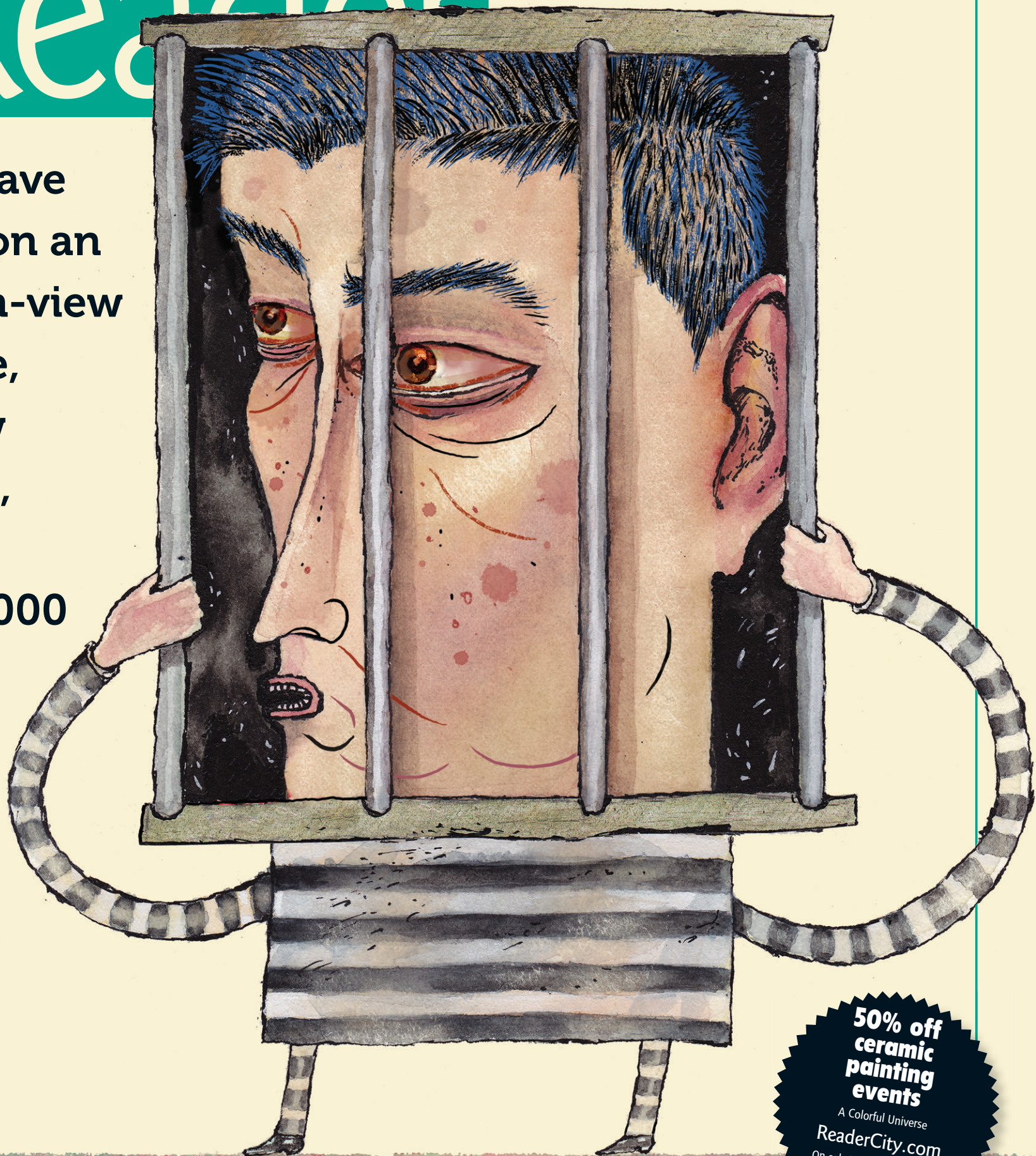


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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Cleanest in six decades

Despite population growth and more cars, air quality improves

San Diego — The United States Environmental Protection Agency announced today (May 16) that San Diego County is now breathing the cleanest air in more than six decades.

The county has met the 1997 national air-quality standard for smog (ground-level ozone), 0.08 parts per million. It still has not attained the 0.075 parts per million ozone standard adopted in 2008.

Don Bauder, May 16

“Well, then shoot me”

Prosecutor wants life without parole for April Fool’s Day shooter

Carlsbad — Jury selection is set to begin Monday for a man accused of gunning down a homeowner in his Carlsbad garage two years ago.

Joseph Robertson Verkade, now 36, is accused of being part of a group that demanded money and drugs from 63-year-old Michael Sahagun.

One person in the group reportedly told investigators later that someone demanded Sahagun to empty his pockets and put his hands up, but the stubborn 63-year-old man refused. It is alleged that Verkade was the one who threatened with the sawed-off shotgun, and Sahagun was reported to have said, “Well, then shoot me.” He was shot a little before 1 a.m., according to neighbors who dialed 911.

Sahagun was declared dead of a “shotgun wound of the chest” at the scene.

Neighbors near the home at 3556 Valley Street phoned police after midnight that Friday morning, April 1, 2011. They



Michael Sahagun was killed in the garage of his Carlsbad home.

heard a blast and then a woman screaming, according to witnesses who testified at a later hearing.

Carlsbad police detective James Willis said it appeared that a group of persons went to Sahagun’s home to “collect” a supposed debt. Informants reportedly said it was Mercedes Tiffany Yorba, 22, who began a fatal series of events when she phoned around looking for help to collect a “drug debt” from Sahagun.

Eight persons were charged in this case, and five of those defendants made plea deals, according to prosecutor Matt Greco.

Eva Knott, May 16

Chalk one up for the seals

Rope can stay up year-round, says commission

La Jolla — Yet another blow was struck yesterday (May 15) in the long-running battle between beachgoers and seals over access to the La Jolla Children’s Pool. This one could be the knockout punch in favor of the seals.



Seal proponents may have landed the knockout punch in a long-running battle with beachgoers.

The City of San Diego announced that the California Coastal Commission has issued a permit allowing for the permanent, year-round placement of a barrier rope to protect the seals and their calves that have taken up residence at the beach. The permit is good for three years, after which point it must be renewed or the city must go back to installing the barrier on a temporary basis during seal-pupping season from December 15 to May 15.

The victory for seal proponents comes after a judge in April denied a request by a group called Friends of Children’s Pool to reduce the area roped off from 152 feet to 130 feet. The judge at that time also declined to act on a request to reverse the night closure of the beach, ordered by mayor Bob Filner after video surfaced showing harassment of the seals after dark.

Dave Rice, May 16

New trolley stops in the works?

Blue Line expansion proposed for UTC

La Jolla/UCSD — San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration, has proposed a project to extend the San Diego Trolley Blue Line northward to include up to nine additional stops, with a new terminus at University Towne Centre.

Dubbed the “Mid-Coast Transit Corridor Project,” the light-rail expansion would include two stops at UC San Diego — one at Pepper Canyon and one at the Preuss School/Thornton Hospital/Scripps Hospital, with an option for a third near the VA Medi-

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Texas woos gun makers — and everybody else

By Don Bauder

Remember the Alamo! Chargers fans will shout those words if Texas governor Rick Perry succeeds in wooing the

local team to San Antonio, where it would presumably play in the Alamodome. Perry — who flamed out so embarrassingly in the 2012 Republican presidential race, despite fundraising help from Chargers president Dean Spanos — has come to San Diego several times to filch jobs for his state.

Boasting of Texas’s lack of corporate income taxes, minimal regulation, and fat relocation subsidies, Perry wants San Diego biotech companies to relocate to Texas. He has been featured in job-pitch radio ads that run in San Diego. He bragged during one San Diego trip that one third of the companies moving to Texas were from California.

Over eight years, the

Texas Enterprise Fund has paid almost \$490 million to more than 100 companies that promised to create jobs if they got subsidies. Understandably, as soon as Connecticut and other states began passing gun-control legislation, Perry went to a National Rifle Association gathering to say his state welcomes weapons makers.

“What states euphemistically call ‘business recruitment’ is often nothing more than the pirating of jobs by one state from another,” says Greg LeRoy in a report this year, “The Job-Creation Shell Game.” He adds, “This piracy is bank-



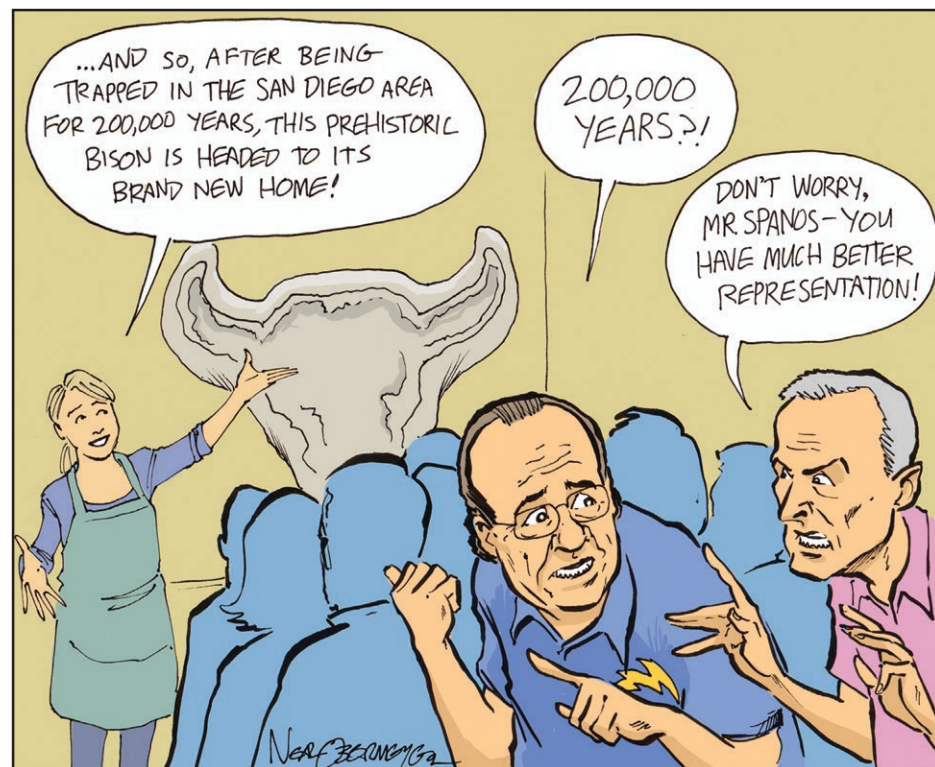
Governor Rick Perry wants to lure San Diego companies to Texas.

rolled by property, sales, and income tax breaks; land and infrastructure subsidies; low-interest loans; ‘deal-closing’ grants; and other subsidies to footloose companies.”

This month, LeRoy’s organization, Good Jobs First, put out another study, “Grading Places,” showing that the consultants who rate the so-called business climate of states often use phony statistics. Generally, these consultants concentrate on marking down states for their efforts to reduce inequality through such programs as the minimum wage. “Business climate studies



Former professional pitcher Curt Schilling

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must be viewed for what they actually are: attempts by corporate sponsors to justify their demands for lower taxes and to gain public-sector help suppressing wages," says the new report.

Texas is the most rapacious state, but others, such as Georgia, Tennessee, and New Jersey, are big players. Rhode Island's recent foray backfired ignominiously. Famed retired baseball pitcher Curt Schilling wanted to create a "massively multiplayer online role-playing" video game, according to Bloomberg News. But, says Bloomberg, "Schilling didn't know the first thing about the world outside baseball." He got Rhode Island to issue \$75 million in tax-free bonds for his company. Schilling's project bombed, the deal is under investigation, and current governor Lincoln Chafee called it "the worst investment that's ever been made, I think, in the history of Rhode Island."

States and municipalities toss out subsidies to keep wanderlust companies from leaving. Consider poor Illinois: it is broke, and one reason among several is its willingness to hand out prodigious subsidies, both to woo companies and to retain them. In 1989, it shelled out \$168 million to keep ailing retailer Sears Roebuck from leaving. Twenty-three years later, Sears was back at the trough, threatening to depart; this time, it got \$275

million and quickly laid off a slug of workers. In 2001, Illinois paid \$56 million to get Boeing to move its headquarters from Seattle. Later, Illinois shelled out \$165 million to keep Motorola Mobility and Navistar. These payouts have not created sufficient jobs: "Huge blackmail subsidies have left many taxpayers bitter," says Good Jobs First, and neighboring Wisconsin and



Along with our over-achieving biotech companies, our under-achieving football team is feeling the pull of Texas.

Indiana are trying to lure Illinois companies to their states.

Aerospace giant Boeing loves to rake in subsidy bucks. After taking money to move 500 jobs to Chicago, Boeing set up a 20-state bidding process for the plant that would build the plane now known as the 787 Dreamliner. The state of Washington didn't want to lose again: Boeing wound up with \$3.2



Erik Bruvold

billion in tax cuts and credits. Some say Boeing never intended to leave Washington; it just wanted the loot. Then Boeing revealed plans to shutter its Defense, Space and Security plant in Wichita by the end of this year. The plant has been there 85 years. All told, Boeing has received more than \$3 billion in Kansas subsidies.

California doesn't play this jobs-thievery game. The state offers such things as a research and development tax credit and enterprise zones, which give

employers money for each job they provide in so-called blighted areas. In his State of the State address early this year, Governor Jerry Brown expressed his dislike of enterprise zones, which he had unsuccessfully tried to eliminate two years earlier. Trouble is, areas designated as blighted are often actually upscale. And employers

get paid for jobs they would create anyway. San Diego boasts of its enterprise zones, "but empirical research shows that enterprise zones don't work," says Vlad Kogan, who got his PhD in political science at the University of California San Diego and is now on the faculty of Ohio State University.

The City of San Diego touts its low business-license fees and lack of a utility users' tax. Such lures "are not that significant to firms," says Erik Bruvold, president of the National University System Institute for Policy Research.

"In the end, the challenge for San Diego on the utility side is how high our energy costs are."

The San Diego Film Commission, which offers financial incentives to those making movies in the area, has unimpressive economic wallop "because the crews come down from Los Angeles," says Steve Erie, University of California San Diego political science professor. Also, "these are temporary jobs" for locals, he points out.

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UNDER THE RADAR

Falling for Humpty Daniel Bucheli,

a staffer for Republican congressman **Darrell Issa** (who has of late been watchdogging the Obama administration's Benghazi record), recently took a two-day free trip up the road from the nation's capital to visit New York City with some interesting bedfellows. Transportation cost \$850, lodging was \$169, and total meal expenses were \$110. The occasion was the Humpty Dumpty Institute's 43rd annual congressional staff delegation to the United Nations, kicked off by an "organizational dinner" at Gnocco Cucina & Tradizione in the East Village, known for its "well-dressed salads and an unassuming pork tenderloin lavished with Parmesan shavings and a balsamic emulsion," according to *New York Magazine*.

Then it was off for a presumably good night's rest at the One UN Hotel. "Located 28 stories above the avenues, the hotel's 439 spacious guest rooms and suites offer a tranquil retreat from the bustle below. Few luxury Midtown Manhattan hotels provide accommodations quite like this, with each window offering guests incredible skyline views."

The next day, Bucheli and fellow congressional staffers toured the UN and sat down for briefings from Ambassador **Jeffrey DeLaurentis**, U.S. Alternate Representative of the United States for Special Political Affairs, and **Hervé Ladsous**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, among others. According to its website, the Humpty Dumpty Institute is "a unique non-profit organization that serves people in the developing world through the implementation of

large-scale humanitarian projects and through its work with the United Nations." **William J. Rouhana, Jr.**, the group's chairman and co-founder, was also founder and former chief executive of Winstar, a roof-top wireless operation that went bankrupt during the dot-com bust of the 1990s after running up \$3.6 billion in debt; Rouhana was subsequently accused of artificially inflating the company's revenues, according to an April 2002 *Forbes* report.

Besides its congressional UN tours, Humpty Dumpty is the beneficiary of lavish New York high society fundraisers and sponsors the Global Creative Forum, an annual event in Los Angeles that has featured a bevy of Hollywood celebrities, including actors **Don Cheadle**, **Charlize Theron**, and **Ed Begley, Jr.**, along with ex-president **Bill Clinton**. According to the institute's website, the forum "builds bridges between the United Nations and the entertainment industry (film, television, music, internet and social media)."

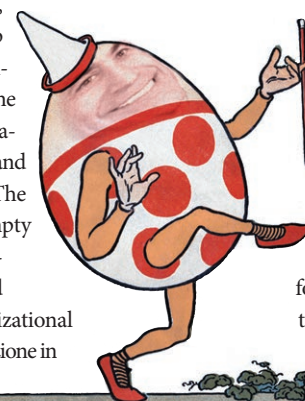
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Hands on the bar The San Diego County Fair starts next month at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, but in the meantime one of the fair board members has been making good use of the facilities himself. On May 25 a bat mitzvah in the 17 Hands Bar at the Paddock was scheduled by **Fred and Shari Schenk**. He's the San Diego lawyer, brother of Democratic ex-congresswoman **Lynn Schenk** and longtime backer of Gov. **Jerry Brown**, who named him to the board. Rent for the event was listed as \$2250. According to the fair board's website, the bar itself has been renamed during the run of this year's fair: "The new U-T San Diego Paddock Lounge (also called 17 Hands), is an indoor eatery open from noon to 10:00PM, just off Plaza de Mexico. It features 20 taps of local and imported quality

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A Darrell Issa staffer enjoyed a free trip to New York to attend the Humpty Dumpty Institute's congressional delegation to the United Nations.



Starting them young? Lynn Schenk's brother Fred threw a bat mitzvah at the 17 Hands Lounge at Del Mar Racetrack.

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Real Women

Regarding your May 9 Reader cover photo (“We Spend Every Dime on Our Costumes”) — it’s good to see real women on the face of the Reader. Best cover ever. This is great!

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Less Classy, More Suggestive

After reading “We Spend Every Dime on Our Costumes” (May 9 cover story), I flashed on a woman at a library who likes to play dress-up in a Broadway musical type of way — definitely not burlesque, but like Carmen Miranda. If you know about fashion, how about Zandra Rhodes at 70 years+? She has many famous clients as well.

Does anyone remember Carnaby Street in London, England in the ’60s? Later it was a fashion mecca. Now the fashions seem like not very much thought went into them (to me, anyway). Maybe the word is less classy, more suggestive.

Julian Reid
via email

Comments from Reader website

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Blurt

“Kona Kai Relaunch”
Published May 16

I have been going to the Kona Kai since I was a little kid. Think this is a great idea to have a music venue here.

By Justin Powell, May 16 @ 6:27 p.m.

The Kona Kai was down at

the heels thirty years ago. It is hard to imagine the sort of effort and expense required to bring it back to its former glory. The place seemed like a fenced-off compound in the early ’80s. Since there’s no vacant real estate in the area, I suppose that even the Kona Kai can be recycled into something worthwhile.

By Visduh, May 16 @ 8:56 p.m.

Movie Review

“Dammit, Jim”

Published May 16

Thanks, Matt, I was wondering whether I should wait for this to go DVD or get to a theater near me. I’m a big Trekkie. And, regardless of where it came from, every director should take anything they want from Raiders, there’s nothing intrinsically wrong with that. Great cinema should be repeated at every opportunity.

By David Dodd, May 15 @ 11:54 a.m.

Diary of a Diva

“Squirrel the Red”

Published May 16

The tree squirrels first appeared in our neighborhood only a few years ago... we’ve lived here for decades and never had a single squirrel previously. Any clues as to why tree squirrels just showed up (we’re a mile or so from Balboa Park) where they never were before? They use the utility lines as their roadway system. When they travel overhead from up the block and survey my empty birdfeeder, they keep on going down to where I know my neighbor always has birdseed available. I think they eat bird eggs out of the nests, so as cute as they are, I kind of don’t like them. I look at them with binocs sometimes, and the males have very distinct and surprisingly large male parts. I don’t recall the Disney drawings showing that...

By HonestGovernment,
May 16 @ 7:08 a.m.

Ah, reminds me of luring the kangaroo rats out of hiding around campfires in Glamis... the OB raccoons, however, aren’t quite so friendly.

By Dave Rice, May 18 @ 11:39 a.m.

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East County blazes

Two fires in two days — mobile home destroyed, woman treated for burns

At about 1 p.m. on May 12, a fire broke out in the Glenview area in East County, marking the second fire in as many days.



A fire originating in Los Coches Creek destroyed this home in a mobile-home park

A mobile home burned in the Glen View Lodge Mobile Home Park on Olde Highway 80. A woman viewed the remains of her home after the fire tore through the Los Coches Creek, taking with it several structures adjacent to the mobile-home park.

Firefighters worked hard to stop the blaze threatening several other mobile homes. A female homeless person in a transient camp suffered burn injuries as she escaped from the fire down in the creek. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

BILLY ORTIZ, MAY 12

TIJUANA

No takers...

As tourism dwindles, Revolución shops are struggling

The once-booming curio business on Tijuana's Avenida Revolución has dwindled to a

trickle as the tastes of tourists who still visit what was once known as "the most traveled avenue in the world" have shifted, according to Alan Bautista Plascencia, director of the city's tourism committee.

In a recent interview published by *El Sol de Tijuana*, Bautista cited studies conducted by the tourism agency — the latest in 2012 — showing that tourists today are looking principally for cultural events, activities involving the arts, and fine-dining experiences.

Gone are the days when a tourist could barely walk a few feet down the broad avenue in downtown Tijuana without encountering street hawkers promising a "special price just for you" for articles such as blankets, cheap jewelry, wrestlers' masks, miniature guitars, puppets, piñatas, and all manner of decorative knick-knacks.

"We have been working with business owners so that they restock products of higher quality and of more interest to tourists," Bautista told *El Sol*.

As many as 65 percent of the businesses that once lined Avenida Revolución have shuttered over the past ten years, including many popular restaurants, bars, and discos. A recent trip to downtown Tijuana on a Saturday night revealed only a smattering of pedestrians along Revolución's wide sidewalks, compared to its heyday, when police had to close the street to motor vehicles mid-evening because of an overflow of foot traffic that lasted into the wee hours.

Bautista said his committee has established a special trust fund in an effort to rehabilitate downtown Tijuana with a view toward reviving tourism. But, he told *El Sol*, "These are medium to long-range projects — not overnight projects." And they require funding from already hard-pressed business owners, he said.

BOB MCPHAIL, MAY 16

NORTH PARK | UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS Cookies with the cops Officers hold chat with residents on neighborhood crime

A group of North Park/University Heights

residents gathered at the intersection of Texas Street and Polk Avenue on May 15 at 6 p.m. for an informal meeting with three San Diego Police Department officers. The "Cookies with the Cops" event was presented by the University Heights Community Association.

About 20 people enjoyed fresh cookies and bottled water or coffee while they chatted. Association volunteer Nan McGraw said, "People may not go to a meeting, but they'll walk a couple of blocks and have a cookie and meet their neighbors." They talk, she said, "to the police about issues that are specific to the neighborhood."

Police officers spoke briefly. Andrew Mills, captain with the SDPD Western Divi-



SDPD captain Andrew Mills, deputy city attorney Paige Hazard, and two University Heights Community Association volunteers

sion, said that "in order for a police agency to have legitimacy, we have to police from a democratic standpoint. That means working with the neighborhood."

Mills said reduction of crime in North Park/University Heights "is doing well. Overall, crime is down 17 percent."

Lieutenant Rich Friedman spoke highly of the neighborhood. "It's a great community, eclectic; it's got a lot of different types of people. We try to make it as safe as we possibly can for you."

DAVID BATTERSON, MAY 16

CHULA VISTA

Buried in the past...

Museum has an exhibit on Japanese-American internment

A cot, a hand-hewn chest of drawers, and tight quarters for six men — this is the display that dominates the visual and conceptual space of the current exhibit in the Chula Vista Heritage Museum. *This Land is My*

Land: Japanese Americans in Chula Vista features a replica of a Japanese internment camp barrack built by Frank Wada to enable his grandchildren to understand the internment experience.

Docent Pam Kesegi pointed out that when Japanese-American men like Wada were rounded up in the middle of the night by the United States government after Pearl Harbor, they were allowed to take only what they could carry.

Steeped in history from this period, Kesegi reminds the museumgoer that families lost their homes and most of them lost their belongings. Many families preferred destroying their possessions, Kesegi said, rather than sell them for the pennies they were offered.

According to the exhibit brochure, "Most of the 450 Japanese from Chula Vista spent the duration of the war in Poston, a hastily built 'internment camp' in the Arizona desert. There, they created new homes in the rustic barracks and a new community inside the barbed wire."

Though the museum building is small, the exhibit makes creative use of space. Anti-Japanese cartoons created by Dr. Seuss (for which he later apologized) are mounted on one wall.

The exhibit also celebrates many of the contributions Japanese Americans have made to the community and the local economy, including garnering Chula Vista the title of "Celery Capital of the World."

