:45, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Fri-Sun. (12:30, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20

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)
42 (PG-13) Fri. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:30, 11:30; **Admission** (PG-13) Fri. 4:35p.m.; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D** (PG-13) Fri. 3:25p.m.; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri. 12:00p.m.; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri. 11:30a.m.; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri. 11:30a.m.; **The Croods 3D** (PG) Fri. 11:30a.m.; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Fri. 11:15, 2:15, 5:30, 8:45, 11:45; **The Sapphires** (PG-13) Fri. 11:00a.m.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
A Deeper Shade of Blue (2011) (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m. Sat-Sun. (1:20) 6:00; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. 8:05p.m. Sat-Sun. (3:25) 8:05; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.

OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Call theater for program information.

Skylar Astin is the nice Jewish kid who’s maybe settling down a tad early, and Justin Chon is the stressed-out Asian birthday boy they set out to inebriate on the night before he interviews for med school. Chon is a charmer, but sadly, he spends much of the film as unconscious baggage for two dudes crossing that magical border between youth and adulthood. The whole thing is a happy fantasy of debauchery: yeah, the boys get spanked for their transgressions, but each soggy thread is neatly tied by the end, and nobody’s even hung over the next morning. 2013. — M.L. ★ (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

42 — Television veteran Chadwick Boseman gives a fine, canny performance as Jackie Robinson, the man who broke Major League Baseball’s color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. Well, except for when he talks to his wife and infant son: then, writer-director Brian Helgeland’s script drives him into speechmaking about the interior life he is otherwise allowed to convey through expression and action. And sometimes, through *inaction*: as Dodgers owner Branch Rickey tells him, success will require Robinson to be like Jesus and turn the other cheek. (Harrison Ford’s growly-jowly performance as Rickey does nothing to obscure an excellent character: a man whose motivations include greed, devotion to the game, and a genuine strain of Christianity.) The story isn’t much more than a hit parade of “Shut up, racist” moments — Alan Tudyk’s opposing manager just oozes with venomous talk — but its blunt force is enough to get the job done. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Company You Keep — Arrogant rookie reporter Ben Sheperd (Shia

LaBeouf) sets out to make history by exposing a former member of the Weather Underground, currently on the run from the law for a murder he allegedly committed 30 years ago. Nick Sloan (Redford) apparently learned more from watching action movies than his time spent as a member of the radicalized anti-war movement. Just when you think the heat has the drop on him, Sloan pops on his cheaters, tugs down the brim of his baseball cap, and slips into the Amtrak lavatory. It’s routine moves like this that prevents *The Company You Keep* from ever rising above anything more than a standard thriller, obviously inspired by one of Redford’s past hits. It’s probably starchy Redford’s finest directorial hour and still nothing to get worked up over. Credit DP Adriano Goldman (City of Men, Sin Nombre) for giving the film its hard-edged look. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Croods — Nicolas Cage is a caveman daddy trying to deal with Modern Youth. That is all. 2013. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Disconnect — After a compromising photo of him surfaces online, a high school student (Jonah Bobo) attempts suicide. A couple (Paula Patton and Alexander Skarsgård) seeks revenge against the hacker who cyber-drained their savings account. An emerging TV reporter (Andrea Riseborough) betrays a source (Max Thieriot) to help expose an internet porn ring. Novice screenwriter Andrew Stern scoured the internet in search of three sensational stories, all involving social media and cyber crime, to string together as a feature. Instead of bringing it to a point, all that Stern and director Henry Alex Rubin (making his narrative feature debut) can come up with are three Lifetime message pictures for the price of one. Strangely enough, the most visually compelling moments involve close-ups of characters silently texting back and forth. A singularly ugly subject made even more so thanks to cinematographer Ken Seng, who bastes this serving of *Crash* lite with a pasty incandescence that only adds to the unpleasantness. 2013. — S.M. ★ (AMC MISSION VALLEY)