The Chula Vista Heritage Museum is located at 360 Third Avenue. Museum. Hours are 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

SUSAN LUZZARO, MAY 15

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Calm the F Down

Jane's Evite said the show began at 6. My father, like me, is loath to feel rushed and is absolutely opposed to any and all kinds of tardiness. When I suggested we ride together, he calculated aloud, "If it starts at 6, we'll want to be there at least by 5:45, and when you consider that's right at the peak of rush hour...we should leave by 5."

That time wouldn't have been much of a problem, had my video shoot not been running long (I was interviewing an artist who makes her own paint from rocks). My production team was wrapping up when I realized it was already past 4. After making hasty goodbyes, I hustled David to the car. On the drive home, my stomach complained that I hadn't eaten since breakfast.

David and I had been so busy with work that we hadn't had time to hit up

a grocery store in almost two weeks. It had gotten so bad, we were down to our last roll of toilet paper and the only edible items in our cupboards and fridge were cracker crumbs, mustard, and old cans of stuff like bamboo shoots that probably should have been thrown away. The realization that there was no food at home redlined my stressometer. "I have no time to get ready and eat," I shrieked as David was texting my father to let him know I was still good to go.

"Once we get home, you just worry about getting ready and I'll make sure you have something to

eat," David said in his *Please calm the F down, the world's not about to end* voice.

While I changed and fixed my hair, David ran out to fetch us both a bite, as he hadn't eaten either. The next half-hour was everything I never would have planned — my heart pounded with anxiety and frustration; I felt like I hadn't had a minute to myself all week, and I was feeling rushed and flustered.

I had just finished putting on my boots when David returned from the Regal Beagle with a grilled sausage, which I gobbled at Joey Chestnut speed. My previously empty, shrunken stomach balked at the sudden intrusion, and even before my last bite, I regretted eating so fast. "Ugh," I said to David. "Now I feel ill. But thank you for running out. I was already starting to get a headache, and I never would have lasted another three hours — I doubt they have real food at a children's play."

My only experience with children's plays had been from the comically cringeworthy scenes in sit-

coms and movies. I was only going to this one — a Christian Youth Theater production of Disney's *Mulan* — to support my niece Bella, who, as a younger, newer member of the after-school theater-arts training program, had two small roles.

When my dad pulled up, his girlfriend Davee was with him. She, too, had rushed to leave work early and made it, sans food, just in the nick of time. After unloading on Dad and Davee about how gross I felt and how stressed I was, I took a deep breath and said, "I just exhausted myself. I hope they have coffee there."

We arrived at around 5:40, to an army of moms in red *Mulan* shirts in the midst of setting up several tables. I spotted a portable coffee maker, but it wasn't on. I asked a redshirt to point us toward will-call, but she gave us an odd look and said it hadn't been set up yet. Exasperated, I marveled at how disorganized and last minute San Diego can be. We stood around and waited until, at 5:50, it occurred to me we were the only adults present who were not wearing red shirts.

One of the redshirts confirmed what I feared — the show didn't begin until 7. My sister must have typed the wrong time. Snippets of the last hour crashed through the dam that had been containing my composure and gushed forth like a torrent through my mind. My mouth became a hotbed of profanities. Even my father, who had once been a sailor, reddened at some of my more creative combinations.

When I'd finished my schizophrenic tirade, I took a breath and said, "You know

what? Scratch the coffee. Take me to the nearest bar."

Fortunately, the nearest bar was just a few blocks away, in a strip mall. I'd heard of Pal Joey's, but I'd never been inside. I expected a sticky, dive-y hole in the wall, but was pleasantly surprised to find a capacious room with tables and chairs that were clean and comfortable. My frustration dissipated as I turned my attention to all the fun, fancy details, such as the glass chandeliers and the strip of silver glitter that lined the stage in the far corner.

I ordered a Manhattan for the booze. Dad got a Stella, probably because it gave him a reason to imitate Marlon Brando's Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Davee settled on a glass of chardonnay. The respite, though sweet, did not last long. Jane started texting at 6:15 to let us know she had arrived and our tickets were waiting. At 6:30, she reported that she'd gone backstage to help her daughter prepare.

"I guess there's no time for another one," I said before noticing I was the only one who'd finished my drink. With a gulp, Dad downed what was left of his, and then we both turned our eyes to Davee's mostly full glass. While my father and I were busy bargaining over which of us would chug the chardonnay, Davee shocked and amused us by finishing the job herself.

Our edges softened, we returned to the theater. I tried not to flip out when I saw that there was real food available — on one of the many tables the redshirts had

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SDSU Lavender Graduation excludes student involved in a long-term relationship with his dog

San Diego State University Aboriginal Studies major Brad Wolf is used to being called a freak. He's used to being shunned by people who hate him because he's different. He's used to being told that his behavior is "unnatural," nothing more than a perverted "lifestyle choice."

But to hear Wolf tell it, he can't help the fact that he finds himself sexually attracted to his longtime companion, a chocolate Labrador named Rex. And that's why he can't understand why he was refused entry into last Wednesday's Lavender Graduation at SDSU. The ceremony, now in its fourth year, celebrates students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or asexual, as well as those who are allies of LGBTQIA people. But while "queer" serves as an umbrella term for people who don't subscribe to the heteronormative, cisgendered model of mammalian sexuality, it apparently

doesn't include zoophiles. "I guess there are still some folks that everybody thinks it's okay to hate," concludes Wolf.

"It just doesn't make sense," he continues. "I mean, we can designate animals as beneficiaries in our wills. We have extensive codes of law protecting animals from abuse. Churches bless animals. Hell, we're even treating dogs for PTSD now. We work with animals, we live with animals, we play with animals, we bury animals in cemeteries. We employ animals as companions and helpers, and we let animals entertain us. But when it comes to loving animals, suddenly they're second-class citizens. It may be okay to sleep with my dog, but for some reason, it's not okay to 'sleep with' my dog. Because why again? Because some religion condemns it? Because of tradition? Then I guess we can go ahead and re-criminalize sodomy...."

"People tell me that Rex



Rex

can't give consent," argues Wolf. "Or that I'm hurting him somehow. But I love Rex; I would never hurt him. And, trust me, when he's got the itch and he decides to come after me, consent is simply not an issue for him. He's an adult, and he wants what he wants."

"Team Gregory," he concludes. The name is a reference to WNYW weatherman Nick Gregory; when anchorman

Ernie Anastos told him on-air in September of 2009 to "Keep fucking that chicken," Gregory replied "Okay, I'll do that." Though Gregory has denied being a zoophile, his statement has made him an unofficial figurehead for the zoophile community. "He's our Dorothy," explains Wolf. "We're not in Kansas anymore."

SDSU officials did not respond to requests for comment.

Filner on Fletcher: "There's no such thing as Independent."

Mayor on former opponent: "I'm proud that he finally found the courage to come out as a Democrat."

A year ago, former congressman Nathan Fletcher left the Republican party and declared himself an Independent. "I'm leaving an environment that thrives on playing the game," he said at the time. "I'm leaving behind a system that is completely dysfunctional."

A few days ago, former congressman and former mayoral candidate Nathan Fletcher joined the Democratic party. "I'm back in the game," he declared. "I refuse to label a system that embraces me for who I am and what I believe as dysfunctional."

Publicly, both Democrats and Republicans have responded positively to the news. But privately, the feeling may be more relief than celebration. "Frankly," said San Diego Republican party chair Eustace Grubb, "his status made people of both political orientations more than a little uncomfortable. Some of us thought he was just interested in playing for whatever team could give him what he wanted at any particu-



lar moment on any particular issue. Some Republicans found his occasional willingness to get into bed with Democrats morally disgusting. And some Democrats thought his hesitance to stand with them was cowardly, given how much they've suffered over the years in San Diego."

Indeed, Scott Louis over at *Vocal San Diego* dug up an old interview with then-congressman Bob Filner in which the longtime Democrat said, "There's no such thing as an Independent politician. If a politician is Independent, that makes him a Democrat. Don't try to re-term it or something like that."

Metal Health

As I Lay Dying bandmates react to news of lead singer's arrest

"Looking back, all the signs were there."

Local metal band As I Lay Dying was dealt a blow yesterday when lead singer (and self-professed Christian) Tim Labesius was arrested for allegedly attempting to hire an undercover police officer to kill his estranged wife.

But to hear lead guitarist Boss Lixxx tell it, the band's real sorrow comes from the fact that they didn't see this coming in time to intervene.

"We were pretty happy with our last album

[2012's *Awakened*, which featured tracks entitled "Cauterize," "No Lungs to Breathe," and "Tear Out My Eyes"]," said Lixxx. "Sometimes the bile just builds up, you know? Especially when you're trying to be a Christian, trying to believe that the world is essentially good and people can be redeemed. The tension between what is and what ought to be builds up, and over the course of six albums, our music has been a way to express and relieve

that tension. Metal has always gotten a bad rap because it sounds so angry, but, really, the anger comes from a thirst for justice and peace. It's right there in the first verse of metal god Ozzy Osbourne's 'Crazy Train': 'Maybe it's not too late/ to learn how to love and forget how to hate.' So, yeah, we sing about corruption and destruction and degradation and violence, but there's hope at the heart of it."

Given that, says Lixxx, "The alarm bells should have gone off when Tim came into the studio in February and announced that our next album



would be called *Kittens and Rainbows*. Something was going on inside, and he wasn't letting it out. Just look at the lyrics for the first song he wrote, 'Angel's Kiss': 'Everything's great/ Yes I love my life/ And I sure would hate/ If someone killed my wife/ Cuz I still love her/ Even though we're apart/ And she'll always be/ The

queen of my heart."

"Yeah, that's some twisted shit right there," concluded Lixxx. "So, basically, we're sad, but not surprised. Maybe I'll write a song about it."

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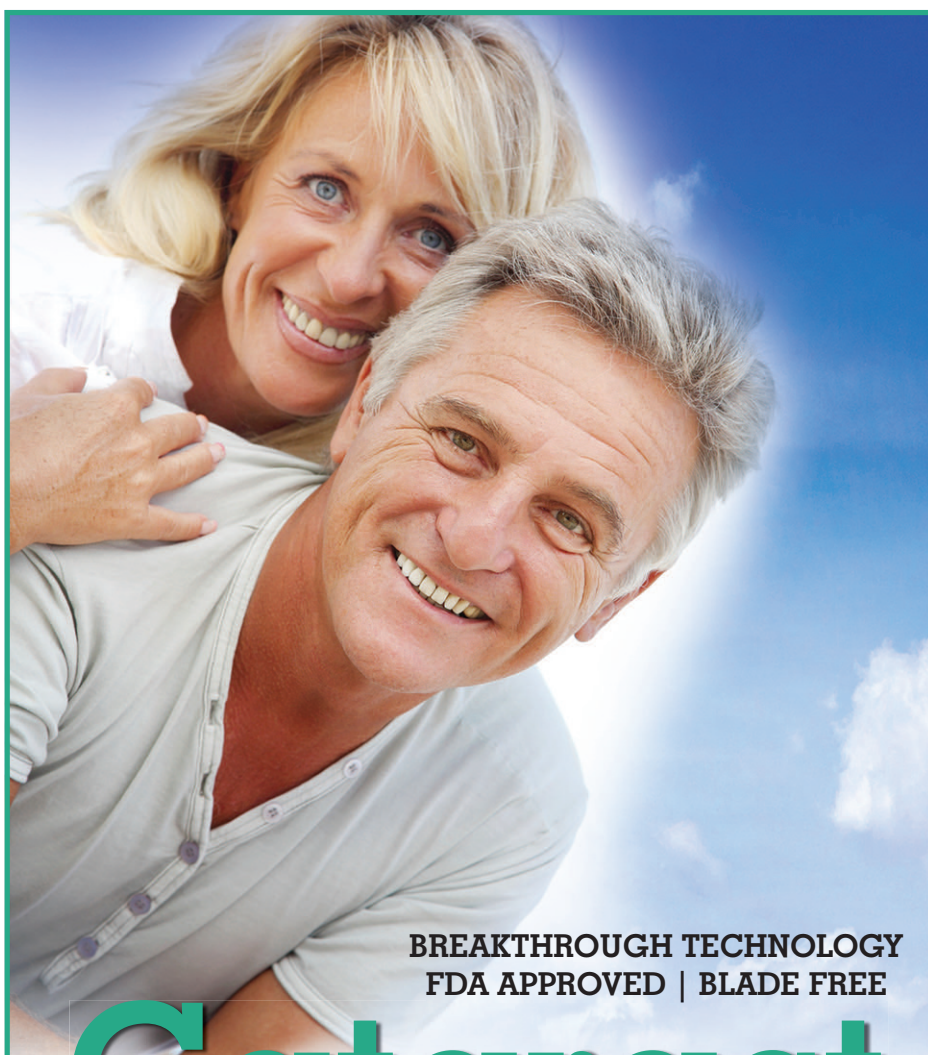
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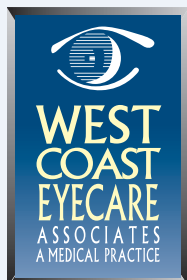
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Heymatt:

Every day I see cars here in San Diego with Baja California license plates. I was wondering if our cops can run the plates on cars that are registered in Mexico or if those vehicles were essentially "off the grid" in regards to the Highway Patrol and other law-enforcement agencies. Like, if someone stole a car and then threw a set of Mexican plates on it, could it be hidden in plain sight that way?

— Pat, Del Cerro

The Highway Patrol can't run Mexican plates like they can for cars registered in the U.S. They have to get in touch with the Mexican authorities (and they have a Mexican liaison unit for just such a purpose) in order to acquire DMV-type records for cars with Baja license plates. Of course, that doesn't mean throwing a set of Baja license plates onto a stolen car is effective camouflage. Let's say a CHP officer is cruising along the freeway and he sees a car that matches the description of a stolen vehicle, the only difference being a set of Mexican tags. All he has to do is pull the driver over and run the vehicle identification number through the DMV databases and that will bring up records of the vehicle's past registrations. If it turns out that the suspect vehicle used to be registered to the person who just reported it stolen, then it's time to get the cuffs out and all the tricky Baja license plates in the world won't help.

Hey Matt,

I grew up in the University City area. I'm a grownup now, but I still go back up Regents and then up Pennant Way from time to time to visit Mom when she makes her tamales. On my last visit I noticed a mini observatory up on the hill at those two cross streets. It looks just like the Palomar Observatory. Is that some rich guy's eccentric toy or a legit research facility?

— <3's Mom's Tamales

John Bassler is neither rich nor eccentric...but he does have a pretty sweet observatory right in his University City backyard. As for how he came by it, well, it had almost nothing to do with staring longingly at the stars and wishing there were some way to get a better look at the mysteries of the night sky. Bassler works with Coldwell-Banker and he got the observatory, in working condition and complete with one of the more powerful telescopes in SD County, as the product of a real estate deal gone quirky.

At the time, he thought, *What am I going to do with this?* He tried passing it off to some universities, but all the local schools that might be interested already have their own observatories. During a collegiate astronomy class, Bassler had spent a few nights in an observatory. He got to thinking about his situation. It took a little engineering, but he managed to get the observatory installed behind his house in such a way that it doesn't rattle and shake when trucks pass by on the nearby roads. The vibrations would throw off the focus of the sensitive telescope. Over time, he's come to like having it in his yard, even having a little get-together every year for friends to partake in an evening of stargazing.

Heymatt:

I hate the phrase, "if you catch my drift." I think it sounds stupid and it doesn't even make much sense. What is my drift and why should anyone have to catch it?

— Maya

Oddly enough, your favorite phrase has become idiomatic over the course of centuries. Way back in the fifteen-double-aughts, "drift" was a common enough word for the general thrust of conversation; the literal meaning being "what I am driving at," since "drift" and "drive" share a common route. The letters F, V, and their lesser cousin, B, kind of blend together in etymology like that. "The drift" could even be the intent itself, as in, "My sole drift is to answer your questions." The seafaring idea of a ship drifting in the ocean currents actually comes about later, although not much, and is derived from a sense of being driven by the motion of the ocean.

While you're right that "if you catch my drift" smacks of obscurity inasmuch as we'd never use the word outside of the popular idiom, there's something to appreciate about the subtle implications of the phrase. I like that there's a strong sense of oblique motion, as though the course of conversation isn't exactly clear, yet sooner or later the inevitable meaning will accumulate like detritus on the seashore or snow piling in drifts at the edge of a parking lot. While the direction may not be immediately obvious, it's also not aimless. "To catch my drift" is to pick up on the subtle undercurrents that drive my point home across however many miles of oceanic vagueness. There's also no denying that it's more elegant than "hint hint nudge nudge wink wink say no more."

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Biker Babes in North Park

Confession: I want to learn how to ride a motorcycle. My husband has one — an old Suzuki street bike that he bought for \$500. Before he bought it, I rattled off a million reasons why it was a terrible idea. He insisted that it would save us a ton of cash on gas. When he came



KATIE CARNEY



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home with it, I thanked him for having life insurance because we would now need it.

Two days later he took me for a spin on the back. I am now hooked. I just wish riding a motorcycle didn't entail such horrific fashion choices for women. Lady bikers

Katie Carney and Amanda Morrill agree completely.

"Biker clothes are pretty cheesy and tacky. Harley-Davidson is the worst," Carney said.

Added Morrill, "Most of the biker stuff

for women is really manly."

Morrill wore a pair of biker boots from Cyclegear paired with salmon-colored cords from Anthropologie. Morrill is a make-up artist for Mac.

When asked how men react to their motorcycles, Morrill said that the guys who don't ride are usually intimidated by her mode of transportation.

"This is such a big part of our lives that we usually only date other bikers," added Carney.

Carney wore a Forever 21 vest. She is a hairstylist at Lab A Salon in North Park.

Carney rides a Harley Softail Slim. It retails at around \$16,000; Morrill owns a Honda Shadow Spirit 750. It costs around \$8000.

"I'd like to own a Harley at some point," Morrill said. ■

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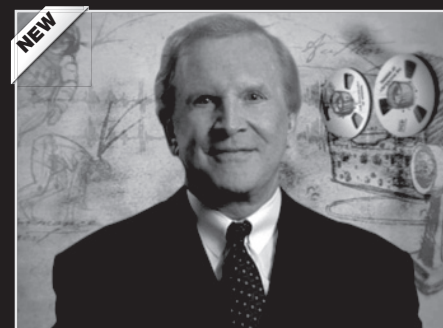
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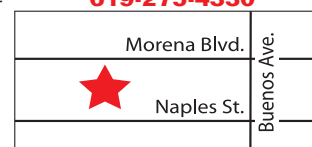
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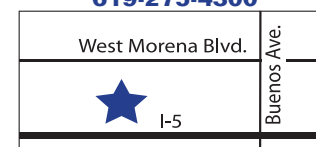
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I hear sailors talking



This year's America's Cup will be raced by lightweight catamarans that can skim the water at 50 mph.

Sporting Box, February 8, 2010: "I can't think of another sport that has ripped itself into fish bait the way the America's Cup has.... Hard to keep track of the race after 2½ years' worth of lawsuits. This is what happens when it gets personal between [according to *Forbes Magazine*], the fourth richest man in the world and the 52nd richest man in the world.

"The fourth richest [Larry Ellison] has spent at least \$400 million of his dollars over 10 years trying to win the Cup. Yet, it was the 52nd richest person in the world [Ernesto Bertarelli] who won the America's Cup in 2003 and defended it successfully in 2007.

"The fourth richest man in the world has filed at least nine lawsuits against the 52nd richest man in the world. The latest one was heard in the New York Supreme Court three weeks ago. Fourth Richest claimed 52nd Richest has an illegal boat, because its sails were not constructed in the land-locked country of Switzerland, home of the defending yacht club. The 52nd Richest replied that a proper interpretation of the Cup's governing document would reveal that only the 'yacht or vessel' had to be constructed in the country of the club holding the Cup, and that sails could be constructed anywhere."

Happily, More Money won the cup, proving that the fourth richest man in the world is, by every measure, a better human being than that sleazy second-rater, otherwise known as the 52nd richest man in the world. So, let's clap our hands for Larry Ellison's team, BMW Oracle Racing, who won the America's Cup in 2010 and will be defending in San Francisco Bay come September.

Stunning, how quickly everything changes. The 2010 fourth richest man in the world, our homeboy, Larry Ellison, is now the fifth richest man in the world. That's got to hurt. The then-52nd richest man in the world, Ernesto Bertarelli, is now the 94th richest man in the world. That's got to be humiliating. Bertarelli won't compete this go-round. Perhaps it's shame, perhaps he's weary of listening to construction workers jeer, "How do you like 94th place, asshole?" Who knows... Claiming his spot, this year's presumed finalist, in the blue corner, owner of the Luna Rossa Italian sailing team, weighing in at \$6.7 billion, introducing, Patrizio "The Italian Grommet" Bertelli, the 175th richest man in the world.

I know, this is a major comedown for the entire America's Cup challenger section. Face it, 175th place is Triple A ball. However, Bertelli's landing in 175th place is partially offset due to extenuating circumstances. The judges have ruled that since Bertelli is married to Miuccia Prada, who is the 78th richest person in the world, and since California is a community-property state, the panel will grant an exception to Mr. Prada-Bertelli and count him among the top 100 richest persons in the world. For this one time.

There are only three teams competing for the right to race BMW Oracle: Swedish-based Artemis, Emirates Team New Zealand, and Italy's Luna Rossa. It is not yet clear if all three teams will show up for the challenger series, which runs from July 4 to August 30.

Everything seemed so much brighter last summer when organizers thought there would be a dozen challenger teams and money would flow like a Wall Street bailout. The America's Cup winner gets to set the venue and ground rules for the next America's Cup. So, Ellison Inc. mandated ultra-lightweight catamarans with hydrofoils and solid wing sails. The boats are huge. The mast is 13 stories tall, with a wing sail of 130 feet. The beast is capable of skimming over the water at 50 mph.

The idea was to make America's Cup mainstream. Think super-extreme racing. Think television. Think MONEY FAME MONEY FAME. America's Cup CEO Stephen Barclay told *Business Week*, "In recent years, we've wanted to put the Cup on a sounder financial footing and make it accessible to people other than the very, very wealthy. To do that, we needed to bring the race in from ten miles offshore to where people can see it. For the sake of television, the races had to start on time. You can't have this huge buildup to a race and then have the television saying, 'Delayed due to lack of wind,' which is a huge problem in sailing.

"The answer to these issues was to use a catamaran instead of the monohull boats we've traditionally used in the Cup. Catamarans are very fast, can sail in very light or strong winds, and get so close to the shore that fans can hear the sailors talking."

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

It's wedding season, and I've got a niece with candles on her mind. Ceremonial, decorative — you name it. I'm on it.

Paul Aragon of Toby's Candle & Soap Shop in Old Town (619-297-5426; tobyscandleandsoapshop.com) told me about his hand-carved candles. "We use a petroleum-based product called paraffin for cut-and-curl candles. Paraffin gives the candles a translucent character, so that they glow when they burn. Paraffin also hardens enough to maintain the decorative curls we put in but remains pliable enough to work with. Natural waxes like beeswax are great, but they're too soft to use for carved candles."

To make a candle, said Aragon, "I take a metal mold and pour in a clear paraffin core. I'll use five-, six-, or eight-sided star-shaped molds. Then I'll dip that core 30 to 35 times into colored wax to add the exterior layers. The dipping takes from six to eight minutes. For wedding candles, which are usually one-and-a-half to three inches, I mainly use white wax or clear wax, but I can add any color you want. The dipping process not only builds the layers of color, it also warms the core so that I can carve it more easily. While the wax is warm and pliable, I take my knife and start shaping and carving to reveal colors — and also, the clear, translucent core. That way, when the candle burns, you get that glow effect through the openings. It's challenging; I have only about 12 minutes before the candle gets too hard to shape. Then, after the carving is complete, I dip the candle into clear wax. That secures the carvings."

Aragon's candles aren't necessarily temporary artworks. "They burn through the center, and they'll burn for about 100 hours. If you burn it for less than that, dump out the wax when you blow it out. That way, the candle always has a fresh wick to burn. After the correct amount of time, when the candle has burned all the way down, you can put a tea light or a votive candle in where the clear core was. The carved part of the candle's exterior becomes a candle holder, and you have a keepsake from your wedding." Candles range from \$22 to \$45, depending on size.

Kourtney Krasovetz of San Diego Gel Candles (619-730-8104; sandiegogelcandles.com) offered her own twist on the standard.

"While the wax is warm and pliable, I take my knife and start shaping and carving to reveal colors."

"The candles are in a clear glass container, which has embeds situated in a clear or light blue gel wax. Gel wax lasts five times longer than paraffin wax. A three-and-a-quarter-inch square gel-wax candle will burn for 200 hours. The embeds I use are sea-themed — corals, shells, starfish....

They'll say, 'It's like an aquarium, the way it lights up and glows.'"

For weddings, "people will order the votive candles [\$8.99 each, 10–20 percent discount on large orders], which have a 70-hour burn time. They give them out as wedding favors. I have other candles they'll use as decorative pieces for reception tables [SD Gel Forever Flameless Candle, \$22.99]. And sometimes, they'll order a custom ceremony candle. They choose the shape of the glass container — I even have a ten-inch-wide martini glass with a replaceable votive candle center [\$199] — and they choose the embeds and the gel color."

Krasovetz's non-special-order candles can be purchased at Leaping Lotus in Solana Beach or Pangea Outpost in Pacific Beach.

Finally, I spoke with Susan Short of Toadily Handmade in Mission Viejo (949-872-3941; toadilyhandmade.com). "I use beeswax," she began, "which is clean-burning and 100 percent natural. Some of my candles have a total burn time of 35 hours. The candles are hand-rolled from beeswax sheets and have a honeycomb texture. I have 24 colors available, from Tiffany blue to deep chocolate brown. For weddings, I have several unity candle sets [\$22–\$28], which consist of a two-inch by ten-inch pillar candle and two one-inch by eight-inch tapers. But I can make any size you like for the ceremony candles or center pieces."

Prices depend on size and height. "For example, a two-and-a-quarter-inch by three-inch pillar starts at \$6. I do have a storefront, but with the price of gas, it would probably be cheaper for me to ship to San Diego. Most orders take a day or two to put together; sometimes a week if it's larger."

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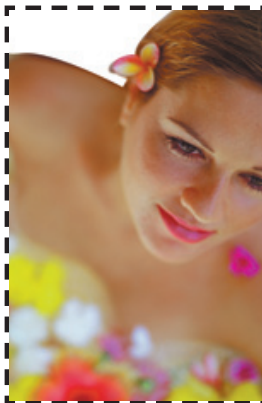


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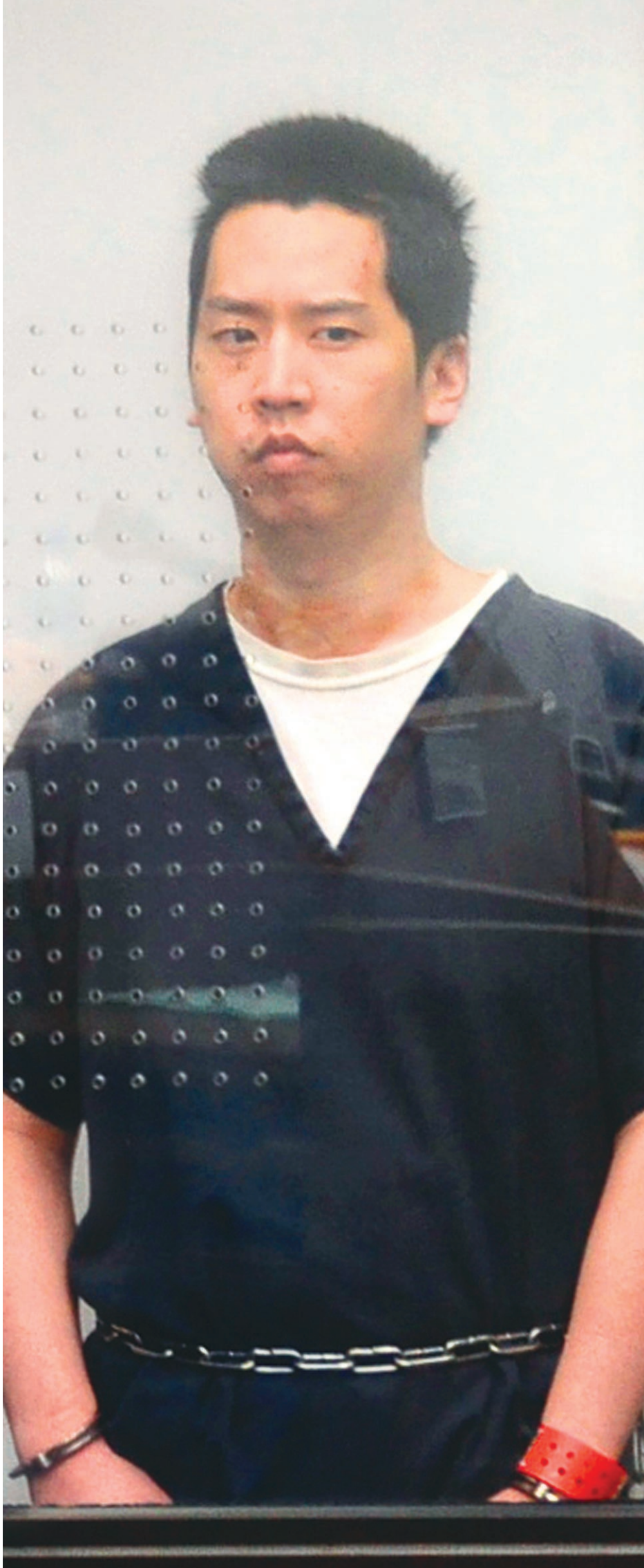
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She gave her son an ocean-view house, a new Lexus, and \$130,000

Bryan Chang sent this email to his mother in 2008:

"Hi Mom, Just saying that I love you, no matter what. Hope you are doing well, and all the rest of the Chu family. I know I have been very distant and weird lately, but believe me, strange things are happening to me, and I just want to protect you by keeping you at a distance...Although right now I have no job, no car, no phone (please cancel the subscription to Nextel for my account), no credit card, I am trying to save my soul through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. That is all you need to know. Take care. Again, no matter what, I am not in any sort of trouble with the law or anything like that, I am just trying to stay sane. I wish you the best always. Love, your son, Bryan"

Probably, he did not get the reaction he hoped for. The return email from his mother, Sherry Chu Chang, started with an announcement that she had just sold her business and was going to move away. She told Bryan: "The only way I can save myself is to let go. I have to convince myself that I did the best I can as a mother."

They must have had a terrible fight, because Sherry also wrote: "I don't know where I will be in the near future but I guess that wouldn't be your concern either, since you made very clear to me that you don't want me in your life. I will always remember and love you as my good old 'Hua Hua.' I will do my best to block out your ugly face I saw last time. I know that's not you, my son."

The woman sounded weary, even

then, in 2008, of handling Bryan's problems: "I have always managed your car ever since you were 16...I am asking you the last time, do you want the car or not...otherwise, I will give to Boa or Steven who desperately need a car. The things and love you don't appreciate, I should benefit to other needed people."

Sherry wondered: "I don't know what happened in your life to cause you addict to drugs and not tune in this world." She admonished her 26-year-old son: "I have no sympathy or the respect to see your young life wasted. My heart and soul hurt so much beyond you can even imagine."

Her frustration was plain: "We all love you but I don't know how to drag you out of your current situation." She begged: "Please shape up and be a useful man to

contribute good deeds to this world.”

By the end of her email, the dedicated mother was still offering help: “Hope you can get needed help. If I can be that help, please let me know. I will always love you no matter where I go. I sincerely hope you can get out from these mess and to be reborn again.”

Sherry never gave up on her son.

When Bryan received that email from his mother, he wasn’t discouraged. He immediately emailed back: “Hi Mom, I think we should meet again sometime soon, at your earliest convenience. Last time we met, I was literally insane, schizophrenic... I just didn’t want you to know about how bad my mental breakdown was. For the record: I AM NOT ADDICTED TO DRUGS. I have been sober for months now.... I am much more stable now.... If you are up for it, please let me know when you can drive up to L.A., and I will see you then. I would like to have my car and a new phone again, if you can do me that favor. I deeply appreciate it. In a lot of ways, you really are still the only person I have left in this world.... I am deeply committed to rebuilding my life, but you know that I am an artist. Love, Bryan.”

On July 15, 2008, Bryan sent this message: “Hi Mom, Please let me know when you are ready to meet me again. I really want to take dance lessons hardcore and become the best dancer in the world. No joke. This is what I was meant to do from day one without any outside interference like school. If there is one thing left for you to try on me, this is it:

dance. I want to privately audition for you next time we meet, and you give me your honest, brutal opinion. I still have a long way to go.... Thanks for your support. Love, Bryan”

An outstanding student
Bryan Chenhua Chang was born in Los Angeles County in 1981. He is an only child.

His parents, Anthony and Sherry, were married in Taiwan; they separated around the time their son entered high school. Bryan was an outstanding student in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, an exclusive area of Los Angeles County.

After high school, Bryan went on to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He worked for a time in computer programming. Then he went to Hastings law school in San Francisco. Bryan studied law for a short time before dropping out; he did not attempt to get a law degree.

Bryan’s parents never divorced, although they lived separately for years, Anthony in a large home in Alhambra, east of downtown Los Angeles. Anthony had contact with Sherry only when he wanted to discuss their son, Bryan. The father claimed that Bryan was closer to Sherry. He described her as a perfectionist. For example, if Bryan got 95 percent on a test, she would want to know why he’d missed those five points.

In spite of an extensive and prestigious education, Bryan stopped working. Early 2008, when he was 26, was the last time he held a regular job. It was the same year that Anthony noticed a change in his son’s

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behavior.

There was an ugly incident at Thanksgiving, when Anthony and Sherry drove together to their son's apartment in a small community in West Los Angeles called Westgate. Bryan was not glad to see his parents. He told them they shouldn't have come and then disappeared into his room. After some words, Anthony and Sherry left. As they drove away, Sherry received a call from Bryan on her cell phone. Anthony heard Bryan loudly telling his mother: "If I go to hell, I'll take you guys with me."

There was a time when Bryan felt that his father and mother were his only friends.

Sherry paid all expenses for her son. She provided the apartment at 1628 South Westgate Avenue, a nice address, only four miles from the beaches of Santa Monica.

The manager at the Westgate apartments later spoke with investigators. She told them she'd witnessed a loud

fight between Sherry and Bryan. The manager heard Bryan yell at his mom, "It's all your fault I'm this way!"

Sherry sold her business
 Sherry sold her finance-and-accounting business, PSS West, to a company

\$300,000. An accountant hired to help Sherry prepare her taxes said that, in the event of her death, the beneficiary of any remaining amount due would go to her son, Bryan.

After the sale of her business, Sherry moved

"My heart and soul hurt so much beyond you can even imagine.... Please shape up and be a useful man to contribute good deeds to this world."

named WASSCO, which sold industrial supplies; they did especially well with sales to governments — local, state, federal, even foreign governments. Under the terms of the sale, Sherry would receive \$8300 per month for three years, a total payout of more than

from Los Angeles to San Diego County. She continued to work, now for WASSCO; her position was comptroller and vice president in charge of finance. WASSCO had a branch in Poway, and Sherry went to work every day at 12778 Bookprinter Place, commuting from a nice, new home on the coast, 20 miles away.

The million-dollar house was in Solana Beach, a two-story on high ground overlooking her neighbors and with sweeping views of the ocean and coastline. Later, investigators found that the home was listed as belonging to "Bryan C. Chang." It's unclear

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whether Bryan was aware of this before his mother's death.

Investigators also found a savings account in Bryan Chang's name, at United Commercial Bank, into which Sherry had deposited \$130,000.

Bryan needs a new car

Bryan had a credit card and a cell phone provided by his mother. Sherry also bought him a shiny black Lexus to drive around Los Angeles; she had a matching black Lexus at her home in Solana Beach.

Even with everything she'd given him, Bryan tested the generosity of his mother.

The summer of 2008,

Sherry sent an email to her son: "Do you still have the phone or you threw it away? I left you so many messages and never got responses. What do you mean to have a new phone? Please clarify for me and let me know. Mom"

Bryan replied within minutes: "I don't have the phone anymore, so I will need a new one. Thanks, and sorry for the inconvenience."

Sherry sent an unsigned email the next day: "Hi Bryan, You dumped the car in an open parking lot. It cost me a lot of money, grief and energy to tow the car back home...then you expect me to drive the car up to your place

and find a way back home at your convenience. You threw a perfect cell phone away and expect me to go through the trouble to buy you another one and deliver to you.... You can be whoever you want to

"If I go to hell, I'll take you guys with me."

be and do whatever you want to do. Please do not abuse me anymore. My heart has broken to pieces and my life has ruined. I got nothing left."

Bryan was undiscouraged, again replying in minutes: "Hi Mom, You can drive your car

up, and we can drive back down to San Diego together.... All I need is a car and a phone again. I have said before that I literally lost my mind about a month ago.... It tells you just how far gone

I was that I abandoned the car and phone. It's no joke, Mom — I was insane, in severe distress and pain (both physical and mental) and I am still recovering. I'm sorry for all the inconvenience and money it costs you, but please try to understand

that I was not in a normal state of mind when it all occurred. At some points, I felt like I was fighting for my life.... Please help me get back on my feet again, after this last month of hell (which was the absolute worst of my life). Thank you. Love, Bryan"

His mother wrote back: "You need to help yourself by not doing drugs and dealing with devils/evils. **Words are cheap.** [NB: Sherry bold-faced those three words.] Go get a job and live a simply and solid life so you will never need to have a light on to sleep."

Bryan did not get a job. But significant changes were coming.

No more love from Bryan

In December 2009, Bryan emailed his mother to share his newest artistic goal: "Hi Mom.... Right now, I am planning to apply to the Los Angeles Recording School.... I hope we can work together as a team like we did in the old days.... Thanks for your help. Sincerely, Bryan"

The sign-off from Bryan expressing "love" was gone. Soon his "sincerity" would disappear, too.

Sherry wrote her son the next day: "I am hoping sometime next year you will be able to be independent...."

As it turned out, Bryan

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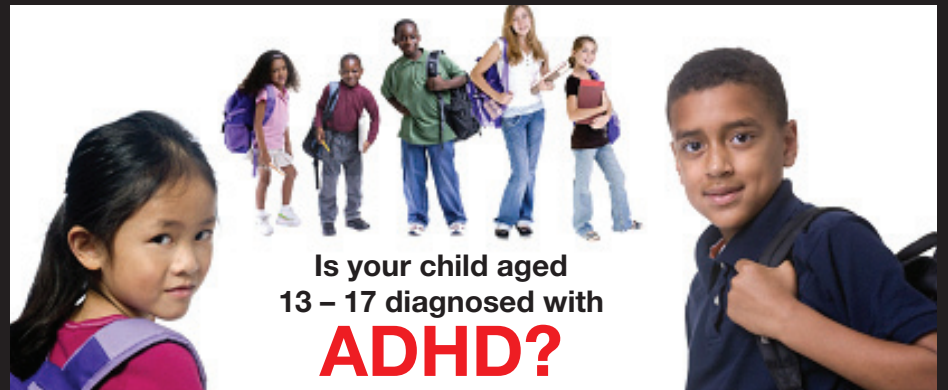
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did become independent in the new year, but not by getting a job.

Three weeks after receiving Sherry's note, Bryan emailed to ask for "access to your Lexus as my temporary vehicle." That was in early January 2010.

But mom had become wary. Only a few hours earlier she'd sent him a message: "I can't be responsible for driving my car to commit whatever the crime."

Bryan wrote: "I really need a car right now, because I'm busy promoting materials for my upcoming 'Hate Me When I'm Young' World Tour...right now I need a car as my highest priority...."

Sherry's response: "Did you dump this car somewhere like last time you dumped in San Diego airport? I know you can't sell because I am the registered owner.... I thought you said the car got stolen and you filed a police report. I need to know the absolute truth. Help me Bryan. Let me have a peace in my life and knowing you are all right and I am too. Also your account in Regents was overdrawn last night. In recent two days, you withdraw \$2200 in cash. I can't make money that fast. I will just let your check bounce next time if you have excessive withdrawal.... You need to find a way to partially support yourself or at least control your spending."

Maybe Bryan was getting an idea about how to support himself without his mother's help.

Bryan contacted Sherry with good news: police had recovered his car. Bryan now said he was worried; the thief might have made copies of his car keys. He asked Sherry

to "look into the other car options I emailed to you, because I want to trade in the Lexus as soon as possible."

Sherry did not trade in her son's Lexus.

maintain a low profile. I would also like to start looking for other housing options.... The police have visited my room on several occasions, I would like a fresh start in a new

"Go get a job and live a simple and solid life so you will never need to have a light on to sleep."

Less than two weeks later, on January 20, 2010, Bryan emailed: "Hello Mom, It's been a rough week, and the car was stolen again yesterday afternoon.... As stated before, I feel like that car attracts too much attention.... I prefer to

environment.... Please visit L.A. so that we can look for housing and car options.... Regards, Bryan."

Bryan had signed off with "regards."

Five days later, Sherry was found dead in her home.

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On a Friday, Bryan sent an email to his mother in the middle of the day: "Hi Mom, I really need a ride in your car this afternoon if possible. Please visit my place in Los Angeles, and allow me to drive your car. My future safety and legal options are dependent on your ability to provide a vehicle. Just to put this into perspective, my car was stolen twice within a month, and I am currently appealing a gun charge for self-defense purposes. If there is any way for me to have access to your car for the next few days, please let me know. This is really an emergency. It doesn't get more urgent than this. Regards, Bryan."

This was on January 22, 2010, the last day Sherry's coworkers would see her.

Within minutes, Sherry emailed Bryan. She told him she could not come to Los Angeles that day. She was at work, and she would not leave until after 5:30 p.m. Sherry suggested that Bryan rent a car, take a taxi, or phone his father.

She sent an email to her husband a few minutes later: "Call me please. He is in big trouble this time, I think. God help us."

Sherry's husband, Anthony, later told investigators that he spoke to his wife for the last time the following morning. Sherry had phoned that Saturday and told him she was at Bryan's apartment. She said she'd driven there to sort out his car problems, but Bryan wasn't there. She decided to wait for his return.

On Monday, husband Anthony emailed his estranged wife: "Good morning Sherry. How are you? Hope everything is OK."

Sherry was not okay.

A concerned coworker

At around the same time Anthony sent that last email to his wife, a concerned coworker was driving to Sherry's home. Albert Rios had become worried when always-

habit of lunching together every Wednesday at In-N-Out Burger. Rios knew that Sherry lived alone in a big house; when she needed things fixed, he helped her out.

Rios drove the 20

"I really need a car right now, because I'm busy promoting materials for my upcoming 'Hate Me When I'm Young' World Tour."

dependable Sherry did not arrive at work and didn't answer her phone.

Rios had known Sherry for 13 years and, recently, they'd developed the

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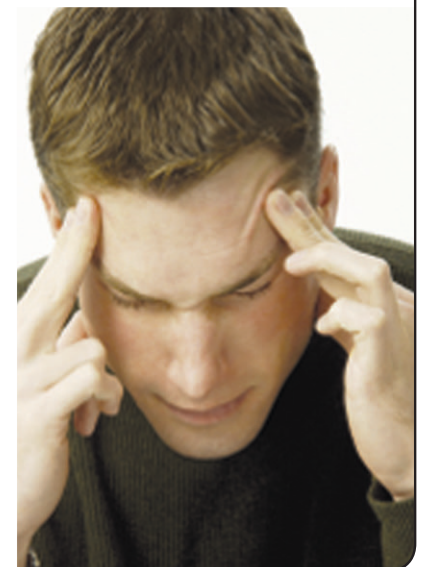
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of the house and looked in a window. He saw Sherry's purse sitting on a kitchen counter. Rios then walked toward the garage. The small door was busted open, and he could see Sherry's black Lexus inside. Rios phoned for help at about 11:30 on the morning of January 25, 2010.

What the deputies found

When deputies entered the home, they saw a black bag sitting in the entryway, on the floor near the front door. It was a small duffle bag, a size suitable for airplane carry-on; it was packed with neatly folded clothing. Detectives were informed that Sherry had told people she planned to travel that weekend, to Taiwan or Philadelphia. Different sources recalled

different destinations.

Her purse on the kitchen counter held a wallet with \$23.42 cash, but all the credit cards were missing. Detectives were told that it was common for Sherry to carry \$2000 cash in her purse.

Sheriff's detective David Hillen said he found signs of cleanup. Upstairs, said the detective, "I noticed that the carpet was wet. You could just tell it was wet by stepping on it, the squish sound."

One of the upstairs rooms was set up as a tea-room. A low table had a tea set on it and there was one chair. "They saw what appeared to be bloody footprint impressions on the carpet leading from the hallway to that room," Detective Hillen said.

In the autopsy report, the medical examiner

noted that she found on Sherry's body "a small amount of dried blood adhered to the soles of the feet."

The elegant tearoom had blood spatter on the walls. There was a mop

"Call me please. He is in big trouble this time, I think. God help us."

in the room with red stains. The mop was still wet. Crime-scene technicians found a bloody fingerprint on the window blinds. The blood was identified as Sherry's, the print as Bryan's left index finger.

Another upstairs room was apparently Bryan's: it contained his clothing and mail addressed

to Bryan Chang at the Solana Beach address. A stuffed dinosaur was propped on the bed. The medical examiner noted in her report: "Examination of a nightstand in an upstairs bedroom

revealed two fragments of skull with attached black straight hair sitting within a drawer of the nightstand on the right side of the bed."

In the closet of Bryan's room, sticking out of a box, was a wooden baseball bat. It appeared to have stains on it and was collected as evidence.

Some weeks later,

investigators collected another baseball bat. Bryan had reported his black Lexus stolen a second time, on January 19, six days before his mother's body was found. Two weeks after Sherry's death, the missing car was found in a strip mall in Santa Monica, not far from Bryan's apartment. Under the driver's seat investigators found a small wooden Louisville slugger, a souvenir version of a baseball bat.

Detective Hillen believed Bryan's car had been abandoned, not stolen. "There were no signs of forced entry," he said. "The car was locked, and the alarm had been activated."

Deputies find Sherry

On that grim Monday morning, deputies searched for Sherry. Downstairs, a deputy

cautiously opened a shut bathroom door. "They saw a female lying face-down," Detective Hillen reported. "The back of her head, [the] skull area wasn't there. They saw two large cuts to her right leg, one below the buttocks on the hamstring, and one behind the right knee. And they saw plastic bags around the decedent. She was just wearing panties and a bra."

Sherry's right arm was missing. Deputies found it in the refrigerator, wrapped in a white plastic bag; they could clearly see fingers through the thin plastic. There was a piece of skull in the fridge, too, sealed into a clear, sandwich-size zip-lock bag.

The medical examiner
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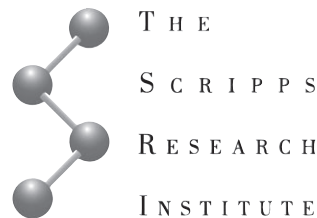
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iner Dr. Bethann Schaber: "A large portion of the skull from the back of the head was absent, and many of those fragments were recovered at the scene. Most of the brain had been eviscerated, and only a small portion was recovered. A large amount of brain tissue was matted into the carpeting at the scene." Dr. Schaber had been summoned to the home that morning. She recognized at once that it was brain matter in the carpet of the tearoom.

Dr. Schaber counted a "minimum" of 58 separate, individual impacts on Sherry's body. "She had multiple patterned circular injuries on the

mid-back and lower back." Sherry had been struck with something that made distinct round shapes. "I was able to clearly delineate 17 separate circles," the doctor stated.

At first, investigators guessed that the weapon had been a hammer. "The object would have had to have some circular structure," the medical examiner confirmed. Later, she was asked to consider a baseball bat found in the home. "Certainly, blunt-force trauma could be inflicted with this bat, from this bat, to cause some of her injuries."

When Bryan was charged in court with his mother's murder,

on January 29, 2010, the alleged murder weapon was described as a "hammer." Later, the charging document was changed to read "blunt-force object."

"Good morning Sherry. How are you? Hope everything is OK."

While alive, Sherry must have tried to fend off some of the blows. Dr. Schaber found on Sherry's left arm "a large area of purple-blue bruising extending from the distal forearm all the way onto the fingertips." The fingers on that hand were

fractured.

The doctor concluded that the deep cuts — or "incised" wounds — on the back of Sherry's neck and leg were postmortem

(made after death) injuries, because of a lack of bleeding from those areas.

On Monday, soon after they found Sherry's body, investigators said they were looking for an adult son named Bryan. On Wednesday, Bryan was found at his apart-

ment. That same day, a criminalist with the San Diego County Sheriff's Office found blood in Bryan's ear and around his toes. The criminalist took evidence swabs for the lab. The blood was later DNA-matched to Sherry.

Sherry was 5'4" and weighed 127 pounds when she died. In sheriff's records, Bryan is described as 5'1" and 165 pounds. Bryan was 28 years old when his mother died; Sherry was 60.

One of the credit cards missing from Sherry's purse was found in Bryan's apartment in Los Angeles, under his bed. Investigators learned

that card had been used at an ATM in Solana Beach several times, at a little after 2:00 a.m. on the morning Sherry died. Attempts at withdrawing cash were unsuccessful. The user did not have the correct PIN code.

Bryan speaks with detectives

The day investigators found Bryan at his apartment, San Diego County sheriff's detectives Ritchey Hann and Troy DuGal recorded a two-hour interview with Bryan.

When asked about his mom, Bryan spoke of her in the past tense. "He referred to her as a relative, or a mother figure," said Detective Hann.

Investigators already knew that Bryan depended on his mother financially. "What are you going to do now that she's dead?" they asked. "How are you going to get money?" Bryan reportedly answered, "I will have to look for work."