Evil Dead — An overexplained nightmare: explanations are what this remake has in place of the anarchic whimsy of the original. Why are the pretty young people going to hang out at a creepy cabin in the woods? Because they’re trying to help their friend quit drugs, and this is her childhood getaway. (Drugs are also why they don’t believe she’s possessed, at least, not at first.) Why do various awful things happen to them (especially the women)? Because there are corresponding pictures in this here book bound in human skin. There’s an apocalyptic prophecy in there too, because everybody loves raised stakes. Oh, and also directions for stopping the badness. Fans of the original will nod with recognition (if not necessarily delight), and fans of intense, graphic violence will get their fill. Director Fede Alvarez famously eschewed CGI, and the gore is indeed lovingly handcrafted. There isn’t much more to say. 2013. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

G.I. Joe: Retaliation — They probably should have titled it *Tatum Triumphant*, but oh well. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Gimme the Loot — Urban romantic crime comedy about a pair of Brooklyn aerosol paint pundits (rookies Tashiana Washington and Ty Hickson) who need \$500 to make their dream of “bombing” the Mets’ home run apple a reality.

From its opening long-take robbery of a paint store, backed by King Coleman’s “Let’s Shimmy,” one would immediately tag Scorsese as the prime influence on director Adam Leon’s debut feature. Right town, wrong borough. Ten minutes of walk-and-talk coverage — filtered through the compressed eye of a telephoto lens and awash in a babbling stream of incessant exposition and backstory — soon reveals that Leon has seen too many Woody Allen pictures. On the plus side, the director serves up an ear-grabbing soundtrack made up entirely of non-diegetic novelties — no hip-hop or rap heard here — and hiring a former NYC tour guide as a location scout was a stroke of genius. 2012. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

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. ● (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

The Host — A mighty contest between the cool, interior sci-fi stylings of writer-director Andrew Niccol (*Gattaca*, *In Time*) and the overheated adolescent emotional-ity of *Twilight* creator Stephanie Meyer, who wrote the source material. Meyer wins in the end, but for the first two acts, the tension proves fruitful. Alien parasites known as Souls have taken over most of the population, but there are still a few free humans (William Hurt!) hiding in gorgeous desert caves, plus a handful of hosts who prove resistant to takeover. Heroine Melanie (Saoirse Ronan) is one of these; after occupation, she exists as a persistent voice in her own head, a situation played for both pathos and comedy. It would be too easy to read this as Meyer’s *Autobiography of a Frustrated Mormon*: the alien Souls are honest, kind, and totally inhuman. Better to focus on the intriguing question of how to combat The Enemy

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Within. 2013. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Hunky Dory — Look back in wide-eyed wonder. An idealistic English teacher (Minnie Driver) returns to her provincial hometown following the death of her father. (Being a princess in the big city just wasn't happy-making.) There, she plans to put on a rock-infused production of Shakespeare's *Tempest* in a Wales high school circa 1976. Along the way, she will encounter resistance from nasty, hidebound colleagues(!), romantic difficulties among her impossibly handsome and accomplished adolescent performers(!), and a helping hand from an unexpected source(!!!). It's all here: Outcasts! Troublemakers! Homosexuals! Sage advice along the lines of, "You can't persuade someone to love you, and you can't blame them when they don't." The film's chief accomplishment is actually looking like a washed-out color photo taken on someone's Kodak Instamatic back in the day. 2011. — M.L. ● (READING GASLAMP)

The Lords of Salem — Salem. Witches. Rock music. Rob Zombie. 2012. (AMC MISSION VALLEY; REGAL MIRA MESA)

My Brother the Devil — More modern, more problems. Writer-director Sally El Hosaini brings a few tweaks to the familiar themes of brotherly strife and immigrants rising through drug-dealing. The immigrants are Egyptian; the religious background is Muslim ("If it's written, it's gonna happen anyway"); the city is London. Handsome, muscular Rashid

(a winning James Floyd) runs drugs for a small operation and dreams of a better life for himself and his brainier, slighter brother Mo (a sullen Fady Elsayed). After the way-of-it death of a friend in a turf brawl, Rashid finds a way out in the employ of a sophisticated photographer. And, yes, "sophisticated" means exactly what you think it means — that's one of the tweaks. Mo, meanwhile, has little use for the straight and narrow. The talk is good, and all the updates make for at least the feeling of freshness. 2012. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