When detectives told Bryan they believed he'd killed his mother, Bryan said, "I don't think I killed anybody." Then he said, "But over the last couple months I've had black-

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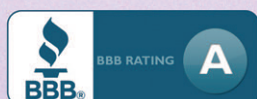
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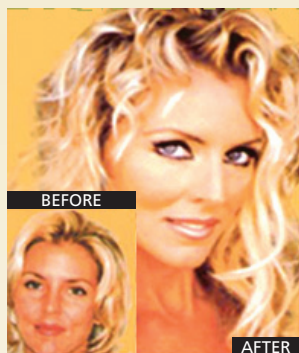
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outs and seizures."

Bryan told detectives that he used medical marijuana to treat his epilepsy and other "things." He had memory problems and mental-health problems. He claimed he had been to the hospital and seen psychiatrists.

Bryan's story changed over the course of the interview. Eventually, he admitted to being at his mother's home that weekend. He said he'd left the home on Monday, in the early-morning hours. His mom was fine when he left; she was asleep. Detectives confirmed that Bryan had engaged a cab at about 3:00 a.m. in Solana Beach. He paid the driver cash in advance, to get him home to his apartment in Los Angeles.

Detectives said that Bryan never did ask

about his mother. He had no reaction when they informed him that she was dead. He did not seem upset, and in fact displayed no emotion during the two-hour interview.

"I don't think I killed anybody. But over the last couple months I've had blackouts and seizures."

A not-guilty plea

Bryan pleaded "not guilty" to murder. His defense attorney, Kathleen Cannon, said: "This is a tragic loss...It is a case of tragic loss, the loss of a mother, of her son that she knew, the loss of his

ability to think clearly, a loss of a brain that was promising and brilliant, and, ultimately, because of that, the loss of her life."

Cannon seemed to be suggesting an insanity

been to the mental hospital, having been troubled, sick, ill."

The prosecutor, Rachel Solov, said: "We've heard self-serving statements about the defendant, about mental illness and hospitalization."

At a court hearing in late 2012, almost three years after the murder, a San Diego judge remarked on the importance of the email evidence.

Superior-court judge Aaron Katz especially noted the email exchanges from January 2010, because of their nearness in time to the death of Sherry. "They do definitely demonstrate a frustration that Mrs. Chang had with her son," Judge Katz observed. "She was at her wits' end and was tired of supporting the defendant."

Prosecutor Rachel Solov charged two special allegations, each making Bryan eligible for the death penalty: murder for financial gain and murder with torture. Katz confirmed that there was sufficient evidence for the special allegation of murder for financial gain.

Katz considered the evidence for the allegation of torture — "There's no question this was a brutal attack on Mrs. Chang" — and reviewed the many injuries found all over her body. "These wounds were inflicted by Mr. Chang with the intent to inflict extreme physical pain and suffering on the victim while she was still alive." Katz ordered Bryan to face the second special allegation, murder with torture.

Bryan, who is now 31, will next be in court on June 25, 2013. It is expected that a date for trial will be set at that time. ■

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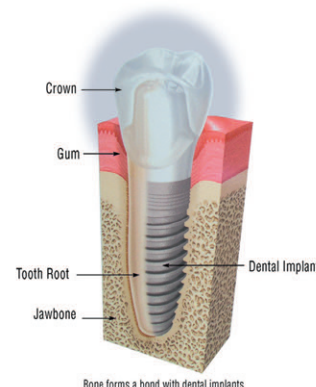
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YP-346 was a San Diego tuna clipper, the *Prospect*, converted to a supply ship for World War II. From August 10 to September 6 it transported cargo from Tulagi, an island in the Solomon chain, to Guadalcanal. After the war, the channel

became known as "Iron Bottom Sound," for the 21 American and 18 Japanese vessels sunk in battle.

"Ships used to come down all shot up," recalled the soft-spoken Battaglia, "holes on the outside and the inside.... We were running back and forth like we owned that place. We knew we were going to get it."

The Solomons run in parallel rows from Bougainville, to the north, down to San Cristobal. The channel in between became known as "the Slot." When the Japanese began building an airstrip on Guadalcanal, "it meant Australia was on the Japanese hit list," writes William Manchester. From Guadalcanal, bombers could cut vital supply lines and attack the only surviving major power in the South Pacific.

No one had heard of Guadalcanal.



Captain Joaquin Theodore received a Purple Heart for heroism.

("What's it like?" Marines asked on their way to the rugged mass of thick jungles and the possibility of jungle diseases. "Any bars?") And no one could find a reliable

map.

On August 7, 1942, 10,900 Marines captured the airstrip and established a beachhead. They named the crushed-coral

QUOTATIONS

1. Gordon L. Rottman: "After Guadalcanal was secured, American ships entering the Slot executed a zigzag turn over Iron Bottom Sound as a show of respect for the ships and crews resting on the bottom."
2. Daniel Shapiro: "As a unit, the YPs had the highest loss of ships of any Navy unit during the

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3. *San Diego Union*, August 8, 1963: "A not inconsiderable number of the fishermen in Navy blue died in action."

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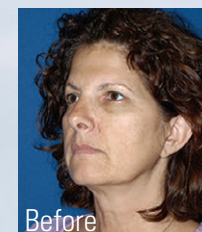
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runway Henderson Field, after a pilot shot down at Midway. By August 11, after heavy combat, 6025 Marines captured Tulagi, across the channel.

News that the allies had a foothold on Guadalcanal alerted the Japanese high command, and taking it back became the focus of their strategy to control the South Pacific. They shuttled thousands and thousands of troops to the cloud-shrouded island, which also became a magnet for warships, subs, and bombers from their base at Rabaul.

The Marines had landed. Equipment and supplies had not. The rainy season began August 1, dockworkers went on strike (refusing to unload in bad weather), and the overall planning had been done in haste. The Leathernecks on Red Beach had only basic staples and ten days' worth of ammo. As a result, though assured they would ship cargo far from the front, Yard Patrol boats ferried supplies and Marines from Tulagi to Guadalcanal and back. Joaquin Theodore, captain of YP-346, called the two-hour crossing a "milk run." He was joking. Those 20 miles were the definition of hazardous duty.

On August 28, YP-346 brought a shipment of gasoline to Red Beach, where shelling, begun two weeks earlier, turned palm trees into stumps. As often happened, supply boats were too backed up, and the boat couldn't unload until dawn. Since attacks usually came at night, dozens of 55-gallon drums strapped to each other on deck became a super-bomb.

In the morning the crew relaxed — a bit, anyway, since they'd escaped the night unscathed. Around noon, the radio blurted: "Twenty-four bombers headed yours."

A day raid was new. Sliver aircraft swept in from the north and dropped a series of swishing sounds, followed by rapid explosions. The beach earthquake with concussive force. Marines dove for foxholes. The crew

of YP-346 had no choice. "We pulled up anchor," Battaglia recalled, "and beat it out to sea as fast as we could."

"The worst time," writes Richard Tregaskis, who was at Red Beach that day, "is the moment you can hear the

bombs coming...you feel it is purely a matter of chance whether or not you will be hit. If you are caught on the airport, you can figure your chances for escaping injury are much fewer than elsewhere. But even in other parts of the island, where the

odds may be, say, nine out of ten you won't be hit, you wonder if you will be the unlucky tenth case."

As hell hailed down, and YP-346 made a plodding retreat with a dozen drums of gasoline still onboard, Battaglia realized it was "just

a question of time" before one of the bombs did its duty.

Marines on Guadalcanal held only a 7-mile strip of the 90-mile-long island. Japanese reinforcements arrived every night at Tasimboko, a native vil-

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Tulagi to Guadalcanal, only this time the cargo was human. Colonel Merritt "Red Mike" Edson would assault Tasimboko with lead his 1st Marine Raider Battalion. Three destroyers and three YPs would transport 600 Marines.

Tregaskis, a journalist and author of *Guadalcanal Diary*, arranged a ride with Captain Theodore. On the evening of September 7, he boarded YP-346 at Tulagi with 100 Marines. One of them, after noting the size of the "tub" and a sagging clothesline strung across the deck, asked Theodore, "This is the battleship *Oregon*, I presume?"

"The captain of the little craft," Tregaskis writes, "was a jovial Portuguese who had formerly been a tuna captain" in San Diego. "He still spoke in interesting Portuguese constructions, despite his rank in the Navy."

Captain Theodore gave each Marine a hearty handshake, as if welcoming them for a balmy cruise. And he assured them, says Tregaskis, "We'll have coffee for everybody in the morning." Then in a kindly uttered warning, he told Tregaskis, "[Tell] your men I don't like to smoke on deck."

From the start, YP-346 refused to follow regulations. But the Marines were packed almost shoulder to shoulder, and would be all night, many having to sleep in the steaming hold. To make them more comfortable, Theodore ordered his first officer to remove the clothesline. "Whoever this clothes belongs to, I want it out of the lines."

YP-346 was 120 feet long, a goodly size for a tuna clipper in 1942. But compared to the smallest warship, Tregaskis said, it was "a tiny thing, with only limited supplies of stores."

What Theodore did next astonished him. The captain gave the Marines all the grub onboard, and all the cigarettes, a rare commodity in those parts. Tregaskis developed an instant admiration for the "pink-cheeked, hearty Portuguese" man,

"who told me proudly about his two li'l kids back home and the exploits of his ship."

Theodore also impressed Tregaskis with his seamanship. The next morning, three destroyers and three YP boats headed southeast into tall, cusping whitecaps. Theodore bowed through the chop as if YP-346 were an ocean liner after all.

They could tell their target from afar. A low fog shrouded the beach — smoke from allied artillery. Sudden orange explosions belched inside now-black, now-gray clouds. Tregaskis watched "red pencil lines of shells arching through the sky." They seemed to fall so slowly: "Distance, of course, caused the apparent slowness."

Around noon, the task force unloaded the Marines several miles from Tasimboko. The raiders returned around sunset. They "are not the same joking men who had come aboard earlier that morning," Battaglia wrote. They "sat around cleaning their weapons, as if they just [came] home from work. You don't feel like you should question these men."

But he did. "What was it like?" he asked a Marine. "His short answer was, 'My buddy got hit, looked at me with a surprised look and said, 'Burbank, they got me,' and fell dead. In four hours these were different men.... Twelve hours later I became one of these men.'"

After discharging the Marines at a staging area near Red Beach, YP-346 received orders to return to Tulagi with a warning: A Japanese cruiser and two destroyers had been spotted. "This was our first race against enemy ships in the channel," said Battaglia, and the "the first race we lost."

The convoy left Guadalcanal after sundown. As they churned toward Tulagi, a tropical downpour slowed the YPs so much that the destroyers pulled far ahead and were soon out of sight. YP-346 was last in a line of three unprotected tuna clippers. Around midnight, they entered the well-defended

Tulagi Harbor. The *Challenger* (YP-239), 300 yards in front of them, reached port safely. In another ten minutes, YP-346 would be home-free.

Then the sky flashed bright: flares and star shells popped instant illumination. A Japanese cruiser, HIJMS *Sendai*, followed by three destroyers, spot-lit YP-346 and began firing salvos of five-inch shells through the pouring rain.

Battaglia: "Maybe ten or 15 minutes, we had been inside the bay — no way they could have gotten us unless they had come inside the bay."

The *Sendai* was too close. It couldn't lower its large batteries enough to shoot them. So it fired anti-aircraft guns. The relentless *ack-ack*, said Theodore, belched "hell in all directions."

A salvo from a destroyer rocked the magazine in the stern, where ammunition was stacked in the bait box. A mortal shiver rolled through the hull. The deck caught fire. "I think every time they shot us, they hit us," said Theodore. Seconds later, the top of the pilot-house blew skyward.

Theodore was on the bridge. Something hit him in the back "like a ton of bricks. It knocked me flat on the deck. There was blood all over me."

In shock, he watched the wheel shatter and his helmsman, Roy C. Parnell, fall back, dumbfounded by a bloody stump where his left arm had been.

"Abandon ship!" Theodore shouted, barely able to breathe.

Battaglia was in the engine room. A shell punched holes in the ammonia pipes, which spit out lethal gas. "It eats up all of the oxygen. It burns your eyes. You can't see." Had he remained below, "it would have killed me."

As the crew dove overboard in life jackets, Theodore shouted, "Beach the ship!"

"What are you going to do?" Theodore recalled. "You have a little ship there, you can't defend yourself. The first thing I thought of,

[get] the ship away from the line of fire. I think it saved a lot of the guys."

Ernie Lopez, boatswain's mate first class, grabbed the wheel's two remaining spokes. They "cut his hands to ribbons," Theodore recalled, but Lopez shoved the throttle to full power and swung the ship toward shore.

"We lost one guy there," said Theodore. "My electrician [Lehman], hit with a piece of shrapnel, I guess." Theodore heard later that the man had been blown overboard and was bleeding when he hit the water. "The blood, there were a lot of sharks there...the next day we found his life jacket but never found him...so the sharks got him."

PFC John J. Murphy, Jr., remained onboard. He went down to the engine-room-turned-powder-keg. The hissing gas now roared. When he realized the damage was permanent, Murphy climbed back up on deck.

Something spun him to the ground: shrapnel. "Although wounded," his citation for the Navy Cross reads, Murphy "gallantly disregarded his own condition to help evacuate other injured shipmates to a dressing station ashore, following the beaching of the vessel. His conspicuous courage in a situation of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

In pouring rain, Marines in small boats rescued survivors unable to wade ashore. They carried Gonzales to a small cave-turned-hospital. "There were some Marines that were hurt, but they figured I was hurt more...so they put them out in the rain and put me in there."

The next night, unable to walk because the shrapnel had paralyzed him temporarily, Theodore watched along with Battaglia as a Japanese cruiser sailed into the bay.

"The guy comes along the beach," Battaglia recalled, "and sees the *Prospect*, but doesn't know it's the ship he shot at the night before, and then he really gave it to

that ship — blew it out of the water.”

The next day Theodore sailed to Pearl Harbor on a hospital craft. When a doctor “fluoroscoped” Theodore, he saw a jagged, inch-long spot close to the spine. The piece of steel was so embedded, a surgeon had to cut out Theodore’s right lung. “I’ve been living with one lung since 1942,” he told an interviewer in 1993.

Joaquin Theodore received a Purple Heart for heroism.

Vincent Battaglia returned to San Diego and worked many years as a navigator on the boat of his older brother, “Trapper Dan” Battaglia. In an interview years later, Vince said he had the greatest respect for Joaquin. “Even today, I still call him Mr. Theodore.” ■

— Jeff Smith

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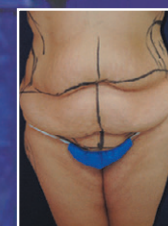
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— Matt Potter
(@sdmattpotter)

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cal Center. Service would be extended north from the Old Town Transit Center.

If the project receives environmental approval and moves forward, the work is expected to be complete by 2018 or 2019. Contractors will perform preliminary field investigation work on the UC San Diego campus beginning next week.

Leorah Gavidor, May 15

Ready, set, spend
GOP's early endorsements for 2014 races

San Diego — With the direct-mail big-money brawl between two Democrats in San Diego's Fourth District still raging, county Republicans are already ramping up to endorse their standard bearers for next year.

As previously reported, the battle between union-backed Myrtle Cole and the GOP downtown Lincoln Club's favorite Dwayne Crenshaw has set new records for independent spending by deep-pocketed special interests, including a glittering array of real estate lobbyists and other influence peddlers.

But that may be only the curtain-raiser for next year's contests, to feature a wide-

open Sixth District field and an expected well-financed attempt by Democrats to knock off Republican Second District hopeful Lorie Zapf.

Incumbent Zapf's residence was redistricted from the Sixth to the Second District last year, and her decision to stay put and run for that seat, now held by termed-out Republican Kevin Faulconer, has created an open opportunity in the Sixth.

The lineup of Sixth District hopefuls so far includes veterans' advocate Don Azul, former school-board member Mitz Lee, and Chris Cate, vice president of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, the downtown business-lobbying group with close ties to Mission Valley hotel magnate C. Terry Brown.

The group went to the mat for Republican Brown and his allies, including UT San Diego owner and hotel developer Douglas Manchester, in their unsuccessful court battle to get Democratic mayor Bob Filner to sign off on a tourism-funding deal negotiated by previous GOP mayor Jerry Sanders, who was a major beneficiary of political funding from the city's hotel lobby.

Cate, a former Faulconer

staffer who moved into the district from Carlsbad, would appear to be the downtown establishment's favorite in the GOP endorsement race, but fellow Republican Azul has vowed to wage a full-on grassroots battle for the Republicans' official nod.

Matt Potter, May 15

Not-so-happy ending

Massage parlors raided, arrests made

La Mesa — Police yesterday (May 14) released details on a coordinated prostitution sweep that took place May 9 involving the FBI, ICE Homeland Security Operations, the California Department of Labor Standards Enforcement, and the San Diego Sheriff's Department that resulted in two arrests.

During the sweep, four massage parlors in La Mesa were raided, including the Mesa Spa on the 8000 block of La Mesa Boulevard and Transcend Spa on the 7900 block of University Avenue. Xiaoyan Cao, age 43, and Ivy Lihui Sun, age 41, both believed to be Chinese nationals, were arrested as a result of the raids, which were the culmination of undercover operations ongoing since 2012.

The aforementioned businesses, as well as two other unnamed locations, face potential prostitution and human-trafficking charges as well as fines that could total tens of thousands of dollars, according to the La Mesa Police Department.

Dave Rice, May 15

Just a flesh wound

Woman sues sheriff after being fired upon in her yard
San Diego/Spring Valley — One day after the August 19, 2012, shooting, San Diego County sheriff Bill Gore told KGTV the bullet fired by one of his deputies only grazed Jennifer Lynn Orey's arm and amounted to nothing more than a "scratched pinky."

Orey, on the other hand, admitted her pinky finger was hit by the bullet fired by a deputy while they searched for a suspected prowler in Orey's backyard, but only after said bullet traveled through her chest and bicep and ultimately her finger.

The two diverging accounts, summed up in an article by the *Huffington Post*, will finally come together in a courtroom.

On May 1, Orey filed a lawsuit against the sheriff's department and County of San Diego for injuries suffered as a result of the acci-

dental shooting.

The incident occurred after residents reported a prowler lurking in a Spring Valley neighborhood. The search led deputies into Orey's backyard. At the same time, Orey had gone into her yard to look for the prowler. There the two parties met. And it was then that deputy Luke Berhalter accidentally fired on Orey.

From the lawsuit:

"As Ms. Orey stepped outside to investigate the source of the noise and approached the area from where the sounds emanated, she announced herself as the homeowner.... Defendant Deputy Berhalter...emerged from Ms. Orey's backyard, as an uninvited and unannounced trespasser/interloper from behind an open gate separating Ms. Orey's front yard and backyard. Deputy Berhalter's gun was drawn and pointed at Ms. Orey. Before ascertaining Ms. Orey's identity or whether Ms. Orey posed a threat to anyone, Deputy Berhalter fired his gun at Ms. Orey, striking her in the chest, arm, and hand, resulting in serious injuries."

According to the lawsuit, Orey filed a claim with the sheriff's department in Sep-

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tember. That claim was later denied.

According to a spokesperson for the sheriff's department, Deputy Berhalter is still with the force.

Dorian Hargrove, May 14

Bad housing news

Housing affordability rate falls to 38 percent

San Diego — Increasing housing prices are again putting a serious squeeze on affordability, the California Association of Realtors reports.

Just 44 percent of Californians could afford to purchase a median-priced single-family home in the first quarter of 2013, according to the trade group. That's down from 48 percent at the end of 2012 and 56 percent a year ago. The actual number, however, could be much lower, especially in San Diego.

In calculating figures, the association assumes a median home price of \$350,490 and that a buyer has a 20 percent down payment of over \$70,000, plus closing costs, available to spend up front. Using those calculations, a family with no other debt would need to make \$66,800 per year to qualify for a 30-year fixed-rate loan on the balance at 3.55 percent interest.

Affordability in San Diego fell to 38 percent, though at no time in the past year have even half the county's residents been able to afford a median-priced home, even given the generous assumptions.

Dave Rice, May 14

Unions give big to Gonzalez

Labor-council chief rakes in nearly \$20K — in one day *Chula Vista/National City* — The week got off to a stellar start for Lorena Gonzalez and her run for state assembly.

On Monday, May 13, Gonzalez once again showed off her fundraising skills, raking in just shy of \$20,000 in one day's worth of filings.

According to campaign finance disclosures, the head

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of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council received six large donations. Of those donors, unions continued to be the main source of campaign revenue. In all, Gonzalez received \$10,200 from union-affiliated political action committees.

But that was just under half of Gonzalez's money Monday. Also contributing to Gonzalez's run was the Barona Band of Mission Indians (\$4100) and two campaign committees — Nora Campos for Assembly 2014 (\$1000) and Darrell Steinberg for Senate 2010 (\$4100).

The donations come on the heels of a major ad campaign against Gonzalez's closest competitor, former Chula Vista City Council member Steve Castaneda.

As reported here on Friday, the Committee for Honesty and Accountability Opposed to Steve Castaneda for Assembly in 2013, sponsored by the California Teachers Association and the California Labor Federation, both union-affiliated political committees, coughed up a total of \$100,000 to spend on their anti-Castaneda ad campaign.

Dorian Hargrove, May 13

Good housing news (for gringos)

Mexico could allow foreign ownership of beach property *Baja* — An amendment to the Mexican constitution, which has already been approved by a "chamber of deputies," is currently in the hands of the senate, which could allow foreign ownership of beachfront property. Legislators are hoping to draw in more international dollars by lifting the ban on foreigners owning property within 50 km (31 miles) of the coast or within 100 km (62 miles) of an international border.

Foreigners are currently able to purchase coastal property by using a third-party Mexican bank as a trustee. Fees and the current regulations have turned away potential international

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buyers for some time.

If the amendment is approved, which could take another six months before it is final, the change would only apply to residential property. Commercial development would still be off limits.

K. Mennem, May 13

Buried treasure

Ancient bison fossil found during highway construction *Balboa Park/Bonsall* — During construction of a highway ramp in San Diego's North County last month, a paleontologist working for a local museum spotted some ancient bones in the dirt.

Brad Riney, who is described as a "paleontological monitor," found buried treasure for the San Diego Natural History Museum during construction of a new ramp from Highway 76 onto northbound 15, near Bonsall, California.

The scientist gathered a crew of five persons to secure the skull and other bones of a huge, prehistoric bison. The museum "tentatively identified" the now-extinct animal as *Bison latifrons*. Officials said the animal roamed the San Luis Rey River Valley between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago, during an Ice Age. The animal once stood eight feet tall at the shoulder and weighed two tons, with the spread of its horns four feet across. The species became extinct about 20,000 years ago, according to museum scientists.

The discovery was made April 10, and the museum crew worked fast to move the fossils from the construction site in just two days. Two bundles of fossils were moved 50 miles south to the downtown museum on April 12.

Once at the museum, scientists will use small knives and brushes and hand-held "pneumatic scribes" (described as "mini jackhammers") to remove detritus from the bones.

Eva Knott, May 13



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City Lights

"Ben Hueso's Taxi Cab Conflict"

Published May 16

Thank you Joe Deegan for highlighting a real problem in public safety in the taxi-cab industry. Taxi drivers are under extreme hardship and the public need to be outraged as to why their property is being bought and sold in the black market for as high as \$160,000 without a single penny being benefited by the public. There is a big public misconception here: Taxicab permits are not private property. They are distributed as a privilege to use for public transportation. Just like any other permits they can be revoked, suspended and terminated. Why is MTS turning a blind eye to this problem? The fault lies with MTS for being irresponsible and corrupt. The public need to ask why the Taxi Administration Manager, John Scott recently "resigned" after over 20 years at the helm. If he resigned, why the need to escort him out of the building by security?

Mayor Filner has decided to finally tackle this problem by terminating MTS's contract and bringing the taxi business back to the City's jurisdiction after 30 years. It was a decision that was applauded by all drivers. However, there are certain City Council members standing in the way due to permit holders' influence and lobby. Mayor Filner wants to allocate \$100,000 to hire a consultant to assess the industry to determine the best way forward. Taxi drivers want a free market system rather than the current closed permit market that has resulted in the monopolization of the industry and shortage of taxi. Taxi drivers are willing to raise the funds if necessary if the City Council refuses to release the funds because their livelihoods are at stake. But to do so means that taxi drivers will be in an even more duress to take care of their families due to high cost

in lease rates and gas prices. Many people in the public have negative views of taxi drivers, but let me remind you that behind their negative traits stands a permit holder profiting from their hard work like modern day slavery. It's no exaggeration, my friends. A perfect example, ask why drivers refuse to accept credit cards as payment? It's simple. The driver has to pay his permit holder up to 10 percent in interest for every transaction when the permit holder himself only pays 2 to 3 percent. Almost all permit holders accept only cash as form of payment for lease. (Why do you think that is?) A driver sometimes has to wait an entire month to cash in on his credit card transaction because that's how the permit holder wants it. Imagine if your boss was withholding a portion of your paycheck until the end of the month. Don't we all have bills? Where is the outrage? Where is justice? Do we not live in the land of the free? Do you think Ben Hueso had that in mind when he introduced this inappropriate and unjust legislation or was he thinking about his families interest? Disgraceful!

By BenSeifu, May 17 @ 9:48 a.m.