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. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Oblivion — Review forthcoming at sandiegoreader.com. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Oz The Great and Powerful — Insert sinking balloon joke here. James Franco minks 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 mon-

key, 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. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Place Beyond the Pines — A rare exception to the old line about the book being better than a movie, *The Place Beyond the Pines* is a small-scale epic that might have been better as a novel. In a novel, we might not have minded the sudden loss of major characters, the 15-years-later epilogue that turns out to be an entire extra act, or the fact that it's not about any of the characters so much as it is about the sprawling story they help to tell. And in a novel, we would certainly have been spared the Major Revelation Via Google Search. But in a novel, we wouldn't have gotten to see Ryan Gosling as a tattooed stunt biker-outlaw, Eva Mendes as his long-suffering lover, Bradley Cooper as a lawman-lawyer, Ray Liotta as a dirty so-and-so, Dane DeHaan as a damaged teen, and best of all, Ben Mendelsohn as another hard-case lowlife. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Room 237 — *The Shining* is my go-to Stanley Kubrick film. But after numerous viewings, thoughts of Native American genocide, Hitler's ovens, and/or the director helping to fake the *Apollo* moon landing have never once come up for discussion. Listen to the filmmakers, and *Room 237* is a black eye to serious film analysts everywhere. Side with the five interview subjects who have "seen" *The Shining*, and Kubrick was a mad genius who resorted to subliminal seduction and semiological subtext as a means of advancing the narrative by tampering with viewers' thought patterns. The same crackpots

who credit Kubrick with meticulously arranging every frame he ever filmed are also the first to find genius hidden in his continuity errors. To paraphrase Michael Powell's *Peeping Tom*, all this home video technology isn't healthy. Somewhere there's a someone who will watch *Room 237* (or *How I Learned to Stop Paying Attention and Love the Slo-Mo Function on My Remote*) frame-by-frame. — S.M. ★★★★★ (READING GASLAMP)

The Sapphires — A feel-good movie that gets the job done, thanks in no small part to the enormous appeal of its star, Chris O'Dowd. As Dave Lovelace, a failed cruise ship director reduced to hosting talent shows in a local pub, O'Dowd is the blackest, most soulful "gubber" in all of New South Wales. He finds redemption (and a meal ticket) in the form of an aboriginal sister act (Deborah Mailman, Jessica Mauboy, Miranda Tapsell). The three siblings are later joined by Kay (Shari Sebbens), a talented vocalist whose light skin has caused her to spend years trying to distance herself from her cousins. Eventually, Uncle Sam sends the girls to entertain the troops in Vietnam. Given the context, subplots involving racism, oppression, and romance are as unavoidable as performance numbers. But all of these frequently burdensome themes are interwoven with nary a trace of condescension or sermonizing. Sentiment, however, is unavoidable. 2012. — S.M. ★★★★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; CINÉPOLIS DEL MAR; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Snitch — Those expecting two hours of non-stop punches and explosions are in for a rude awakening. Former stuntman-turned-writer/director, Ric Roman Waugh, rocks Dwayne Johnson's world with a focused piece of genre storytelling that doubles as a dead-on assault against the war on drugs. Under federal laws known as mandatory minimums, Johnson's son is sentenced to ten years unless he rats out other drug traffickers. The kid is small potatoes and doesn't know any of the high profile kingpins the government is after, so dad enters the drug world in search of a bigger bust to help lessen his boy's jail time. The film's only drawback is its unnecessary (and persistent) employment of hand-held cinematography. If you can afford The Rock's salary, surely a tripod can't be that big an expense. The supporting cast — including Susan Sarandon, Barry Pepper, and Benjamin Bratt — is uniformly superb. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (REGAL ESCONDIDO; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

To the Wonder — Reviewed this issue. — M.L. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Trance — A fun ride while it lasts. Simon (James McAvoy) is an art auctioneer who gets caught up in a scheme to steal Goya's painting *Witches in the Air*. But he takes a nasty knock on the head during the robbery and develops amnesia. When the painting turns up missing, it's up to hypnotherapist Elizabeth (Rosario Dawson) to discover its whereabouts by digging into Simon's mind. (Hypnosis = witchcraft?) Comparisons will be made to Christopher Nolan's mindscape pic *Inception*, and rightly so — director Danny Boyle here shares Nolan's taste for plot over character. (Does anyone in either the film or the audience really care if Simon lives or dies?) Comparisons will also be made to Brian DePalma for the self-conscious style and leering sexuality (Simon likes his girls shaved, like classical paintings). But while thrillers thrive on misdirection, there can come a point where you're just jerking folks around. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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Occupation Program funds for purposes other than funding the program.