The first ingredient in making these abuses work is the old "independent contractor shuffle", wherein the employer pretends that his employees operate independently. This goes on all the time, in all nooks and crannies of our economy. It avoids having to pay the match on FICA tax, unemployment tax, and workers compensation. The usual "contractor" ends up living hand-to-mouth, fails to pay his/her taxes, and ends up in hot water with both the IRS and EDD. Part of this pattern also means that the employee doesn't report much or anything as net income, hence pays far too little into the social security system, leaving him/her high and dry at age 66. It's a rotten slimy deal, and while illegal, requires massive enforcement to eliminate.

That enforcement has been lax for a long time, which is why this keeps growing. Add in all the other twists and turns of taxi licensing plus the lease of the cab and dispatch, and you have a perfect recipe for something close to involuntary servitude, or as one commenter called it, slavery.

By Visduh, May 19 @ 9:19 a.m.

Driver working conditions DO need to be improved, change needs to come in some aspects, but with a comprehensive analysis of the industry and not under a hidden political agenda based on votes from a disenfranchised constituency and the delivering of empty promises. What is disgraceful is the malicious manipulation of immigrant drivers who are given empty promises in return for their union dues, donations in other to fund unscrupulous and racketeering individuals. The FBI should look closely on the financial records of these groups as we can assure you drivers are being ripped off under the excuse of labor changes.

By fredlopez, May 20, 2013 @ 10:30 a.m.

DIARY OF A DIVA

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set up were steam trays with Chinese fare. I had inhaled an early dinner unnecessarily.

Once the show began, the rest of my tension evaporated. I'd expected a shoddy kids' play, but this was a serious production with elaborate costumes and professional set design, and the 16-year-old playing *Mulan* had a polished and powerful singing voice. And when I spotted my niece Bella all made up and working through the choreography, I remembered why I'd gone to all the trouble to get there. ■
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Thursday | 23

POP THURSDAY

A “Push Pin Party.” Just like when the museum opened in 1983, organizers invite participants to put their pictures up on the walls of the museum. Event also features a movie screening of *The Outsiders* (released in 1983), a mobile-photo challenge, DJ music from 1983, food from MIHO, and drinks from Alchemy Cultural Fare and Cocktails. Come dressed in 1980s attire. Tickets do not guarantee movie seating, which is first-come, first-served. \$0–\$8.

WHEN: 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-238-7559; mopa.org/pop-1983



Saturday | 25

MASS CREATIVITY: COMMUNITY PORTRAIT FOTOAKTION

San Diego artist Perry Vasquez presents an interactive photo opportunity and portrait-drawing workshop. Develop new art skills while documenting the people and energy of your neighborhood. This workshop is designed for all ages.

No prior art experience necessary. Hosted by the New Children’s Museum.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Logan Heights Library, 567 South 28th Street, Logan Heights. 619-795-1522; thinkplaycreate.org

Friday | 24

FORE THE KIDS: MUSEUM SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The second annual tournament features a shotgun start, lunch, and a dinner/awards banquet. Also includes luxury carts, drinks, opportunity prizes, and contests. Novice and experienced golfers welcome. Event benefits the physical education program at the Museum School. Registration begins at noon. \$30–\$500.

WHEN: 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Riverwalk Golf Club, 1150 Fashion Valley Road, Mission Valley. 619-236-8712; museumschool.org



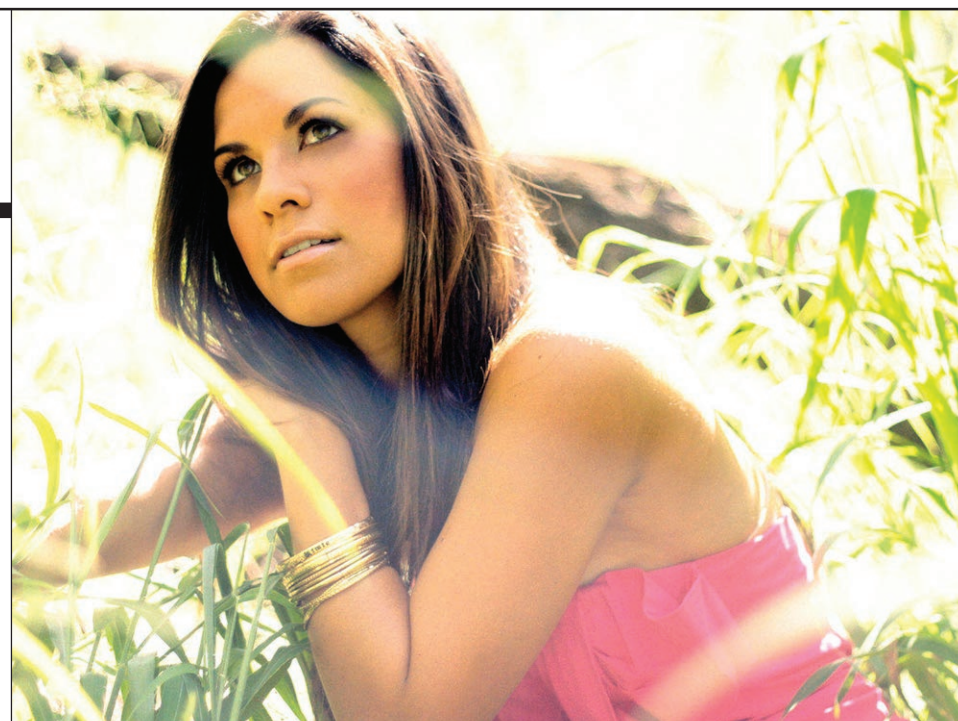
Sunday | 26

VISTA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Vista was once the “Strawberry Capital of the World” and still boasts many strawberry fields. Celebrate the berry with over 200 vendors, athletic competition (festival starts with a 10K at the WAVE Waterpark in Vista, runs through Vista’s Kite Sculptures, and ends at the festival), pie-eating, costumes, carnival rides, music, food, and more.

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

WHERE: Downtown Vista, Santa Fe Avenue at Main Street. 760-726-1122; vistastrawberry-fest.com



WEDNESDAY, MAY 29: KIMIE MINER AT I LOVE POKE FESTIVAL

Monday | 27

2013 5K SPLASH DASH

There will be splash zones throughout the course to help racers cool off. Top three finishers in each age bracket will receive a medal. Event also features a half-mile kids’ fun-run. Pre-registration required to receive a T-shirt on race day. \$0–\$25.

WHEN: 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido. Contact Mike Marshall, 602-819-3275; facebook.com/5ksplashdash

man. The two begin a correspondence that yields to shared hopes, fears, and romantic yearnings. A Film Movement presentation in French, Hebrew, English, and Arabic with English subtitles.

WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street, Point Loma. 619-532-1539; facebook.com/freelibrarymovies

Wednesday | 29

I LOVE POKE FESTIVAL

The fourth annual food festival and competition celebrates Hawaiian culture and cuisine and features live music by Hawaii native Kimie Miner. Festival

will be broken up into two sections: Pokeland, where 12–15 chefs compete for title of “Best Poke,” and Foodland, a place for attendees to sample Hawaiian- and Asian-inspired food from local restaurants. Ages 21+. \$55.

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

WHERE: Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-222-1181; ilovemusubi.com/poke

Tuesday | 28

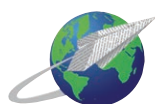
FILM FORUM: A BOTTLE IN THE GAZA SEA

Seeking to make sense of a deadly suicide-bombing, Tal, a 17-year-old Jewish girl living in Jerusalem, pens a message in a bottle tossed into the Mediterranean. The note washes up on a Gaza beach and is recovered by a young Palestinian



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Swiss trams pass near the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois, in Basel, Switzerland, birthplace of LSD.

Basel, Switzerland

By Ed Rampell

Behind Basel, Switzerland's bourgeois persona is a mind-blowing history currently experiencing its 70th anniversary. Inside the walled-off compound where multinational pharmaceutical giant Novartis (formed when Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz merged) is headquartered is a futuristic glassy-steel building designed by architect Frank Gehry, who created L.A.'s curvy Disney Concert Hall.

My guide, who specializes in Basel's modern architecture, points into the distance, telling me that on April 16, 1943, in one of the less ostentatious structures, Sandoz chemist Albert Hofmann accidentally dosed himself with Lyserg-säure-diäthylamid — or LSD — which he'd synthesized in 1938.

Three days later, on what's now called "Bicycle Day," Hofmann deliberately dropped 250 micrograms of the psychoactive substance, rode home on a bike, and experienced "altered perceptions" amidst a "spontaneous visionary experience."

While the rest of Europe was at war, in this neutral Swiss city wedged on the Rhine between occupied France and Nazi Germany, Hofmann — who'd been trying to build a better aspirin — got more than he'd bargained for.

Near the Big Pharma campus, I spied

a yellow car that seemed to lurk down a side street. Rudi explained it was a "drug relief" vehicle, deployed not to bust users (as one would expect in Drug War America) but to provide addicts with clean syringes to ensure hygiene.

Beneath Basel's stuffy surface lies a psychedelic sensibility and higher consciousness. Psychologist and "collective unconscious" symbologist C.G. Jung spent part of his childhood there. Dadaist Jean Tinguely, sculptor of pure flights of fancy, grew up there.

Switzerland's third-most populous city is an intellectual and arts center, home to: the oldest Swiss university; Theater Basel, a top venue for plays, operas, and ballets; museums; the Alpine nation's largest Mardi Gras-like carnival, Basel Fasnacht, with mind-bending costumes and uninhibited merriment.

On another tour, our guide notes Basel's traditions go back 500-plus years to the Renaissance. Circa 1509, botanist, humanist, and astrologist Paracelsus studied and taught medicine at the University of Basel, established in 1460. Paracelsus created laudanum, a psychotropic for easing bodily pain.

A Pharmaceutical Historical Museum now exists in the former home of a prominent printer whose physician was Paracelsus. Dutch Enlightenment thinker Erasmus also lived in this

house with its spacious courtyard, where elixirs, herbariums, remedies, etc. are now displayed.

A fountain is topped by the statue of a hat-and-jacket-clad monkey eating grapes near an outdoor café. Businesses use traditional signs with iron images designed by medieval *Mad Men* to advertise their purposes, such as the Schnabel Restaurant. Trams whisk passengers past the ornate reddish Rathaus with its large clock, painted façade, and wooden window shutters designed with Vasarely-like Op Art. Basel's municipal building was first established near this marketplace site in the 14th Century, looking to untutored eyes like a mini Kremlin.

Statues of St. George slaying a dragon with a lance adorn a red sandstone wall of the Münster, elevated on a hillside overlooking the Rhine. Another statue on the cathedral's exterior wall depicts St. Martin rending his garment to share it with a beggar, while gargoyles serve the dual function of funneling rainwater and warding off evil spirits.

Amid brilliantly hued stained-glass windows are tombs inside the church and courtyard, including a stony statue of Heinrich V in repose in full body armor, a sword beside him, a lion at his mail sabaton-clad feet. The emperor at



A tram approaches Basel's Kremlin-like Rathaus

the center of 1122's Concordat of Worms had become meat for worms ages ago.

I explored LSD's hometown by foot and tram — not by bicycle. Nevertheless, I could "picture myself in a boat on a river," cruising the Rhine for three hours aboard a Basler Personenschiffahrt. I did not see "a girl with kaleidoscope eyes," "cellophane flowers," "tangerine trees and marmalade skies," but I ate a sumptuous breakfast quickly followed by a lunch buffet on this Sunday-brunch voyage.

The cruise began with something as dazzling as "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," floating through Basel's glorious Old Town and, momentarily, back in time before the sound and fury of our high-tech era. After the boat turns about and heads down the Rhine, past Germany and France, we pass cottages poised along riverbanks with long fishing rods and nets.

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Distance from downtown San Diego: 16 miles. Allow 25 minutes driving time. From I-805 N, exit on Mira Mesa/Sorrento Parkway then keep in the left lane and go straight through the intersection. Continue north to Sorrento Valley Boulevard and turn right. Roughly a mile later, the park entrance will be on the right. Keep a sharp lookout since the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve sign is not visible until you are almost on it, and you will not be able to make a U-turn for about another mile down the road.

Hiking length: About 2.5 miles from the west end to Pacific Mesa Blvd and return or 7.5 miles, combining the Lopez Canyon section plus the falls and back. **Difficulty:** Moderate — approximately 120 feet change in elevation with short creek crossings over round rocks.



The trail is shared by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. Look for gophers on the canyon hike.

The hike begins with a pleasant canopy of sycamore, mule fat, willow, and other riparian plants that line Lopez Creek. The trail sometimes crosses the creek, so

watch your balance on wet rocks. Poison oak thrives here in large stands and up on sycamore trees, so know how to recognize it before you go. Despite the plant's

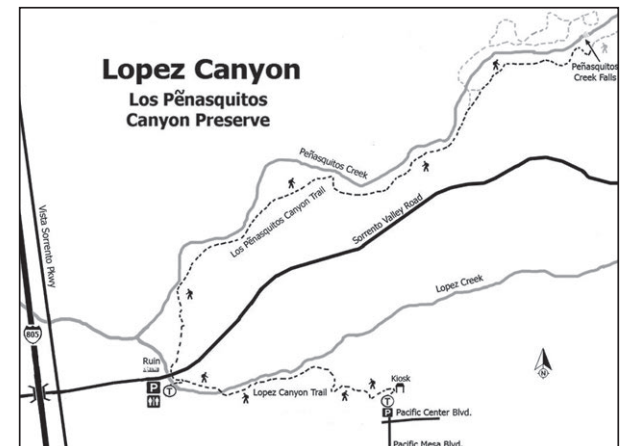
toxic nature, it can be lush and beautiful.

There is a mix of native and nonnative plants. Native plants include coyote brush (baccharus), elderberry, miner's lettuce, black sage, tarragon, fuchsia-flowering gooseberry, lemonade berry, laurel sumac, blue-eyed grass, California and San Diego sunflowers, monkey flower, and wild cucumber. The green, spiny fruit of the wild cucumber has a striking appearance. Plants such as plantain (a very low-growing, small monocot), blackberry, jimson weed, and thistles can be either native or non-native, depending on the species. Non-natives (some from the region's cattle-herding history) include rye grass, oats, wild geranium, black mustard, horehound, curly dock, pineapple weed, plus various filaree species.

There are many gopher holes lining the trail, and you may see one poking its head out of a hole. Funnel weaver spiders take advantage of vacant gopher holes to set up their nests as well as dotting the hillsides with their funnel-shaped webs. If you go early in the morning, the webs glisten with dew. The trail ends to the right of the kiosk and uphill to the Pacific Mesa Boulevard cul-de-sac near the intersection of Pacific Center Boulevard, where limited parking and some seating areas provide for a leisurely lunch before returning to the west entrance.

An alternate route is to add an additional 5 miles by then following the trail under the Sorrento Valley Boulevard bridge to the waterfalls. The waterfall hike at Los Peñasquitos (little cliffs) Canyon Preserve offers a welcome retreat without a long drive or strenuous exertion to get there. The preserve spans 3700 acres with over 10 miles of trails. Be aware that you will share the trail with horses and bikers throughout the preserve, so be alert to whoever shows up ahead of you or behind you. Wildlife does include coyote and mountain lion; so hiking with a partner is prudent.

The relatively flat trail immediately offers numerous native plant species to view. Black sage perfumes the trail, sharing space with scrub oak, coast live oak, chaparral broom, chamise, manzanita, Cali-



fornia sagebrush, checkerbloom, yucca, prickly pear, chalk dudlia, buckwheat, and many other species flowering at various intervals through the spring, summer, and fall. The trail has limited shade, so be sure to bring water, sun protection, and sturdy hiking shoes with good ankle support. Much of the route is lined with rounded, ancient river rock, carried from the Sonora, Mexico region by the San Andreas Fault over millions of years of seismic activity. As you near the junction to the waterfall, looking to the right up the hill will reveal a red shelf-like structure capping lighter colored rock. This is a Linda Vista rock formation, originating from ancient, iron-rich shoreline deposits again originating

in Mexico and carried north over time by seismic fault motion. Wend your way carefully over the rocks to get down to the water. Return via the same trail.

For more information on the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, see the link to the area map at penasquitos.org. The park may be closed during heavy rains or a couple of days following rain. Normal park hours are 8:00 am to sunset.

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Goin' Down to Die. Presented by Left Hand black Gallery. A solo art show by Turk. Hand painted impressions of mortality. Free refreshments provided. 619-546-6555. Saturday, May 25, 6pm to 10pm. Left Hand Black Tattoo, 1947 Fern Street #5. (SOUTH PARK)

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, May 26, **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

ArtStop: Peter Hurd Lucy Eron discusses Peter Hurd during this 15-minute, staff-led tour of one to three works on view. Thursday, May 23, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Color Splash Art Exhibit During the San Diego Jazz Festival, local artists of the Sargent Art Group will exhibit their fine arts in oil, acrylic, and water colors. Also featuring rare photography, sling bags, glass art, pottery, and photo illustrations. Participating artists: Mary Bores, Bob Coletti, Karen Fidel, Kathleen Hamilton, Carol Korfin, Nick Mac Connell, Linda Melvin, Kathleen Mc Vey, Diane O'Connell, Terry Oshrin, Sue Paparisto, Rita Shulak, Rosemary Velente, and Donald Pallia. Contact: Donald Pallia, dpallia@yahoo.com. Saturday, May 25, 9am; Sunday, May 26, 9am; **free**. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

Cruising the Art Scene An evening of art with COAL Gallery, Oceanside Art Gallery, Phantom Gallery, Lynn Forbes Sculpture Gallery, and other Carlsbad Village

art venues. Also includes live music and refreshments. 760-434-8497. Thursday, May 23, 5:30pm; **free**. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

Ernest Silva Illustrated Lecture Recognized for his metaphoric imagery of deer, lighthouses, water, birds and figures, Silva will present a conversation between his earlier and more recent work occupying two exhibition galleries. 760 435 3721. Saturday, May 25, 2pm; **free**. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Family Drop-In Day: Exploring Identity 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, May 26, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Finger Painting Friday: Pretty Please with Sprinkles on Top? Make a giant cupcake portrait in honor of the museum's birthday month using colorful pompoms, confetti, and more. Friday, May 24, 10:30am; **free**-\$10. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Gaslamp Music & Art Festival From smooth beats to funky scats, the 2nd Annual Gaslamp Music & Art Festival features live entertainment, dining, and interactive art demonstrations hosted at more than 25 venues throughout the Gaslamp Quarter. National, regional and local bands, offering everything from Latin Jazz to Irish Rock, rockabilly to flamenco, reggae to acoustic music, and interactive art demonstrations. Free admission with a minimum purchase of food or drinks in several participating restaurants and bars. Some of these locations are 21 and up only with valid ID, though several locations will offer entertainment and attractions for all. 619-233-5227. Saturday, May 25, 1pm; **free**. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Liquid Glass Co. 2013 Open House An event featuring glass art, live demonstrations, food, and beer. All ages invited to attend. 760-822-9666 or 760-484-1008. Saturday,

May 25, 10am; Sunday, May 26, 10am; **free**. Oak Valley Glass - Liquid Glass Co., 15250 Oak Valley Road. (RAMONA)

Mass Creativity: Community Portrait Fotoaktion San Diego artist Perry Vasquez presents an interactive photo opportunity and portrait drawing workshop. Develop new art skills while documenting the people and energy of your neighborhood. This workshop is designed for all ages. No prior art experience necessary. Hosted by The New Children's Museum. Friday, May 24, 1:30pm; **free**. Castle Park Middle School, 160 Quintard Street. (CHULA VISTA)

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Mass Creativity: Hyper Local News Work with San Diego artist David White to learn how to design a newsroom set, research and produce stories, and anchor a broadcast. This workshop is designed for all ages. Hosted by The New Children's Museum. Saturday, May 25, 1pm; **free**. Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, 6845 University Avenue. (ROLANDO)

May Artisan Market Featuring three artists specializing in sea glass jewelry, polymer clay pottery, and glass art decorations for your yard. 760-944-1381. Saturday, May 25, 10am; Coast Hwy Traders, 530 South Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Moleskins and Rattlesnake Scales Art reception by artists Shane Moise and Rattlejake Jensen with concert featuring Josh Weinstein and Trio Gadjo. Thursday, May 23, 8pm; **free**. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Painting and Vino Recreate "Tree of Happiness" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. 619-255-7885. Thursday, May 23, 6pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

exhibition, opening in the fall of 2013. Friday, May 24, 1pm; **free**-\$10. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Art of Giving A night of art and music featuring live art and and a silent auction. All proceeds go towards the art program at the San Diego Youth Services Organization. Saturday, May 25, 6pm; **free**. Sun Diego Fashion Valley Mall. (MISSION VALLEY)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Workshop to Relieve Back and Neck Pain Without drugs or Surgery Introduction to Alexander Technique lessons recommended by the British Medical Journal as the best long term relief of back pain. Powerful tools to heal yourself. \$25. Reservation required. Call, (858)246-6106, www.Alexander-techniquelajolla.com. Saturday, May 25, 2pm to 3:30pm. 5771 La Jolla Boulevard Suite B2. (LA JOLLA)

Beginning Computer Class Jerry Goldstein instructs participants in internet basics such as how to use a mouse, how to search the internet, preview and print web pages, and how to get and use email. 858-538-8163. Saturday, May 25, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Chinese Conversation Class Learn Chinese language and culture during the lunch hour. Continues on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month through May. Thursday, May 23, 12:15pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Family Science Saturdays: Motorized Machines Build your own whimsical motorized meandering mechanism or a jiggly jumpy

chaotic drawing machine. Activities included with admission. 619-238-1233. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, May 25, \$9-\$11. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

Metal Collage Create an autobiographical, abstract, figurative or scenic composition while working like a metalsmith. Cut images out of thin, 32-gauge copper or brass using a variety of tools and metalsmithing techniques. Instructor Sharon K Novak. 619-223-0058. Sunday, May 26, 10am; \$88-\$98. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Smart Investing A six-week financial literacy workshops that cover everything from basic budgeting to credit repair and investing. Reservations: 619-236-5947 or SDLBSmartInvesting@sandiego.gov. Thursdays, 6pm; through Saturday, July 6, **free**. 18 and up. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Thriving in a Tough Economy A frank discussion of the impact of new legislation, bankruptcies, and market forces. Presented by Matthew Malvey, of Alliance Bernstein. Hosted by Virginia Kuwahara and Greg Grajcek, of UBS Financial Services. Thursday, May 23, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Young Scientists: "Wing, Sting, and Leggy Things" Teaches kids about the varied inhabitants and curious habits of the arthropod kingdom. Preschoolers age 3-5 (and a parent) explore the scientific wonders of the world through

Rhyme & Verse "A bird came down the walk" A poem by Emily Dickinson

A bird came down the walk:
He did not know I saw;
He bit an angleworm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw.

And then he drank a dew
From a convenient grass —
And then hopped sidewise to the wall
To let a beetle pass.

He glanced with rapid eyes
That hurried all abroad, —
They looked like frightened beads, I thought;
He stirred his velvet head

Like one in danger, cautious,
I offered him a crumb,
And he unrolled his feathers
And rowed him softer home

Than oars divide the ocean,
Too silver for a seam,
Or butterflies, off banks of noon,
Leap, plashless, as they swim.



Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) was born into a distinguished Amherst, Massachusetts, family: Her grandfather was a founder of Amherst College and her father a distinguished attorney and U.S. congressman. A brilliant student, Emily Dickinson entered Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary when she was 17 but withdrew within the first year, possibly because of poor health but possibly also because her refusal to sign an oath professing her Christian faith marked her as an apostate and made life at the seminary uncomfortable. Far less Romantic in language and tone and far more modern in sensibility and phrasing than the poetry of most other 19th-century American poets, hers is clearly the work of a poetic talent of the highest caliber. "A bird came down the walk" (Dickinson's poems are untitled) is poem number 328 in Thomas Johnson's *Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson*. There are several versions of many of Dickinson's poems and it is generally impossible to know which version is the final or definitive one. The version of the poem printed here is in public domain.