Quiñones stated, "I have crunched the numbers, and this program only needs \$3.5 [million] to function."

Many community members enrolled in ROP classes addressed the board on April 9.

Classmates from an ROP phlebotomy class were particularly vocal in their protest. One told the board: "We are asking you for help now; we may be the people you are asking for help in the future."

A visit to the phlebotomy class the day after the vote demonstrated the students are daunted but not defeated. They are studying as hard as ever while their future hangs in the balance. The course they're taking through the Sweetwater ROP/CTE is free but demands five months of study followed by 250 hours of internship, which was scheduled for this summer.

Professor Dessources has taught the class for seven years. Although his future is uncertain, his concern was for the class. "I feel my students are in limbo right now. They can't get their certification without their internships," and the internships will no longer

be funded.

Two students said they enrolled in the same course at Pima Medical Institute (a private institution) and it cost them \$1400. They both felt they got more individualized attention in the ROP class.

Cynthia Mendoza seemed to speak for the whole class when she said, "We're not giving up. Tonight [April 10] we're going to the County Board of Education meeting. We'll go to Obama if we have to."

SUSAN LUZZARO, APRIL 11

Comments

EASTLAKER APRIL 11@ 3:24 P.M.

Best of luck to the ROP/CTE students. The short-sightedness of this voting majority board is nothing short of stupefying.

As Bertha Lopez stated, "Something is wrong when you choose iPads over students!"

MISSION BEACH

Hey, there's a Lexus in the sand

No one claims ownership for abandoned vehicle

At approximately 3 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, a Lexus coupe was discovered on South Mission Beach at Ocean Front Walk near Anacapa Court.

The car had apparently been abandoned after the driver realized they couldn't drive

it out of the deep sand where the boardwalk curves toward the South Mission Beach Jetty.

No one claimed ownership of the vehicle, which was gone by the time the sun came up.

BARRY MEYER, APRIL 11

CARLSBAD

Wheelchair paddle Injured athlete tests out modified stand-up board prototype

On Saturday, April 6, in what was likely a first, wheelchair-bound athlete Kealoha Dime paddled on Agua Hedionda Lagoon using a modified stand-up paddleboard.



Kealoha Dime tests the modified stand-up board

The invention of Kawika (David Watt) from Carlsbad Surf Adventures came about after a visit to Carlsbad-based Project Walk, which specializes in the healing and physical recovery of people with spinal-cord injuries.

Joining forces with Scott Chandler of Chandler Surf, a prototype stand-up paddle-

board with stabilizing outriggers and modifications to secure a wheelchair was developed. With the user's wheelchair secured to the board, the paddler can enjoy the physical and peaceful benefits of lagoon paddling. A ramp system connected the board from the shore to provide access.

Project Walk identified Kealoha Dime as the test pilot. Dime was injured in February 2012 during a high-performance parachute "swooping" competition. Since that time, Dime has been recovering at Project Walk and has trained for bobsled competition at Utah's Paralympic Developmental School Olympic Track.

ERIC NOEL MUÑOZ, APRIL 10

TIJUANA

Battery thieves! String of car-battery thefts south of the border

About a year ago, a good friend in Tijuana took his two young sons to a taco stand for a mid-morning meal. When he returned to his minivan about 15 minutes later, he discovered that his battery had been stolen. A couple of months later, another battery was stolen from the same vehicle as it sat parked outside my friend's home. His solution: a heavy-duty chain and a padlock to prevent

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thieves from opening the hood of his car.

At the time, he said battery theft was a form of organized crime in Tijuana — a lucrative business for thieves, who resell them at prices that should seem too good to be true. I had my doubts, but a recent police report seems to have proved him right:

According to the city's department of public safety, police arrested four battery thieves last week in or near downtown

Tijuana. Between them, police said, they had stolen a total of 16 batteries. Officers said they caught the thieves red-handed after some of their victims, who witnessed the crimes, called 066 — the Tijuana equivalent of 911.

BOB MCPHAIL, APRIL 9

NORTH PARK

Coco's is kaput

Chain restaurant shuts its doors, not KO'ed by nearby "retro" eatery

Closed down for a couple of months now, the empty Coco's Bakery Restaurant at 2644 El Cajon Boulevard in North Park is still hoping

for a new leaseholder. The Coco's in Corona del Mar, California, closed in March. And Coco's in Scottsdale and Phoenix, Arizona, have also closed.

Lil B's Urban Eatery is a retro-themed restaurant across the street from the former Coco's. The *Reader* asked co-owner Tino Rodrigues if their café had put Coco's out of business. He said, "Oh, no, they were already having financial trouble." Rodrigues did say they are seeing many former Coco's customers eating at his place, which replaced the closed Johnny's R Family Restaurant.

According to the El Cajon Boulevard

Business Improvement Association's Steve Aldana, "With a good remodel, it would be a great opportunity for a more upscale operator to move onto the boulevard." But he suggested that "with so many great local food options, the large chains might be having a hard time competing."

Mike Clark with Cassidy Turley San Diego said they've had "several inquiries" from both independent and national-type restaurants. But he added that "the building's age may make it difficult to remodel and justify the expense."

DAVID BATTERSON, APRIL 7



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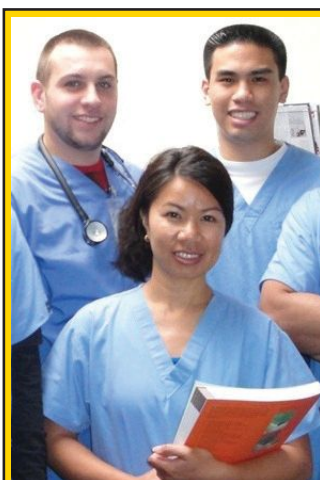
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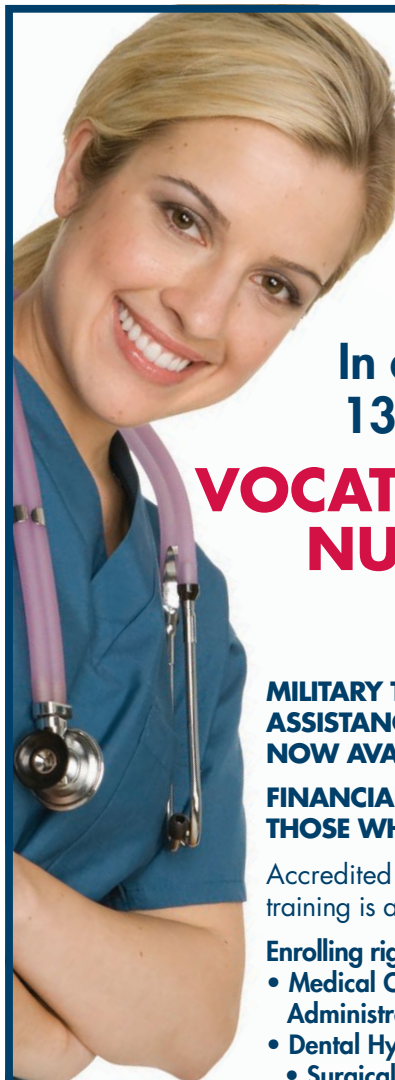
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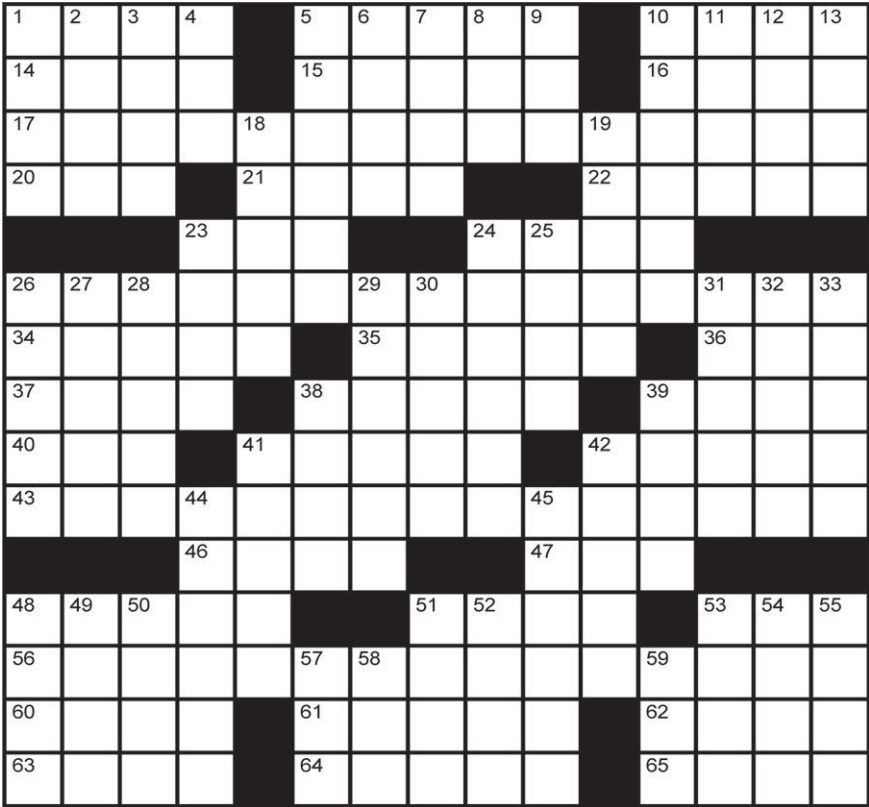