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experimentation, investigation, and scientific questioning. Four 4-week sessions run monthly. 619-238-1233. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, June 2, \$75-\$85. 3 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

included. 619-46-MUSIC or www.mainlymozart.org. Festival runs through June 22, 2013. Please check mainlymozart.org for locations and details. (SAN DIEGO)

COMEDY

Rachel Feinstein Rachel's Comedy Central Presents stand up special is now airing. She was also a finalist on Season 7's "Last Comic Standing" and was featured on Russell Simmons, "Live at the El Ray", TBS's "Just for Laughs" series and "Comics Unleashed." Rachel has written for "The Onion" and has voiced various characters on Adult Swim's "Venture Brothers", the animated Comedy Central web series, "Samurai Love God" and Spike TV's

"Battle Pope. Thursday, May 23, 8 pm. Friday, May 24, 7:30 & 9:30pm. Saturday, May 25, 7:30 & 9:30pm. The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"No, I'm Not Australian!" A combination of comedic observations of a South African living in San Diego, and a commentary on the world of language and culture. Drawing on his own experiences traveling around the world, Gary Wolf explores the lighter side of cultural misconceptions in an increasingly global world. Thursday, May 23, 8pm; Friday, May 24, 8pm; Saturday, May 25, 8pm; \$12-\$20. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Craig Shoemaker The Love Master. Friday, May 24, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Saturday, May 25, 7:30pm

and 9:45pm; Sunday, May 26, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Earl Skakel Earl Skakel from the Rob Schneider Comedy Tour, Benchwarmers, and Extreme Championship Comedy Takeover for one night only. Sunday, May 26, 8pm; \$12. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)


Mixxnutts Comedy Relief Special Guy Murray, Nic Flair, B-Funny, Bombo Belford, Mindy Lipton, Raul Fernandez, Deric Poston, and PMAN perform. Two-item minimum. 619-786-3136. Sunday, May 26, 7pm; \$10-\$15. 18 and up. Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Mainly Mozart Festival. With orchestral concerts, chamber music and jazz. May 31 and June 1 features an all-star chamber music ensemble performing Mozart and Handel in La Jolla. Lectures on Mozart & the Mind, blending music and science,

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SHEEP and GOATS

Laurence Vaux

Why is the Ave Maria used so often to be said for a prayer seeing there is no petition in it? Whosoever hath any suit or request that he would gladly obtain of a prince, magistrate or his superior, he will use often words that will please and delight the mind of him that his suit is to; that thereby his mind may be

moved with affection and made attentive to hear the suitor, and grant his request. So all Christian people are suitors to God and ought to make suit and request for mercy, grace and godly help to attain and come to eternal glory. And forthwith our blessed Lady was pre-elected and chosen of God before all other creatures to be the

Mother of Christ, both God and man, and of that glorious Virgin, Christ took his manhood, wherewith he redeemed us. Therefore it is expedient to desire the said Mother of God to pray for us, that by her intercession we may the better obtain our suit of God. — from “A Catechism on Christian Doctrine” by Laurence Vaux

Laurence Vaux (1519–1585) was a priest and canon during the English Reformation who fled England during the persecution. While in hiding, Vaux completed his only published work, “A Catechism on Christian Doctrine,” excerpted above, which served as a touchstone for Catholics in the English Reformation seeking to

retain their faith. His crest (right) appeared on the work’s title page. Sent on a mission in 1580 by the pope to help Catholics maintain the faith in England, Vaux was eventually captured and imprisoned by Elizabeth I, dying there a martyr’s death five years later.

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DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette

Learn Tango Now! Take a first Free class Monday, May 27, at 7pm or Wednesday, May 29, at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter!) at Dance Place San

Diego. No need for a partner. We will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango. Visit www.tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Collaborations '13 20th Anniversary Performance Presented by the CAC Repertory Dance Theatre. Purchase tickets at www.cacrdt.org. \$15 general admission, \$12 senior, student and military. Saturday, May 25, 2pm to 7:30pm. Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Ocean View Boulevard. (MOUNTAIN VIEW)

The Sleeping Beauty Encinitas Ballet’s directors and choreographers Olga Tchekachova and

Sayat Asatryan have created a lavish, full-length production of one of the great ballet creations of the nineteenth century. 760-632-4947. Saturday, May 25, 2pm and 6pm; \$20-\$25. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Contradancing No partners needed, and no experience necessary. Calling by Chris Page. Live music by Old Twine String Band. Teaching from 7:30-8:00. Dance

starts at 8:00. Discounts for teens and children, college, and military. Soft soled shoes only, please. Saturday, May 25, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Flamenco Dance Show Live show features singer-dancer Oscar Valero, guitarist Juan Moro. Friday, May 24, 8pm; \$10. Gran Tapa, 611 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Michael Jackson Dance Class Each class will offer various signature Michael Jackson moves. In addition, choreography from various songs will be taught: “Beat It,” “Thriller,” “Smooth Criminal,” and “Drill” (from the documentary *This Is It*). For intermediate/advanced level dancers, but beginners wel-

come. Taught by Michael Jackson impersonator Devra Gregory (DEV as MJ). Thursdays, 5:30pm; through Thursday, July 11, \$20-\$150. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Middle-Earth Belly Dance Ensemble Sunday, May 26, 8pm; Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Pink BoomBox Revue A monthly burlesque circus show featuring performances by: Lilly Holiday, Nancy Drew Blood, Stone L’Amour, SaraPhim, Holly Quinn, Avarra LaRoux, and more. Thursday, May 23, 9pm; \$5. 21 and up. Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

UndocuQueer in San Diego

The San Diego DREAM Team and Canvass for a Cause host a discussion on the story of queer immigrants here in San Diego. Contact: field@canvassforacause.org or 619-630-7750. Friday, May 24, 7pm; **free**-\$25. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Humanists Film Discussion Group *The Pagan Roots of Early Christianity*, narrated by Joseph Campbell, shows how early Christians borrowed many traditions and

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MISSION SAN LUIS REY Founders Day

The Franciscan Friars of Old Mission San Luis Rey invite the community to celebrate the mission’s 215th birthday with a family-friendly event featuring entertainment, food, tours, and a lady bug release. The celebration also includes the grand re-opening of the historic church which has been closed to the public for the past year. Saturday, June 15th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (760) 757-3651, x161. OCEANSIDE 4070 Mission Avenue (760) 757-3520

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Carnival games, bounce houses, a dunk tank, cakewalk, bingo, a raffle, food, and entertainment. Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m. Contact: olmc.fiesta@gmail.com. RANCHO PENASQUITOS 13541 Stoney Creek Rd. (858) 484-1070

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CLAIREMONT CHURCH OF GOD Finally Free Women’s Conference

Worship leader Kim Tabor encourages women to let go of the things in their lives that keep them from living the abundant life that Jesus purchased for them on the cross. Saturday June 22, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (858) 278-6802. CLAIREMONT 4955 Conrad Avenue (858) 278-6802

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Local classical guitarists Peter Puppig and William Wilson will present a mix of classical, Spanish, and contemporary Latin guitar music. The duo’s performance will include well-known Spanish classical pieces by Enrique Granados, and other notable pieces from Chazarreta, Lara, Faure, Ferrer, Jobim, and Sting. They will also present original music compositions. ENCINITAS 925 Balour Drive (760) 753-1026

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symbols from the pagan Greeks, and how these practices and stories are still part of the Christian religion. Discussion to follow. Sunday, May 26, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

FOOD & DRINK

Saint Archer Beer for Breakfast The much anticipated arrival of Saint Archer Brewing Co. is upon us for Beer For Breakfast. Featured on tap: IPA, Pale Ale, and Kolsch. Saturday, May 25, 10am to 2pm. Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

'80s Night! Roll back the clock 30 years (wow!) and have fun at Solare rocking out to the music of 1983. We will crank up our sound system and focus purely on the music of 1983. Just 1983. Need I say more? Solare Ristorante Lounge, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

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

Curbside Bites Dinner A weekly food truck gathering. Thursdays, 5:30pm; through Thursday, December 12, **free**. J Street between 3rd & 4th Avenues. (DOWNTOWN)

Full Moon Dinner Cruises Cost includes a three-hour cruise,

a boarding glass of champagne or sparkling cider, three-course dinner, DJ, views that change with each course. Saturday, May 25, 6:30pm; \$73. Hornblower Dinner Cruises, 1800 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Gluten-Free Baking Hands-on class. Please bring an apron. Recipes: Almond Sandwich Bread; Cherry and White Chocolate Biscotti; Butternut Squash Muffins; Matcha Tea Macaroons. Thursday, May 23, 10:30am; \$49. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Lizz Russell Cocktail and Couture Featuring fashion designer Lizz Russell. Special guest models will showcase her signature creations. A portion of the proceeds to benefit The GBS/CIDP International Foundation. Friday, May 24, 6:30pm; \$32. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Making Camembert and Blue Cheese An advanced cheese-making course featuring cheese and wine. Saturday, May 25, 4pm; \$75. 21 and up. Curds and Wine, 7188 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Making Goat Cheese An advanced course on how to make fresh chevre and aged chevre. Includes samples in various stages of maturation. Saturday, May 25, 10am; \$75. 21 and up. Curds and

Wine, 7188 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Making Swiss Cheese An advanced class on how to make alpine-style cheeses. Includes samples from all over the world. Amour for Melody. Saturday, May 25, 1pm; \$75. 21 and up. Curds and Wine, 7188 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Stinkies and Sweet Cheeses A tasting rollercoaster of some of the stinkiest cheeses in the world, and ideas to tame them with jammy wines, saucy sweets, and chocolate. Sunday, May 26, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese Del Mar, 2650 Via de la Valle, #C140. (DEL MAR)

Sweet Onion and BBQ Festival Tastings, recipes, and tips on various topics to celebrate and kickoff summer grilling. May 25: Pit barrel pulled pork, BBQ sauces, and seasonal Imperial Valley sweet onions. Saturday, May 25, 11am; **free**. Iowa Meat Farms, 6041 Mission Gorge Road. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Warrior's Code Motorcycle Poker Ride The annual poker run prompts motorcycle enthusiasts from all over Southern California to spend the day cruising to four designated spots, where each rider will be greeted with a surprise and receive a playing card to assemble their hand for their five-card draw. Cash prizes and bragging rights will be awarded to the luckiest of the

bikers. Participants will be greeted at the finish line with a backyard BBQ complete with live music, beer garden supplied with local craft brews, vendors, and prizes. Benefits Wounded Warrior Homes. Contact: talin@onehartevents.com. Saturday, May 25, 8:30am; Biggs Harley-Davidson, 1040 Los Vallecitos #113. (SAN MARCOS)

FOR KIDS

Celebrate Creativity with the New Children's Museum and ScholarShare! Featuring special art-making activities to help celebrate the New Children's Museum's fifth birthday. ScholarShare's real, live "Diploma Dog" will entertain the little ones and hand out free college savings gear. Event held in the PlaySpace outside of Macy's. Friday, May 24, 10am; **free**. Westfield University Towne Centre, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Family Science Saturday: Tops and Spinning Things. Explore concepts like balance, center of gravity, and weight distribution while building a simple child's spinning toy. Challenge Saturday, the last Saturday of each month, will culminate in two visitor contests: a tops death match in the battling dome of doom; and a solo endurance competition of whose top will spin longest. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, May 25, Reuben

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

Paws to Read Love on a Leash brings patient, lovable dogs for children to practice their reading skills. Thursday, May 23, 4pm; **free**. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Preschool Music Class Hillside Artisans Children's Boutique is offering Saturday music and movement classes by award-winning singer/songwriter Katie Brady for children ages two through six. Saturday, May 25, 10:30am; **free**. Hillside Artisans Children's Boutique, 827 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

The Amazing Insect Kingdom — Up Close Docent Bill Burkhardt explores the world of insects with a slideshow, microscope viewing, and a Q & A about all things insect. Suitable for children four years old to adults. Sat-

urday, May 25, 10am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

LECTURES

Information Session Alumna Kristi Vanderstock will share her experiences as an acupuncture student and practitioner. There will also be herb demos featuring common herbs and their healing benefits. Event will also feature information about the admissions process, the field of acupuncture, Oriental medicine, and massage therapy, financial aid, and more. Reservation required. Contact: Janis Sackett, 800-729-0941 x127 or jsackett@pacificcollege.edu. Thursday, May 23, 6pm; **free**. Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, 7445 Mission Valley Rd., Suite 105. (LINDA VISTA)

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Family Discovery Walk Active outdoor experience specifically designed for parents and their children. Share quality time in nature as trail guides and "the Fam" explore the trail to the Kumeyaay grinding rocks site. Meet inside Visitor Center. Sunday, May 26, 3pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Herb Walk with Will Bowen Learn to identify the different trees, plants, and shrubs of Lopez Canyon. Find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, and Anglo-American settlers. Sunday, May 26, 5pm; **free**. Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Indian Spring Learn about the seasonal plant and animal resources that historically sustained human

life in San Diego. Discover Native American methods of food harvest, preparation and conservation on a trail guide led interpretive walk. Visitor Center. Saturday, May 25, 9:30am; Sunday, May 26, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

San Diego Jazz Festival This Memorial Day, San Diego Jazz Festival comes to La Costa Resort and Spa. Acts like: Charlie Wilson, Brian Culbertson, Ledisi, Jonathan Butler, Sheila E, Jeffrey Osborne & Euge Groove, Brian McKnight will all be performing. www.sandiego-jazzfest.com. May 24-26, 2013. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast Breakfast designed to bring

together diverse San Diegans — business, labor, Democrats, Republicans, all communities, all ages, all San Diegans who support equality and justice — to celebrate the memory of influential civil rights activist Harvey Milk. Friday, May 24, 7:30am; Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Lebanese Festival 2013 Traditional Lebanese food, sweets and crepes station, music, dancing, folkloric performances, beer and wine garden, hookah bar, and carnival rides for kids. Friday, May 24, 6pm; Saturday, May 25, 9am; Sunday, May 26, 9am; \$2. St. Ephrem Catholic Church, 750 Medford Street. (EL CAJON)

Phun Fest 2013 Local vendors, live music, giveaways, food, and tricycle races. Sunday, May 26, 12pm; **free**. Pacific Coast Bicycle, 1637 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Santee Street Fair Over 300 food and vendor booths, three stages, six bands, community entertainment,

rides, and a beer garden. Main stage will feature: Bobby and the Angels, Rockola, Liquid Blue. Community stage: Classic Chrome Rock and Roll Revue (after 3pm). Info@ santeechamber.com or 619-449-6572. Saturday, May 25, 10am; **free**. Santee Street Fair, 100 RiverView Parkway. (SANTEE)

Veterans Remembrance Ceremony The ceremony is designed to encourage family attendance and youth participation as a way to inspire patriotism and appreciation for those who serve. Veteran participants include veterans from WWII to Operation Desert Storm. Active-duty members of U.S. Navy will also participate. Entertainment by the Pomerado Community Band. 619-398-8250. Saturday, May 25, 9am; **free**. USS Midway Museum, 910 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Vista Strawberry Festival Vista was once the "Strawberry Capital of the World" and still boasts many strawberry fields. Celebrate

the berry with over 200 vendors, athletic competition (festival starts with a 10k at the WAVE Waterpark in Vista, runs through Vista's Kite Sculptures, and ends at the festival), pie eating, costumes, carnival rides, music, food, and more in downtown Vista. Sunday, May 26, 8am; **free**. Downtown Vista, Santa Fe Avenue at Main Street. (VISTA)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Folds of Honor 5K A family-friendly and competitive race featuring an expo and music. Participants encouraged to wear red, white, and blue to support the troops. Saturday, May 25, 8am; \$15-\$30. NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Fore the Kids: Museum School Golf Tournament The second annual tournament features a

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Roller Derby Renegade Roller-girls San Diego vs. Renegade Rollergirls of Tucson. Saturday, May 25, 6:30pm; \$5-\$12. Skate San Diego, 165 Denny Way. (EL CAJON)

Zumba Class Hosted by the Normal Heights Community Association. Proceeds go to future NHCA improvements and events. RSVP contact: vanessa.drake83@yahoo.com. Saturday, May 25, 9am; \$3. Adams Avenue Business Association, 4649 Hawley Boulevard. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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Mission accomplished

It's like chopping into a 007 scene, deserted except for two kids playing in the sand.

Our journey begins at the border. It is six o'clock in the evening.

The mission: find the historic Calafia Hotel — the one that hangs off a cliff south of Rosarito. Fill yourself up on its happy-hour freebies. The problem: I'm starting way late. The decision: carry on anyway.

I've got about \$25 on me. In Tijuana I get one of the gold-and-white *taxis de ruta* on Madero that can take you down to Rosarito for a couple of bucks. At this hour, it's about a 40-minute drive.

In Rosarito I swap chariots. Now I'm in a li'l country bus, heading south. It's 7:30 p.m.

I jump out at a side road that looks like it heads for a cliff. Milestone reads "Calafia, km 34.5" Guess that's how far we are from Tijuana.

Bus pulls away and suddenly it's silence except for the whoosh of cars and a distant crash of waves. Realize I'm on a high promontory that juts out into the ocean. I walk south through the dark till I come to a dimly lit arch painted with the words: "Hotel Calafia Restaurante/Bar."

But something feels wrong. There are no real lights, only a flood lamp that shines on a ghostly church front.

"Misión San Diego de Alcalá, 1769" is painted up top. It's the façade of San Diego's mission. Huh. What's up with this?

I wander down through the buildings till I find a lone security guard.

"They have reproduced many of the missions here," he says when I ask. "This was the division line between the Dominican and Franciscan control of the California missions."

"How come it's totally deserted?" I ask.

"We are only open Friday, Saturday, Sunday," he says.

Great. This is Wednesday. So now here I am, stuck alone on a mountain without hope of a meal and no civilization in sight.

I crunch back toward the arch, and only then

do I notice this giant new building that tumbles down the hill to the rocks below.

"Las Olas Grand," says a sign on the wall.

Think "olas" means "waves." Then it says, "Restaurante Los Cristales."

I go in through a parking entrance. Lone guard there says, yes, they have a restaurant, and it's open. He directs me along marble corridors to an elevator.

Elevator swoops down six floors. I walk out to...whoa! Surreal. A floodlit white artificial beach and a pool set below two ginormous cliffs with waterfalls pouring down them. It's like chopping into a 007 scene, deserted except for two kids with echoey voices playing in the sand next to a volleyball net. A hidden sound system plays cool jazz.

I walk a wood-and-rock path toward a rock promontory and a low, modern building. Next weird thing I see: hardbody gals on treadmills, sweating away inside a glass-walled fitness center — with the white teeth of waves crashing right in front of them. Then, on the right, a door. "OPEN," it reads.

And now I walk into this ultra-chic space. A bar, a dozen tables, mirrored walls, and, just like the fitness center, waves coming at you from behind glass walls. You expect to see sharks gliding along.

Two couples sit at the bar, and a happy group of six gringos laughs over cocktails at a window-side table. I dunno. I kinda feel like Jody Foster arriving at that beach in *Contact*.

Gal at the desk shows me a menu. Heart sinks at the price of what she says is the most popular dish, *parrilladas*. It's that Argentinian-type mixed grill of meats or seafood, or both, and it's, uh, \$55, \$60.

I pick a table near the happy crowd. The waiter, Jesús, comes up. "Something to drink?"

I check the rest of the menu. Margaritas and



Jesus, the waiter



Mr. Vallejo, the taxi driver who took pity on me



My burger



Crema las olas soup



Milestone on the road to Calafia

tequilas start at \$5, house wines go for \$6 a glass. But prices can reach, hey, \$176. That's for a Balché. That turns out to be a fermented honey drink of the Mayans, according to Jesús. Except, oh, downer: he says this one is a bottle of cabernet sauvignon just using the name.

They do, however, have draft beers for \$1.50. Now we're talking. I order one of those and also, on impulse, one of the soups that sounds kinda cool: *Crema las olas*. "Cream waves." Tatemado

peppers, sun-dried tomatoes, herbs, avocado, and king crab, \$7.50.

Jesús brings it in a big bowl, the avo and crab in the middle. It's totally delish. The herby-tomatoey flavors are different from any tomato concoction I've had in Alta California.

So now I'm thinking, *Can I afford something solid?* They have pasta for \$7. Any pasta with, say, pesto or Alfredo. Not exciting, but cheap. Main courses like steak are around \$15. But pepperoni pizza's \$7, and a *hamburguesa del chef* is \$8.50.

Table next door says to get the *camarones glaseados*, citrus-glazed shrimp with chiltepin chili. Problem is, that's \$16. No can do.

pickles, tomato, two cheeses (provolone and cheddar), bacon, and an eight-ounce beef patty. Plus, nice crispy toasted bun. Nothing 'specially Mexican about it, but it's a nice, squelchy challenge.

Full? Yes. Mission kinda accomplished. But you don't even want to know about the trip back. The total at Los Cristales was \$20.27, not counting a tip. That left \$1.85 to get home. Oh, man. The waiting for hours up on the road in the dark, the tripping, the fall in the ditch...

A community bus finally appears, 90 cents. Then, at Rosarito, the kindness of Mr. Vallejo. Took me in his *taxi de ruta* from Rosarito to downtown TJ for my last 85 cents, rather than the \$1.50 I should've given him.

I get across the line and onto the trolley and let out a big *whew*. ■

(@SDReader_EdBed)

The Place: Los Cristales, at Las Olas Grand Hotel, Carretera Libre Tijuana-Ensenada at Km 28.5 Cuenca Diaz, Rosarito, 619-713-7715 or 011.52.661-612-5227

Prices: Draft beers, \$1.50; crema las olas (soup) with tatemado peppers, sun-dried tomatoes, avocado, king crab, \$7.50; pasta with e.g. pesto or Alfredo sauces, \$7; pepperoni pizza, \$7; hamburguesa del chef, \$8.50; tenderloin steak with mash, \$15; citrus-glazed shrimp with chiltepin chili, \$16; parrilladas, Argentinian-type mixed grill, \$55

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No sound bites

Right now, high-school senior Juan Plasencia is living in the shadows of his father and uncle, the big names behind Grupo Plasencia's family of restaurants in Tijuana (Caesar's, Casa Plasencia, etc.) and San Diego. For a young guy just getting his start in the world, those are some big shoes to fill.

But Juan's got his own ideas about the future of Tijuana's food and dining scene, and he's already starting to think about his role in that future. Partly to get a good grade in his senior business seminar — partly to demonstrate that he's worthy of someday playing a big role in his family's business — Juan just organized the "Tijuana Makes Me Hungry" event at the San Diego Public Market. Held in conjunction with the Taste of Asia, Tijuana Makes Me Hungry (a play on the title of a movie) brought some TJ restaurants up to San Diego to showcase the southern city's culinary style. Proceeds went to "Just Call Us Volunteers."

When I talked to young Juan, as he cooked a huge batch of paella for his event, I got the idea that he doesn't want to just sit back and quietly work his way into the family business. He plans to head out to Vegas for school and to learn how the hotels there

are run. He wants to bring that kind of ambition back to TJ with him and work toward building bigger and better things for his city.

He still thinks that TJ, and TJ's businesses, need promotion. The city's reputation as a dangerous place needs to go if Tijuana is going to fully revitalize and become the destination city it was when

Caesar's restaurant (which Juan's family owns) and other places were serving salads and cocktails to Hollywood stars. The best way to make that happen, in Juan's eyes, is to keep things growing, to keep opening new restaurants and hotels and to work toward a more vibrant Tijuana.

Juan's still young and a little shy talking about himself. He doesn't have the ready answers and sound bites that older restaurateurs often resort to when they go on the record about things. At the same time, it's obvious that he's a smart kid with ideas in his head. If Tijuana's recent culinary rebirth is going to continue, it will take a lot of kids like Juan keeping the ball rolling.

by Ian Pike

FEAST!

New chef rocking Bird Rock

I live nowhere near Bird Rock, and though I think it's a nice little community, it takes a lot for me to venture to that non-freeway-accessible, roundabout-slowed part of town. But one place inspires me to do it time and again — Beaumont's (5662 La Jolla Boulevard, Bird Rock). It's a simple yet colorful eatery filled with locals and regulars clinking cocktail glasses while creating the type of relaxed, genial atmosphere that can only be found at a neighborhood spot. Every time I'm there, I wish I had a place just like it in my community.

For years, the place trucked on with only the most minor of changes, but the last year has been a monumental one for Beaumont's. They remodeled the restaurant's interior and brought on a new chef. It's pretty exciting stuff, but considering I liked it just fine the way it was, I couldn't help but be concerned that the new version might



Juan Plasencia cooked up a big batch of paella while discussing his dreams for Tijuana's culinary future.



The mussels at Beaumont's in Bird Rock swam in a garlicky, slightly spicy, cream-thickened, Pabst Blue Ribbon-based broth.

rank below the original. Last month, I made my most recent trek to Bird Rock to sample an array of dishes from current exec chef George Morris and left happy that the same mood exists in that cozy restaurant along with a tasty menu commingling Beaumont's mainstays with Morris's refined gourmet originals.

Stars off the starter menu include tender lamb meatballs served in a miniature cast-iron Dutch oven surrounded by a zesty tomato sauce. I used slices of toasted ciabatta to sop it up when I ran out of protein. Mint and ricotta salata round out the dish nicely, much in the way fried Fresno and shishito peppers and lemon slices lift what would otherwise be just another plate of fried calamari. Morris's squid is next level. Ditto mussels swimming in a garlicky, slightly spicy, cream-thickened, Pabst Blue Ribbon-based broth that punctuates the importance of a nice side of toasted bread.

Morris may be doing chicken greater justice than anybody in San Diego. He serves an entrée that includes a plump, juicy roasted breast; nicely fried leg; and smoked wing; along with goat-cheese mashed potatoes and a bacon gastrique.

unfamiliar flavor territory for me. As much as I love bacon, a smoky pork condiment would have tasted better. Holding the pork would have been perfectly acceptable as well, given the tastiness of an accompanying, naturally sweet Jerusalem artichoke purée and romanesco florets.