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- 14. ____ Blizzard (Dairy Queen offering)
- 15. Michelle's predecessor
- 16. "Splendor in the Grass" director Kazan
- 17. Fearful people talk smack about a diner's request?
- 20. Mao ____-tung
- 21. "T.J. Hooker" actor Adrian
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- 23. Cryer in a sitcom
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- 36. A, in Abruzzi
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- 38. Words to live by
- 39. Vitamin also known as PABA
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- 42. ____-Grain cereal bars
- 43. Relaxed people talk smack about a job opening?
- 46. Fusses
- 47. Chicago trains
- 48. Windows button
- 51. Dandy

- 53. Film villain who sings "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer, do!"
- 56. Counsel's request for an order to talk smack about a young woman?
- 60. Arab nation that's not in OPEC
- 61. " ____ ears!"
- 62. Info in an apartment ad
- 63. "Baywatch" actress ____ Lee Nolin
- 64. Kardashian/West as a tabloid twosome
- 65. ____ moss

Down

- 1. "Hey ... stop that!"
- 2. Buried treasures
- 3. Richard of "Brooklyn's Finest"
- 4. White House web address ending
- 5. Graduates
- 6. Zap
- 7. Melville's Billy
- 8. "Either you do it ____ will"
- 9. "Live ____" (Taco Bell slogan)
- 10. Jeter and Jacobi
- 11. Director of the last episode of "M*A*S*H"
- 12. Fizzled out
- 13. Asian outbreak of 2003
- 18. EPA concern
- 19. Black-and-white swimmers
- 23. Blue birds
- 24. "I have a good ____ .."
- 25. Analogy words
- 26. Something to talk about
- 27. Home of Bollywood
- 28. Bring up the rear
- 29. Light touch

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



- 30. Next
- 31. Half of an ice cream flavor
- 32. El Dia de Martin Luther King, Jr. falls in it
- 33. Arrested
- 38. Award coveted in "Mad Men"
- 39. Partner of "ifs" and "ands"
- 41. Supplement
- 42. "Frasier" character
- 44. Yacht site
- 45. 90% off?
- 48. Unwanted cloud
- 49. Hefty volume
- 50. ____ early age
- 51. Cappuccino feature
- 52. How doodles are often drawn
- 53. Take on
- 54. No longer in port
- 55. It tests reasoning skills: Abbr.
- 57. Suffix with beat or neat
- 58. "OMG! Spare me!"
- 59. It can be hard to refold

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- **Thomas Gilmore, San Diego, 1.**
- **Deanie Rattiner, San Diego, 1.**
- **Butch Rosser, Chula Vista, 1.**
- **Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 1.**



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1BD+1BA, upstairs West facing unit with private balcony. Remodeled kitchen with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Coin laundry. Garage. Small dog OK with extra deposit. Available 4/20/13. 1539 Grand Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.
1BD+1BA. Crown Point area. Appliances, garage, hardwood floors, laundry facility. Close to the Bay, Park and Freeway. 3720 Ingraham Street. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1315.
2BD+1BA Crown Point upstairs unit in quiet complex just blocks to the bay! 850 sqft. Ample closet space, laundry onsite, 1-parking space. 2014 Oliver Ave. #4. 858-768-4322 www.cal-prop.com.


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2BD+2BA, 1000 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham, 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1795.
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2BD+1BA upstairs apartment. \$1000 security deposit. Stove, refrigerator. Clean unit. Pets OK. 3110-1/2 Jarvis Street. Lance, 619-222-6020.

POINT LOMA, \$1500 & UP.
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Mount Laguna • Potrero • Ramona
Rancho San Diego • Santee
Spring Valley • Warner Springs

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College Area • Del Cerro • Grantville
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Miramar • Mission Valley • San Carlos
Serra Mesa • Sorrento Valley • Tierrasanta • UTC

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Old Town • University Heights

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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

EASY:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

6	2	8	7	9	1	3	5	4
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HARD:

6	5	4	3	9	2	1	7	8
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MEDIUM:

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EVIL:

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- Douglas Biskie, Oceanside, 1.
- La Toya Burt, San Diego, 1.
- Laura Owen, City Heights, 1.
- Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 4.
- Rosalyn Clark, Carlsbad, 1.

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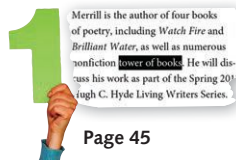
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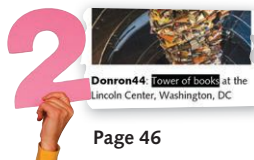
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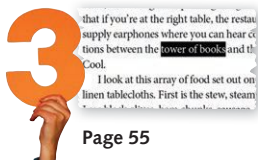
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Can’t Possibly Be True

— William Province, 42, was arrested in Jefferson County, Mont., in December and charged with waterboarding four boys, two of whom were his own sons, at his home in December. (Also in January, Kirill Bartashevitch, 52, was charged with making “terroristic” threats to his high-school-age daughter after he allegedly pointed his new AK-47 at her because her report card showed 2 B’s instead of all A’s. He said he had recently purchased the gun because he feared that President Obama intended to ban them.)

Unclear on the Concept

— Non-medical employees of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center have been campaigning for union representation, suggesting that their current wages leave many workers dangerously close to poverty. Though raises have not materialized, UPMC (according to a November *Pittsburgh City Paper* report) has now shown sympathy for its employees’ sad plight. In a November UPMC newsletter, it announced that it was setting up “UPMC Cares” food banks. Employees (presumably the better-paid ones) are urged to “donate nonperishable food items to stock employee food pantries that will established on both [UPMC campuses].” One astonished worker’s response: “I started to cry.”

— In December, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* revealed, through a public records check, that the appointed Collector of Revenue for St. Louis County has failed since 2008 to pay personal property taxes. Stacy Bailey and her husband owe taxes on three cars and in fact filed for bankruptcy in 2011. Bailey’s boss, director of revenue Eugene Leung, told the *Dispatch* that he had checked Bailey’s real-estate tax status but not personal property taxes. Nonetheless, he said, “Knowing what I know now, she’s still

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Perspective

— Before “cellulite” appeared in popular culture around 1972, almost no one believed the condition especially remarkable, wrote London’s *Guardian* in December. Similarly, the new concern about “wobbly” arms — flesh dangling loosely when a woman’s arm is raised horizontally — seems entirely made-up. However, Marks & Spencer and other upscale British retailers now sell “arm corsets” to fashionably hold the skin tighter for sleeveless tops. Wrote the *Guardian* columnist, “I wish I didn’t know that my arms weren’t meant to wobble. I’d be happier.”