Then there was the dish I was most excited to try and wanted desperately to love — the Duckwich. A dish Morris created on the fly to feed a coworker, it's a panini stuffed with pineapple-chipotle barbecue duck breast, bruléed slices of banana, red onion, cilantro, and molten brie cheese. Duck is one of my favorite proteins, so I couldn't wait to dig in. Unfortunately, despite all of the ingredients, the Duckwich is a bit of a one note. I couldn't pick up any pineapple or chipotle spice, and even the bananas were a little lost in the equation. The brie, while gooey and tasty, didn't sync up with the duck, something that isn't often matched with cheese for a reason. Still, it's fun and sells pretty well. I say lose the bananas, add in more pineapple and chipotle, put in queso fresco in place of the brie, and this could be a thing of legend.

by Brandon Hernández

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Calendar RESTAURANT

Sausage, cerveza, and sun delivered

"The Lady Is a Tramp" plays on the sound system. The '40s-style Sinatra song somehow fits this little piece of Tuscany.

Sitting in the one sunny spot on Fifth Avenue.

We're outside Toscana Café Wine Bar (238 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp at K, 619-231-5788) at marble tables with orange-cushioned chairs beside geraniums that glow electric green and red in this last blast of golden light.

This is around 5:45 p.m. Final 15 minutes of sun, last 15 minutes of happy hour (it's every day 3:00-6:00 p.m.). Irina the well-comer got me hooked when she mentioned they have 14-ounce Stone Arrogant Bastard drafts for \$4 during HH.

And also mentioned a half-price (\$6) plate of "Toscana Sausage Plate... Slices of grilled Italian sausage and chicken apple wood sausage served on a bed of baby arugula tossed with olive oil and lemon."

Actually, the salad's sauced up with a sweetish basil vinaigrette. And the sausages are herby, light,

vertically sliced curled sausages.

The combo of herby sausage and sweet arugula is totally delicious, especially with this beer.

One thing missing: bread to sop up the vinaigrette and leaven the herby, salty, sweet-sharp tastes.

Not a problem. When I ask, Tim brings me three toasted crostini with dark sweet balsamic vinegar squirted over them. No charge.

But it's when the horizontal sun suddenly floods in and warms our little corner of K and Fifth that you tell yourself, *Yes! Time, place, drink, food, price, you've hit it right for once.*

by Ed Bedford

Nixed by 'Nado

After nearly two years spent realizing the idea to expand its offerings via an extra-artisanal second line of beers, including an attempt to take over Mission Brewery Plaza as a site to produce those beers, Coronado Brewing Company has opted to pull the plug on that venture. Operating under the title Tusk and Grain, the supplemental line of beers was going to be operated as an independent second business under parent company CBC.

Company president Rick

Chapman likened it to the manner in which niche small production brewery Lost Abbey produces continental barrel-aged beers under the Pizza Port umbrella, but outside the standard parameters the parent company's brewpubs and its production brewing arm Port Brewing adhere to. That made it much easier to wrap one's head around the idea of the same brewing company producing beers under two separate names. But it turns out any time spent trying to understand that concept was for naught.

Last week, a series of internal happenings at Coronado Brewing led Chapman and company to put the brakes on Tusk and Grain. This was particularly surprising, considering the CBC brewing staff had spent the past several months refining recipes and serving preliminary batches of the beers in their mainland tasting room (1205 Knoxville Street, Tecolote Canyon). Additionally, local company White Labs had developed a unique strain of yeast specifically for the new operation, and the first of the Tusk and Grain beers had begun popping up at local bars and restaurants.

It remains unknown, even to Chapman, whether those beers — an IPA called Loutish

Madras, an ESB (extra special bitter) called East Kent Bitter, and a sweet milk stout called Black Hatchet — will be revived under the Coronado Brewing label. Already, CBC has been brewing up many styles of beer that, prior to opening their Tecolote Canyon facility, they never offered. So, it's likely this artisanal line that never was won't really be missed. But it seems like a bit of a missed opportunity all the same.

by Brandon Hernández

Half price nachos! (compared with Petco Park)

Whew. Made it to the last stool at the bar. This is game day in the Gaslamp.

Sit down next to a guy named Travis.

"I eat here because inside Petco Park you're going to pay at least double," he says.

We're here inside Rockin' Baja Lobster (310 Fifth Avenue, 619-234-6333, at Fifth and K). Easy walking distance from the ballpark. Travis is going, but not before he fills his belly, at happy-hour prices.

I get me a beer. Bud Light... dammit. I find out just after I give Chelsea the order that I could've had the same size (14-ounce)

glass of draft Dos Equis Amber or Tecate for the same price. Four bucks.

"If you're drinking to forget," says one of a zillion signs on the wall, "please pay in advance."

Walls have great Baja atmos murals painted on the brick.

Travis is chowing down on a plate of Gnarly Nachos (\$7), with chicken added for an extra two bucks. Plus "sweet and spicy" calamari (\$7). Me, I'm trying to decide from the happy-hour menu.

"This calamari's really good," says Travis. "Try one."

I do lift one from his plate. It's great, squelchy, a little hot, and sweet.

But, seven bucks...I go for one of the \$3 "outrageous" tacos. Choice is surf and turf, portobello mushroom, fish (grilled or crispy-fried), taco fritos, or one called "taco chingones." Not sure what's in there, and things are so flying around here I don't want to lose Chelsea when she arrives with my beer.

So I just say, "Surf and turf," and before you can say "taco chingones," the chef's putting it down, steaming hot, in front of me.

It's a rich little number. Carne asada chunks, at least two juicy shrimp, avocado, cheese, red

onion, cilantro, tomato, all crowded aboard two corn tortillas that look like they've been grilled themselves. Oozy-delicious.

"I miss this," says Travis, chowing away at his chicken nachos. He works for an aerospace company. Some kind of a rocket scientist, I bet. "I've been sent to Georgia. It's beautiful there, but this, I miss."

by Ed Bedford

Asia Cafe

If anything could metaphysically counterbalance the Snooty Asian (hip and in Hillcrest), it would be the Asia Cafe (4710 Market Street, 619-527-1917), which has iron bars on the windows and shares a parking lot with a Chollas View garage.

Nevertheless, Asia Cafe still manages to deliver some tasty Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese food for little money. Huge bowls of pho are \$5-\$6, and the salads, like the precious green papaya salad, are about the same. A huge variety of stir-fried dishes are in the paltry \$6-\$8 range.

The beef with basil dish was quite good. Plain, but tasty enough to satisfy my extremely picky teenage brother, who likes almost nothing and hates much.

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filled with those creepy little baby corns, broccoli, carrots, and cabbage, was loaded with shrimp, despite the Asia Cafe's rock-bottom prices.

For me, the standout dish was the "crying tiger." I've seen dishes with this name presented half a dozen ways, always involving some sort of spicy meat. Asia Cafe's was a big plate of spicy, chopped beef laced with mint leaves and green onions. Very good, especially with a little side of white rice.

Sure, the ambiance was a little funky and the older couple who run the place charmingly puttered around without rushing to serve anybody, but being able to load up on Thai/Viet/Lao food for a pittance makes Asia Cafe a lunchtime winner in a somewhat food-deserted end of town.

by Ian Pike

Million-dollar view, \$6 breakfast

Shiver me timbers! It's only 142 days till this year's International Talk Like a Pirate Day. September 19th, it be.

Au quai, that be yet a long stretch, but I be thinkin' about it today wandering through the cays of this cove where you know everybody has their booty stored

and buried, and their pirate vessels moored a-front of their marble palaces. They call it the Cays, but I be thinking Port Royal, afore the earthquake sank it.

Place I was looking for heavens up on the horizon, finally, after I've been walking through places like Plunder Bay, Bahamas Anchorage, Caribe Way and Peg-Leg Lane. We finally spot Open Waters to the east, as the albatross flies. And nestled in the last cay, this little tavern where ye may tie up yer skiff or yer galleon and stay alongside for as long as ye be eatin' and drinkin' and wenchin' and generally obtaining relief from the weevil-ridden salt biscuit tack ye've no doubt been eating on the Spanish Main.

Mine host, Hanan, be standing behind a counter that's loaded with bottles of wine and a cooler cabinet fair bursting with meats and sweetmeats. This be her place, Calypso Cafe (505 Grand Caribe Causeway, Coronado Cays, off highway 75, 619-423-5144).

"Can I help?" says she.

Fact is — uh, can we drop the pirate thing for a mo? — I'm looking for breakfast, and one where I'm not charged at Cays' rates. I mean every car here is a Beemer. And that's just what the gardeners drive. House owners

start with a smaller Bentley for the kids and move up from there. And even in here it has a feeling of culture, luxury. Of course, Hanan comes from Jordan. She knows art, decor.

So the *whew!* moment comes when I see they have breakfasts and lunches for six, seven, eight buckeroos.

Like, take the "L.P." It has a fried egg, bacon, and white cheddar cheese on a toasted English muffin for \$4. A six-high tall stack of pancakes is \$7. Lunch sandwiches are mostly \$8. Also, it says, "Ask about our daily special."

I do. And it's a double cheese-burger with french fries and a soda for \$7.95. (Go try get *that* at Burger Lounge.)

But I stick with biscuits, gravy, and two organic eggs (\$5.75). Plus a coffee. You got to hand it to Hanan. She could go for top-dollar hereabouts. But her prices haven't changed since the day I first found her here, a couple of years back.

Hanan takes me out to one of the tables right above the yacht basin.

Sun's shining. Gulls are cawing. Blue waters sparkling. Don't get much better'n this. Except when Hanan brings out the brekky. Over-easy eggs and gravy



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— and free strawberry — are great, but the killer is the square of hashbrowns. They look good and taste better. Have egg and parmesan and cheddar cheese cooked into them. Dee-lish.

I guess her customers are mainly Cays residents. “A lot of people don’t realize this is open to the public,” Hanan says. “It’s a gated community, but you don’t have to ask for permission to drive in. Just sail right past the guards at the gate.”

Ooh arr. ‘Course, me, it was a case of walking in. I’ll be back, with summer coming and all. And especially September 19. Did I mention that’s International Talk Like a Pirate Day? Till then, practice, practice, practice. Hire parrot. Check if Hanan carries rum.

by Ed Bedford

SD Bacon Fest slated for late August

I don’t know if I can spend an entire day eating bacon, but I’m willing to try. For science. Yeah. Science!

Bacon Fest is going down on

August 31, a day affectionately dubbed “International Bacon Day” by devoted fans of the best meat ever, at Preble Field in Point Loma. It’s 21+ and it’s not free (tickets start at \$60), but it should be worth it for anyone who loves bacon or even for anyone with an over-indulgent streak. The promoters claim 40 restaurants and 40 brewers/wineries/distillers participating, which implies that there ought to be enough food and booze for everybody to get half-smashed and stuffed to the gills with bacon-themed snacks.

One cool thing about the porky fiesta is that the promoters have reached out to some obscure and emerging companies that produce interesting and novel products. I’m curious about Drunken Udder Ice Cream, which contains substantial amounts of actual booze, not just the flavors of booze! I’m not sure how they get the alcohol to freeze nicely, but good for them. As far as I know, Bacon Fest will be the first time Drunken Udder’s products come south of Orange County.

Another nifty product alleged to be on display is Kill Devil Spirit Company’s Ugly California Moonshine. As far as I can tell, the only people who have had a chance to try this singular

product are the fortunate few to get into the distillery and taste the early batches. I tried contacting the company to find out if there was anywhere I could buy some of this moonshine, but I have as yet gotten no response. I think it’s a tenuous move to call a perfectly legal, quality-controlled product “moonshine.” Isn’t moonshining an illicit trade by definition? Still, maybe this is the new hooch on the block now that gin’s brief resurgence is waning and whiskey drinks are being done to death.

It looks like at least a thousand tickets have already been sold, so my guess is that Bacon Fest will be a big event. At the very least, Carnitas’ Snack Shack has signed up, so you know there will be at least one stroke of bacony genius on display!

by Ian Pike

Now THIS is a burrito

“This is the true burrito,” says Yanko Quezada. “Not those big fat things you have in San Diego.”

It’s nine at night. I’ve just paid Cathy \$1 for one of his *desebrada* burritos here in the tight-packed little TJ street called Rampa Xicotencatl. It’s not far from the crazy traffic line at the border.

The burrito’s five inches long and an inch round. That’s all. Has shredded beef inside and pretty nice and juicy.

I never knew there was such

a thing as a “real” burrito, like one this size. This place, Burritos2Go (Rampa Xicotencatl, Leyva Aleman #229, Colonia Cuatémoc, Tijuana), is Yanko and his wife’s brand-new idea: create good burritos for people waiting in the line to go north in the mornings, mainly Tijuana people working in San Diego industries like NASSCO, and coming back after work in the evening. At least 20,000 do this every workday, he reckons.

The thing is, his new store sits right on the sidewalk where people are shuffling slowly past, when the line is long enough. Which is twice a day.

“We’re lucky. We get two busy periods,” he says. “The people coming back used to enter Mexico on the other side of the inspection lanes. Now they have to come right back here on this side. It’s great for our business.”

At the moment they’re just selling four kinds of \$1 burritos. Beans — the most popular — beefsteak, chicken, and *desebrada*.

“But soon we’ll be making salads and other dishes.”

He says some guys in the morning line buy a couple of dozen to take with them to San Diego — to sell for \$2 apiece where they work.

Better start eating, because Yanko and Christina, Blanca and Cathy, his lady workers, are packing the place up.

It’s been a long day. “We open at five every morning,” says Yanko. “That’s when the line is longest.”

The *desebrada* is, well, a lot smaller than I’m used to, but nice and squelchy and has a peppery afterkick that makes it interesting.

Then I spot a jar of cookies — *galletas de canela* — 25 cents each. Ooh, crumbly, cinnamon.

Then Jesús González comes by with a bag of churros he makes at his little stand on wheels out on the sidewalk.

Can’t resist. About 15 cents each. These are also *encanelados* — with cinnamon.

I finish up. And not bloated like after your usual big, fat wrap.

“Now you can say you’ve eaten a true burrito,” says Yanko.

by Ed Bedford

Crepes elite victory

Bino’s Bistro Creperie (1260 University Avenue, 619-688-1674) has opened in the Uptown District shopping center. The Eurofying remodel shed light on the formerly cavelike building, once home to a Thai restaurant, and the sun now reaches to the building’s depths. Generic — but nonetheless pleasant — café music pipes out over the patio and the effect has been transformative, making Bino’s look much more like a desirable lunch destination.

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by Ian Pike

ALERT: Wooden Nickel

Back in 2009, I went to dinner at Azul La Jolla. Upon arrival, I provided my name to the hostess and was shown to my table. A minute later, the restaurant's general manager and chef approached me and accused me of not being who I said I was. I presented them my business card, then my driver's license. Then they said, "Well, you're not the Brandon Hernández we cooked for a month ago." Apparently, a much taller, portlier fellow with glasses had emailed the restaurant to set up a press sampling, then come in with a guest and worked his way through 14 courses that he asked to have comp'd. That wish was granted by the management, who were told the dinner would be the basis for an upcoming article.

The next night, Azul staffers ran into this schmuck at Bull Bear, a nearby tavern, drinking up a storm, dropping my name as his own and walking out on the bill. I was beside myself. I got in touch with my editors at the *La Jolla Light*, who I wrote for regularly back then, and they put out an article informing the community about the scam and showing people a photo of me so they'd know what I look like.

This weekend, I learned that

an industry friend of mine is going through the same thing right now: Tom Nickel, the owner of O'Brien's Pub, West Coast BBQ Brew, and the upcoming Nickel Beer Company, called to tell me someone is going around to bars wearing O'Brien's logo attire, claiming to be him, then leaving without paying their tabs. The places this guy has hit so far include Hunter Steakhouse in Oceanside and McFadden's, downtown.

by Brandon Hernández

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Drinking in history

Oh, man: eat on the pier or eat here, at Ye Olde Plank?

I'm leaning on IB's seawall, looking out at the ocean. And from the far end of that lo-ong pier, lights glow across the angry waters. The fish place, the Tin Fish.

Can't resist the idea of fish and chips out there in the fading light, surrounded by ocean. So, like half a mile's slogging later I'm getting to the end of this long, knobbly-planked pier — only to find the place is closed for the day. Big fence gate slammed right across.

Sigh. Another half-mile back and, thank goodness, Ye Olde

Plank's still open. I've always liked it. Heck, it's been here since 1886, when it opened as a liquor store.

Looks kinda cozy, with the palm trees and the planks climbing its walls and the city's big statue of a surfer silhouetted against the night sky, and through the door you can see the palapa bar with its luminous puffer fish and diver helmets and dollar bills laced in the thatch.

A beautiful ship's bell.

"You doing food?" I ask the guy at the door.

"Sort of. You need to talk to the barman," he says.

I go in and hoist up onto a stool at the island bar.

Oh, yeah. Now I remember. This is where they had a totally fabulous Sunday Brunch. Like, a 6- or 8-ounce steak, (your choice) or, say, half a dozen sausages or a ham, plus one to TEN eggs (your choice, but you had to eat them), home fries, AND a drink, like, for \$5.95. Six bucks! It was incredible.

"We don't really do food anymore," says the barman. "But I can do you some chicken wings."

Well it is around nine at night. He goes into the cooler-room and comes out with BBQ wings. Sounds good to me.

So, for \$4, I get me half a dozen pretty delicious BBQ wings, and with an extra \$3.25, a pint of Bud. Other nights they have different, but still simple, dishes.

So, I'm not pigging out on fish with a view to Hawaii from the end of the pier, but I could easily

settle in here. Because the music's starting, conversation's pretty good around the bar, and...oh, Lord. Discover they have Arrogant Bastard on tap.

'Course, if I stay, Carla's gonna kill me. But you don't get real pubs like this every day...

And you've got the ghosts of all the other guys who've been coming in here and getting into trouble with their wives for staying out too long for, like, 117 years.

by Ed Bedford

Dos Brasas

I had heard through various channels some approximation of the following phrase:

"Oh! Dos Brasas in Mission Hills has the *best* breakfast burritos!"

Now, that's a spurious claim. There's more than one way to compose a breakfast burrito, and not everybody will like every variety equally, not to mention the fact that simply declaring something "the best" sets the bar impossibly high from the giddy-up. Nevertheless, the restaurant *does* advertise "delicious breakfast burritos" with huge, vinyl letters on the window.

Other than that, it's a worn-out spot with thick layers of paint

built up over the years on all the surfaces and the sleepy assurance of a business that's not going anywhere anytime soon.

Of the three dominant ingredients in most breakfast burritos (meat, potatoes, eggs), Dos Brasas' are heavy on the meat. I worked my way through a chorizo "special breakfast" burrito (curiously priced at \$4.18) that had more sausage than egg in it, which is impressive. It scorched my *hands* when I first picked it up, never mind getting close to taking a bite. Whomever cooked it up showed restraint on the potatoes and the effect was of a mass of salty chorizo bound together with egg and laced with a few 'taters.

I liked it, though I was tempted by the regular breakfast burrito with only beans, eggs, and cheese. Whether it was "the best" or not would be a matter of personal preference. People who like burritos that are heavy on the eggs (El Zarape springs to mind) will probably be disappointed, but meat lovers will concur with the rumors that Dos Brasas is great.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER AT SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY

On Saturday night, the fourth

of May, 2013, the San Diego Symphony stood victorious upon Tchaikovsky's mountain of pathos.

The concert began with Ives's *The Unanswered Question*, which was structurally unique with a choir of woodwinds being conducted upstage by Kent Masur while Jahja Ling directed the strings and a solo trumpet played from the balcony.

As we might infer from the title, this piece was inconclusive but beautiful. The strings repeated a progression that sounded similar to Barber's *Adagio for Strings*.

The trumpet and woodwinds conversed over the background of the strings. The trumpet asked existential questions and the woodwinds answered with more and more frustration until they finally gave up and let the trumpet ask a question to which they did not answer.

Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 1* contained some of the goods — the goods being what we get in Rach's second and third piano concertos. The performance from the statuesque Olga Kern was brilliant, but the music itself did not have the ability to transport us.

The ensemble of the orchestra was tight. Very tight. It appeared that their spectacular playing from *Aida* was carrying over into this concert.

The Tchaikovsky *Fourth Symphony* would be the acid test.

VALYRIAN STEEL

The San Diego Symphony turned in a performance so epic that *Game of Thrones* should be ashamed of itself for being too trite.

I've been trying to come up with a way to express the grandeur of the San Diego Symphony's performance of Tchaikovsky's *Sym-*

phony No. 4.

Let me first say that I thought the orchestra sounded better than they ever have during the run of *Aida* at San Diego Opera. Daniele Callegari was a demanding conductor but that could be exactly what the orchestra needed.

On May 4, they surpassed themselves with Jahja Ling conducting.

I have been willing to call out the brass section from time to time for being less than stellar in the past. I pray that those days are behind us. When they laid into the opening fanfare of the *Fourth*, it was as if their instruments were constructed of Valyrian Steel. You know, the magical, razor-sharp substance forged by the dragonlords of Old Valyria. You don't know? It's a *Game of Thrones* thing. Suffice to say that the brass sounded magical and razor-sharp. There was a section in the first movement when things got dicey, but Maestro Ling held it together and we came out unscathed.

Concertmaster Jeff Thayer was absent and that initially caused me concern. Mr. Thayer did not lead the Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 6* last season due to soloist duties earlier in that concert, and I think the performance suffered for it. Not this time. Even without their starting quarterback, the strings drove the ball down the field and scored again and again.

The woodwinds were often responsible for introducing the folk tunes, which Tchaikovsky

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develops throughout the score, and they were remarkable. I'm always impressed with the woodwinds.

I had a Russian friend with me who went to conservatory in Moscow. I asked if the performance "passed the Russian test."

"Oh, yes, this was very Russian performance."

THE DIFFICULT LIFE OF JOSQUIN

While looking for information about musical settings of David's lament — "Absalom, oh my son" — I found Josquin des Prez.

Josquin's setting of "Absalom, Fili Mi" is quintessential High Renaissance music. Josquin was born in 1450 and died in 1521. Some would say he is the best representation of the musical styles of his day.

Josquin was Franco-Flemish; it is unclear if he was born in Belgium or France. He held posts in Paris, Milan, Rome, and Ferrara.

In 1483, Josquin was required to travel back to

Belgium. His aunt and uncle had named Josquin their heir and they were most likely killed when Louis XI laid siege to their town, rounded up the civilians, locked them in the church, and burned them alive.

Later, while employed in Milan, Louis XII conquered Milan and arrested Josquin's aristocratic employer. Josquin returned to France and was connected to Louis's court as a composer.

Duke Ercole of Ferrara hired Josquin away from Louis but that job ended when plague broke out. The Duke and his family were evacuated from the town. Josquin's replacement died of the plague.

Josquin lived out the rest of his days in Conde and when Petrucci published an early edition of Josquin's music, the composer became famous.

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As I Lay Dying in jail.

An employee of the Oceanside Barnes & Noble who did not want to be named recounted the May 7 bookstore bust of As I Lay Dying lead singer Tim Lambesis this way: "It was about 2 p.m. My buddy was outside the store

for a long time."

A sheriff's spokeswoman said in a release that Lambesis had paid an undercover officer \$1000 to kill his wife Meggan, who lives in Encinitas.

The arrest of the 32-year-old metal frontman/entrepreneur, whose net worth is

partner Daniel Castleman launched two years ago, which has drawn metal bands from Australia (As Silence Breaks), New York City (Sworn Enemy), Pennsylvania (War of Ages), and Salt Lake City (Chelsea Grin) for extended recording sessions?

Lambesis Studios was launched in Lambesis's garage in 2006. But in 2011, when most other local recording studios were folding, Lambesis rented space in an Escondido industrial park. "I built it from scratch," he said at the time. "I think the only other new studio that has opened in the past five years is Sushifish."

As I Lay Dying is now managed by 5B Artist Management and records for Metal Blade Records, which has sold a million As I Lay Dying records between their seven Metal Blade releases. Neither company nor Castleman would comment on what's next.

Lambesis had two side bands. One was Austrian Death Machine, which goofed on Arnold Schwarzenegger. The other was Pyrithion. Longtime As I Lay Dying fans were not happy that Pyrithion's demonic lyrics deviated from the positive Christian message of As I Lay Dying's music and said that Pyrithion seemed to offer an anti-religious or satanic message.

In response, Lambesis recorded a five-minute

interview video for YouTube: "Pyrithion concept & lyrics — accused satanist." In the video, Lambesis admits that the lyrics were "darker" but that they represented viewpoints "that were not necessarily my own." He said the satanic connections were just "crazy assumptions."

One insider who has worked with Lambesis responded, "What struck me as different about it was that he didn't say in it 'Everyone knows I'm a Christian,' which is what we expected him to say."

At press time, Lambesis was still in the Vista Detention Facility, being held on \$3 million bail. His next court hearing is June 10. On May 13, the Yahoo music blog quoted Lambesis's L.A.-based attorney Anthony Salerno, who said that Lambesis may have been set up by the cops. "Tim's wife's brother, I understand, is a San Diego Sheriff's deputy. I think I would be remiss if I didn't fully explore that [because] that is a little bit...it's at the bare minimum very coincidental, and it may be more than that."