People Different From Us

— Julie Griffiths, 43, of Newcastle-Under-Lyme, England, received her first Anti-Social Behavior Order in 1999 for too loudly berating her husband, Norman (who one neighbor told the *Daily Telegraph* is “the sweetest man you could ever meet”). After many complaints (from neighbors, never from Norman), Griffiths was fined the equivalent of about \$700 in 2010 and vowed to be quieter. The complaints hardly slowed, and in July 2012, environmental-health

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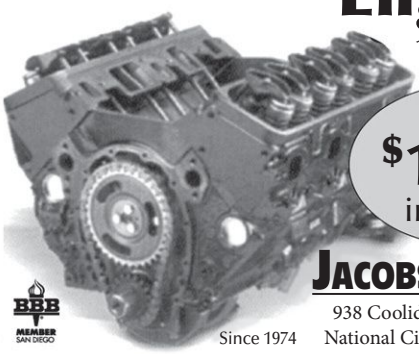
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Not quite Getting It

— As if 9/11 and the resultant air-travel restrictions had never happened, travelers for some reason continue to keep Transportation Security Administration agents busy at passengers’ carry-on bag searches. From a TSA weekly summary of confiscations in January: 33 handguns, 8 stun guns, and a serrated wire garrote. Among highlights from

2012: a live 40mm grenade, a live blasting cap, “seal bombs,” and six pounds of black powder (with detonation cords and a timing fuse). — A man with admittedly limited English skills went to a courthouse in Springfield, Mass., in December to address a traffic ticket, but somehow wound up on a jury trying Donald Campbell on two counts of assault. Officials said the man got in the wrong line and followed jurors into a room while the real sixth juror had mistakenly gone to another room. The jury, including the accidental juror, found Campbell guilty, but he was awarded a new trial when the mistake was discovered.

The Redneck Chronicles (Tennessee Edition)

— (1) Timothy Crabtree, 45, of Rogersville, was arrested in October and charged with stabbing his son, Brandon, 21, during an argument over who would get the last beer in the house. (2) Tricia Moody, 26, was charged with DUI in Knoxville in January after a ten-minute police chase. The officer’s report noted that Moody was still holding a cup of beer and apparently had not spilled any during the chase. (3) Jerry Poe, 62, was charged in a road-rage incident in Clinton on Black Friday after firing his handgun at a driver in front of him

“to scare her into moving” faster, he said. (Poe said he had started at midnight at one Walmart, waited in line unsuccessfully for five hours for a sale-priced stereo, and was on his way to another Walmart.

Sounds Like a Joke

— Twin brothers Aric Hale and Sean Hale, 28, were both arrested on New Year’s Eve in Manchester, Conn., after fighting each other at a hotel and later at a residence. Police said a 27-year-old woman was openly dating the two men and that Sean thought it was his turn and asked Aric for privacy. Aric begged to differ about whose turn it was.

No Way!

— Emma Whittington, of Hutchinson, Kan., rushed her daughter to the ER in December when the girl, seven months old, developed a golf-ball-sized lump on her neck. Two days later, at a hospital in Wichita, a doctor gently pulled a feather out of the lump and hypothesized that it had been in the midst of emerging from her throat. Doctors said the girl probably swallowed the feather accidentally, that it got stuck in throat tissue, and that her body was trying to eject it through the skin.

Unclear on the Concept

— Voted in in December as vice presidents of the U.N. Human Rights Council for 2013 were the nations of Mauritania and the Maldives, both of which permit the death penalty for renouncing Islam. In Mauritania, a person so charged has three days to repent for a lesser sentence. (An August 2012 dispatch in London’s *Guardian* reported widespread acceptance of slavery conditions in Mauritania, affecting as many as 800,000 of the 3.5 million population. Said one abolitionist leader, “Today we have the slavery [that] American plantation owners dreamed of [in that the slaves] believe their condition is necessary to get to paradise.”)

The Continuing Crisis

— Tyrone Harris, 26, reported for his first shift at Dunkin’ Donuts in Morristown, N.J., in January and received his name tag. Seven minutes later, according to police, he was on his way out the door with \$2100 from his supervisor’s desk. Apparently, the supervisor had opened his drawer a little too far when reaching for the name tag, giving Harris a glimpse of the cash.

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