As I Lay Dying was to embark on a national tour at the end of this month with Killswitch Engage. The agency handling the tour (coming to San Diego all-ages rock club Soma on June 25) says that it will continue but with a band replacing As I Lay Dying.

— Ken Leighton

Rhymes to fight. During the May 3 "Hip-Hop vs. Punk" event at Tower Bar, there was no evidence of aggressive behavior as the punk bands

Dizzy says there was tension brewing between MWC, a multi-ethnic crew, and a white rap group called First Power Crew. He says the tension was



Dizzy Order of MWC wanted to do the rap duel on the street.

(the Lumps, the Mice) battled hip-hop crews (First Power Crew, BDP and T) inside the Normal Heights bar. Outside was a different story.

Dizzy Order (Eric Woodard) is a veteran hip-hop artist who started organizing shows in the late '90s at the now-closed Loft downtown, "and at cafés that don't exist anymore.... I was the first one to do shows at the Yard three years ago." The Yard is the name of a backyard venue at a home on 17th Street near downtown, where backyard hip-hop shows are thrown regularly.

Along with his longtime MC partner Rokon (Max Stone), Dizzy has revived a loose-knit crew of conscious rappers called MWC, who address topics such as Monsanto seeds and the Boston Marathon bombing.

not race-based. It was over a beef with First Power MC Stunt Double Bob.

"Bob was getting personally aggressive to me at the Yard. So I made a rap: 'What kind of name is Stunt Double Bob/ Sounds like a name in gay porn.' We made that song and put it on the internet. He said on Facebook, 'You guys are nobody. Why don't you come to my show May 3 and we'll battle it out onstage.'"

When they showed up, Dizzy says there were only five MWCs, and "they had, like, 50 people."

Rokon says MWC only wanted to duel First Power guys on the street. "We wanted to settle things intellectually, using our rhymes to fight each other instead of our fists. But I got the impression they were

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doing face-painting and the cops told him that he needed to stop immediately and go inside. Tim [Lambesis] was there with a friend just browsing. I saw one special task-

said to be \$14 million, leaves unanswered questions. Most importantly, what will happen with his Grammy-nominated metal-core band and their nearly two million Facebook



He's worth \$14 million and his bail's only \$3 million? Guess Lambesis isn't very good at math...

force cop, two regular officers, and two undercover officers. They just pushed everyone aside and handcuffed him. It all happened so fast. It seemed like they were planning it out

fans?

What about Modern Rebellion, the successful rock-swing clothing line Lambesis founded? And what of the recording studio he and

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afraid to battle us.”

The battling, says Rokon, became physical.

“The second we get there, this Bob character, who is six-foot-one and has orange hair and a beard, goes up to my wife who is video taping and says, ‘I heard of you, fuck you,’ and pushes the

camera in her face. I felt like a witch doctor who was getting burned at the stake by 50 people who didn’t know what they were doing. It was like they were trying emulate the



Stunt Double Bob wanted to take the rap battle onstage.

event, Hugh Knight (DJ Unite), and a supporter of the First Power guys, says it was actually the MWC’s who “bum-rushed” the event. “They wanted to do an *Eight Mile* event outside,

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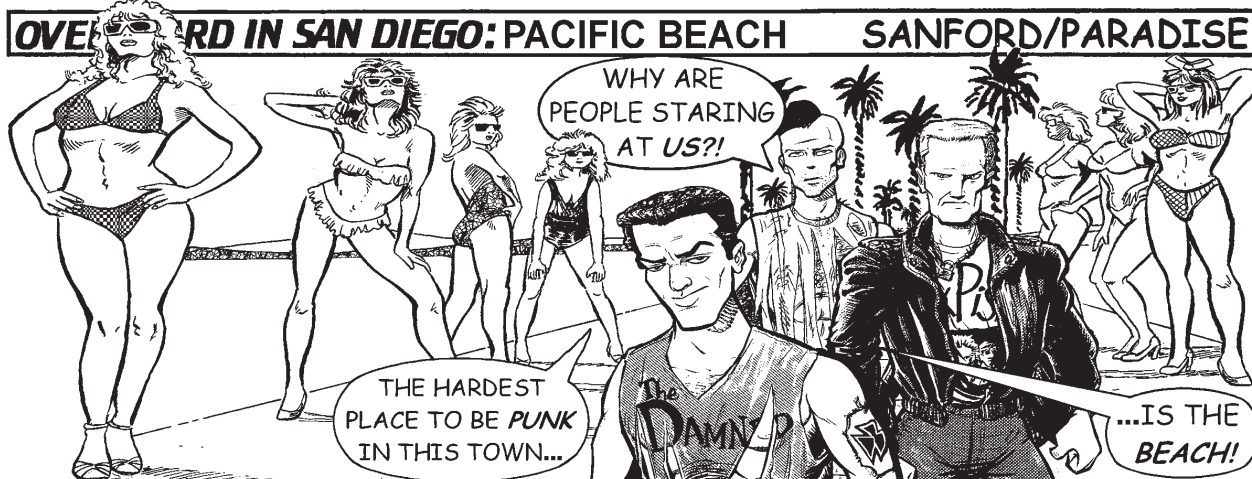
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movie *Warriors*.”

Rokon admitted he knocked a cell phone/camera out of Bob’s hands because of what he earlier did to his wife, but that there was no damage to the phone.

“As we were leaving,” Rokon says, “Bob rushes the car, grabs the camera off her neck, takes the memory card out, and he slams it against my vehicle.”

The promoter of the event, Hugh Knight (DJ Unite), and a supporter of the First Power guys, says it was actually the MWC’s who “bum-rushed” the event. “They wanted to do an *Eight Mile* event outside,



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which wasn’t cool. They came to our show and were disrespectful. We would have let them onstage.”

Rokon says the video would prove that the First Power Crew were the ones who were out of hand.

Knight admits that First Power did get ahold of the memory card from the camera and destroyed it. “I didn’t want anyone to get their hands on it. It could have been disrespectful.”

— Ken Leighton

Record-release roundup.

“I’m doing a release show for my *Great Big World* solo CD at Café Ipé on Pacific Coast Highway in Leucadia on Sunday, May 26,” says former Roxy Dioxide singer/guitarist Scott Samuels, who’ll be performing at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Patric Petrie’s release party for *Pocket Venus* happens May 31 at the Mingei Museum in

Balboa Park. “*Pocket Venus* refers to a woman who is petite in height, yet voluptuous and curvy at the same time,” says the Skelpin fiddler. “I’m maybe five-foot-two on a good day, and supposedly did not make

says Davies, who’ll be performing duets with Rey and Gayle Skidmore. The show will be opened by Jessica Annette of locals Cathedral X. Says Davies, “She will dance and perform to a flipped-backwards, pitch-



Davies will do *Part the Sea* and “A Duet if Hits” at Old Town Theatre.

the cut for Celtic women because I was too short.”

Miss Erika Davies will debut her *Part the Sea* album and video on June 3 at the Old Town Theatre. “I’ll also have a never-before-available CD single called ‘A Duet of Hits,’ recorded with Stephen Rey,”

altered, tempo-slowed, and remixed version of my album.”

Johnny Vernazza’s full-length *Lions and Thieves* drops June 4 via local Blindspot Records, featuring Elvin Bishop, Charlie Musselwhite, Charlie Daniels, Albert Lee, and famed L.A. Wrecking Crew producer

Don Peake.

At the June 20 release party at Soda Bar for the new Bart Mendoza and True Stories CD (mostly recorded by producer Alan Sanderson at Analog Chew), “The show will also have a one-off reunion set from Static Halo, their first show since 2008, plus Los Angeles resident Adam Marsland, who among other things was in the reformed Standells.”

Safety Orange will premiere their third full-length, *State of Where I Am*, on June 22 at the El Cajon Grand. “Me and Greg [Karlo, guitarist] used to play in a Cure tribute band together, so, of course, we’ll be doing a Cure cover,” says singer/bassist Sol Turpin.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 23

"I've been starting over for a long time," sings **Mikal Cronin** on this summer's briny beaut, *MCII*, a heady headphone set that demands a beach-side romp and a re-evaluation of what passes for garage-pop chops these days. Cronin's got 'em good. Makes perfect sense he's a pal to and frequent collaborator with SanFran's fuzzed-out indie hit Ty Segall. Cronin plays most of the instruments on the disc, culling charmed tones and crafting some of the best arrangements I've heard in several summers. For fans of the brand (just draw a line from Gram Parsons), I can't recommend this one enough. Click to the interwebs and check out "Change" for a taste. Kook video, but the song is seamless. Like-minded locals **Mrs. Magician** and the **Kabbs** open these must-see sets at Casbah.... Best of the rest Thursday night: L.A.'s queen of the keytar **Juliette Commagere** and borderland goth-pop band **Dancing Strangers** split a bill at Bay Park bar the Griffin...El Dorado's Twang Gang lassos lo-folk trio **Midnight Pine** and **Crash & the Burns**...**Gloomday**, **Kodiak**, and **Dark Watchers** fill a doom-rock bill at the Void... Canada band **Marianas Trench** will be at House of Blues behind this year's pop-punk E.P. *Face the Music*...and Victor Penalosa's hook-heavy rockers the **Phantoms** reappear for a thing at Bar Pink. Love Phantoms and can't make this one, nonja worry, they'll move it down 30th to play Whistle Stop on Friday.



MIKAL CRONIN AT CASBAH

and how 'bout Hollywood-rock cult figure **Kim Fowley** as MC?! Go here, casbahmusic.com, and pick a night — hell, pick all three, but do it posthaste, ya headcase, these tickets won't last.... Not your thing: House of Blues has Norwegian deathpunk sextet **Turbenegro**. Twenty-five years strong, the nasty act this year released its ninth studio set, *Sexual Harassment*, behind lead single "You Give Me Worms." You can't make this stuff up. Miami's sludge-metal sound machine **Torche** warms up.... Else: East Coast hardcore hip-hop duo **Mobb Deep** (MCs Havoc and Prodigy) rocks the mic at Porter's Pub at UCSD...Shake-down stages UK Oi! boys the **Business** with **Inciting Riots** and the **Code 7's**... SanDago's surf-horror-punk act **Zombie Surf Camp** drops in at Tower Bar after **Chica Diabla**, **Revenge Club**, and the **Touchies**... Stomp-and-shout rock-hop New Yorker **Brownbird** **Rudie Relic** takes Til-Two with **Chango Rey** and the **Savage Choir**...while up at the Royal Dive in O'side, **Metalachi** serves up heavy metal *con queso*.



TURBENEGRO AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Saturday 25

New York's favorite bar band the **Beets** is sure to fill the Void Saturday night. The trio plays psych-lite sing-along acoustic rock and has been called Thee East Coast Oh Sees. They have opened for Pavement, Vivian Girls, and Mountain Goats; they have a record called *Spit in the Face of People Who Don't Want to Be Cool*; and they have a relationship with radio mook Howard Stern that I can't quite decipher. They're colorful! **Pangea** and **Teenage Burrito** open the show.... Dave Good throws up the garage door on his second installment of this summer's Dave's Garage concert series at Brick by Brick. He's got hard-rockers **Dive Bomber**, **Uncle Junkie**, and **Low Volts** on tap.... Shakedown's doling some fun punk junk on Saturday, as they host a backlot punk-clothing swap all day. And afterward, appropriately enough,



THE BEETS AT THE VOID

Friday 24

See: The **Phantoms** and **Mittens**, which "specialize in the revolutionary genre of cat pop" (I don't know either), split a bill at Whistle Stop Friday night. **DJ Action Andy's** at the decks and Miho's gastrotuck is curbside. Sounds like an all-in-one date night in South Park.... Casbah kicks off a three-night thing for *Ugly Things* magazine, which turns 30 this year. The weekend's festivities include performances by 'zine publisher Mike Stax's **Loons**, a'course, as well as a who's who of *Nuggets*-era nuggets — **Love Revisited**, the **Sloths**, **Cyril Jordan** of the Flamin' Groovies, **Glen Ross Campbell** of the Misunderstood, as well as **Ebbot Lundberg** (Soundtrack of Our Lives), "girls in the garage" the **Rosalyns**, O.C. faves the **Neumans**,

Funeral Dress will take the Midway stage. They're a street punk band from Belgium. You probably remember their hit "Free Beer for Punx".... Smiths trib **Still Ill** will celebrate Moz's birthday with a set at Seven Grand in North Park. Couple glasses of jet fuel and you'll be fooled.... *Emo ya don't!* **Cold War Kids** sold out both their Saturday and Monday shows at Belly Up. Hang on a sec and I'll pop over to my broker's website...nope, nothing, I typed whilst shaking my head incredulous.

Sunday 26

From Torrance, CA, pop-punk four-piece **Joyce Manor** is touring in support of their new Asian Man record, *Of All the Things I Will Soon Grow Tired*, about which *Punknews.org* declares "catchy but not in that cheap shitty poppy way." Comp'ing Jawbreaker and Descendents, I'm in. They'll play the Irenic after **Kids**. (Try Googlin' that band name....) Also on Sunday: them ex-aMiniature members, **Takahashi**, will be at Soda Bar after **Bloody Mary Bastards** and **Subsurfer**...and **Cash'd Out** brings back the Man in Black at Belly Up after fiddle-rockers **Lexington Field**.



JOYCE MANOR AT THE IRENIC

Utterwise, NYC shoegaze group **Mice Parade** marches into Casbah after **Midnight Pine**...and Green Day's musical *American Idiot* opens at the Civic Theatre downtown. It'll run through June 2. No? Not even curious?

Wednesday 29

According to the UK *Guardian*, "the noughties last punk-funk band standing" is Sac-town's **!!!**, which takes the stage at Casbah humpnight behind their brand-spanking new Warp record *Thr!!!er*. The Brits think the sproingy party platter's the tits, while it seems the sound is "played" here in the States.

Monday 27

That guy from Switchfoot and that guy from Nickel Creek have a band called **Fiction Family**, which plays an "idiosyncratic blend of folk flavor, classic pop arrangements, and expertly etched songcraft." Ooph. They'll be doing that at Casbah after the **Howls** play an acoustic set. I'll be taking care of another kind of load that night, bouncing between Sunshine laundry and Cherry Bomb, thank you very much.



!!! (CHK CHK CHK) AT CASBAH

Tuesday 28

Featuring members of — deep breath — the Locust, Head Wound City, Holy Molar, All Leather, Some Girls, Swing Kids, Le Butcherettes, Cattle Decapitation, Struggle, Festival of Dead Deer, and the Crimson Curse, primitive punx **RETOX** hit the stage at Ché Café after **Graf Orlock**, **Fucking Invincible**, and **Griever** for a night of seriously dangerous decibel levels. Plug 'em up kids....

It's what !!! does, and belee me, it translates way better onstage. With L.A.'s psychotropical pop group **White Arrows** up first, I'm not even going to mention the **Marilyn Manson** show down at House of Blues.

— Barnaby Monk

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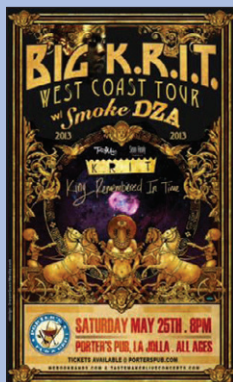
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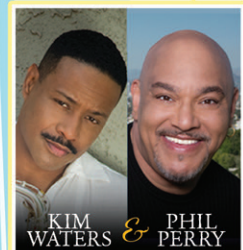
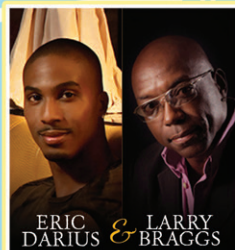
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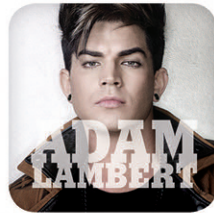
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Wednesday, 9pm — House & more. **Free.**

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Virtual Strangers Bluegrass Lecture Series. \$60-\$80.

Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute:
Thursday, 7pm — The Anthony Wilson Seasons Guitar Quartet.

Beachwalk Shopping Center:
Thursday, 8pm — Matt Sandoval.
Friday, 9pm — Steve Orr.
Saturday, 9pm — Tiffany Jane & the Kicks.

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Wednesday, 8pm — Trouble in the Wind, Lee Koch, Eve Selis.
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Brick by Brick:
Saturday, 7pm — Dive Bomber, Uncle Junkie, Rushed. \$7.
Wednesday, 7pm — Wailing Souls. \$20-\$25.

Café Ipé:
Sunday, 11:30am, Sunday, 1:30pm — Scott Samuels CD release.

Casbah:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday — Love, the Sloths, Kim Fowley, more.
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I came away from my first Brothers Gow experience with no clear idea what manner of band I was listening to. There is no defining sound here. The music seems to be the end result of the workings of a very (overly?) democratic process: lots of ideas grafted together. This is how Brothers Gow builds their songs and their sets, apparently, by grafting one phrase onto another, and then another, and so on.

Sometimes the grafts are abrupt, across-the-board tempo and thematic and even genre changes. Generally, it works, in a jam-band kind of way, though the Brothers are more unpredictable than your average noodlers. The con-

cert ride is bumpy, and each bump is a passage cut from the pages of rock history. The '70s are all over Brothers Gow music, and that's okay by me. I grew up then, and these old sounds are like best friends. Did I mention the light shows?

Lighting is so important to the Brothers' stage production that the band lists Matt Collier (their lighting guy) as a sixth member of the band. But the Brothers Gow are not, in fact, brothers; they are Alex Gow Bastine, Carson Church, Kyle Merrill, Ethan Wade, and Nate Walsh. They are from Flagstaff, but it comes as no surprise to learn that the band has relocated to Ocean Beach. Even if they are 40 years late for the peace-and-love movement, don't count out a resurgence of same, even if the underlying motivation is neither peace nor love.

Road mileage has smoothed the Brothers' sound over the past five years, but time on many stages has also quickened their re-



BROTHERS GOW

flexes. That said, don't let your mind wander at a Brothers Gow show. Stay alert, for this is not your typical psychedelic jam band. Except for the lights.

Jefferson Jay also performs.

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Monday, 9pm — Ben Wanicur CD release.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill:
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Gran Tapa:
Thursday, 6pm — Balkan Band.
Thursday, noon, Friday, noon — Carlos Velasco. Flamenco and Latin Guitar and Vocals.
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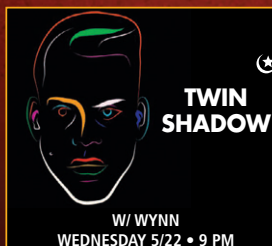
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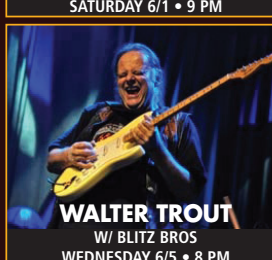
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Pal Joey's:
Friday, 9pm — The Pine Creek Posse Band. **Free.**

Prescott Promenade:
Friday, 6pm — Street Heart. **Free.**

Ruby Room:
Friday, 8pm — SXO, Shake Before Us, Duping the Public. \$7-\$10.

San Pasqual Winery:
Saturday, 7pm — Suzanne Shea & Nathan Welden. **Free.**

Shakedown Bar:
Thursday, 8pm — Desecrate, Exmortus, Axis Of Death.
Friday, 8pm — The Business.
Saturday, 8pm — Funeral Dress.
Monday, 8pm — Los Lobos Locos.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 8:30pm — Jay Nash and David Ramirez. \$10-\$12.
Tuesday, 8pm — Stained Glass Windows.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Ride Your Heart **Bleached**

By Chase Krueger

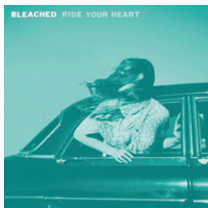
The Clavin sisters, members of L.A.-based indie act Mika Miko, have released their first album as Bleached. Jennifer (vocals/guitar) and Jessica (guitar) can affect deep, raw feeling as well as a cheery summer vibe through their balance of significant, relatable lyrics and inspired beats.

"Next Stop," the second song on *Ride Your Heart*, begins with contrasting drums and guitar

that lead into a humming chorus. This melody makes you want to go for a drive and cruise along to the beat. The song has a Ramones-like feel, with its guitar breaks and repetitive chords.

Although "Next Stop" rocks, my personal favorite is the track "Searching Through the Past." Released here from an earlier EP, "Searching" represents the heartache of love through a pop rhythm. Despite its blithe vibe, the lyrics expose love's nostalgia. "I've been searching through the past/ thinking about what we once had/ boy don't tell me I'm crazy/ I've been missing you so long."

I cannot wait to see Bleached live and experience their energy in person, but until then, I will keep *Ride Your Heart* in my car stereo and dance on cruise control awaiting their next release.



Significant, relatable lyrics and inspired beats

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Nick Cave and his Bad Seeds bloom at the Balboa Theatre By Andrew Perez

Nick Cave's shadow bounced across the wall, like a black skeleton dancing a jig, while he wailed about a mofo named "Stagger Lee."

Alongside his band, the Bad Seeds, Cave tore through a two-hour set in support of his new album *Push the Sky Away*. The album was duly represented alongside some of Cave's more notori-

ous songs, such as "The Mercy Seat" and "From Her to Eternity."

Cave showed his softer side, as well, sitting down at his piano to plunk out salty weepers such as "Into My Arms" and "Love Letter," his voice aching with tenderness. At one point, while performing one of his most popular songs, "Red Right Hand," Cave dove into the audience and began to dance with them. From my vantage point, it looked as if the audience were devouring Cave in their clutches, tearing him apart. Knowing Cave, he would find this demise amusing.

Concert: Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds

Date: April 16

Venue: Balboa Theatre

Seats: Orchestra, Row R



Nick Cave's shadow bounced across the wall, like a skeleton dancing a jig.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

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UPCOMING SHOWS

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
June 14 — The Supervillains.

950 Lounge at the Handlery Hotel: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-543-0607.
June 5 — Christopher Dale and Robin Henkel.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.
May 31 — The Weis Guy's Jazztet.

Latin and AfroCuban jazz trio with Louie Valenzuela.
Wednesday, 4pm — **Patrick Dowling**. Smooth guitar and vocals; 5pm — **Tomcat Courtney**. Born in 1929, Tomcat Courtney performs original down-home blues.

U-31:
Friday, 9pm — BeatKnockers. \$5.
Sunday, 6pm — Lyricist Lounge. **Free.**

USS Midway Museum:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Creedence Clearwater Revisited. \$39-\$69.

Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:
Saturday, 7pm — Unidentified Fusion Orangement. **Free.**

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Saturday, 8pm — Country Music with DJ Jody. \$6-\$10.

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Sunday, 4pm — **Sounds Like Four**. Smooth Jazz; 8pm — **Middle-Earth**. Belly Dance Ensemble.
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May 30 — Organic Thursdays.
May 31 — DJ Junior.
June 1 — Juicy with Mike Czech.
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ArtLab: 3536 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-1151.
June 12 — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay.

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May 30 — The Tilt.
May 31 — Little Hurricane.
June 1 — Psychedelic Furs.

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June 8 — Robin Henkel.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
June 1 — Lady Zep, Jane's Diction, Danyavaad.
June 6 — Authority Zero, Ballyhoo, Implants Versus the World.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.
June 2 — Center Chorale: Everything's Coming Up Roses.
June 5, June 5 — Brian Pi'ikea & Lava Jam.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
June 1 — Crystal Fighters and Alpine.
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June 12 — Desert Noises.
June 22 — Wildcat! Wildcat!

Centro Cultural de la Raza: 2125 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-235-6135.
June 8 — Make a Joyful Noise.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
June 3 — Ceremony.
June 4 — Parquet Courts.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD: Russell Lane at Gilman Dr., La Jolla.
May 30 — Post-Puccini: The Contemporary Voice.

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May 30 — Radiation City and
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June 2 — Lenka.

June 16 — Ex-Cult.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl.,
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May 30 — Sworn In.

June 8 — Tribal Seeds, Stick
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June 15 — The Nformals (CD
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June 28 — Tiger Milk Imports.

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Monkey Paw: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

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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*, 4-6pm: \$1-\$2 off liquor.

Double D's on Broadway: *Daily*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

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 select drinks, appetizers, sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

Cap'n Kenos: *Daily*, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

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

ESCONDIDO

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

Sand Crab Tavern: *Monday-Thursday*, 3pm-close. 1/2 off appetizers; \$1.00 oyster shooters; Buckets of beer 5 for the price of 4.

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

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

HARBOR ISLAND

C-Level: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks, \$5 appetizers.

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HAPPY HOUR

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: Monday, 4-6:30pm. 1/2 off bottles of wine. Tuesday, Friday-Sunday, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. Wednesday, 4-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off. Thursday, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. Live music.

CJ's Club: Daily, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: \$2.75 wells.

Wine Steals: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. Saturday, 4-6pm: \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. Sunday, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

JAMUL

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

KEARNY MESA

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

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 Premium Drafts, \$4.25 Premium Well drinks, \$5 Appetizers, \$3 Bourbon Slushy

Rayo Grill: Daily, 4:30-7pm: \$4 drafts, wines; \$3 domestic bottles.

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: Daily, 3pm-close: 30% off beer, sake.

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 micro-craft drafts, \$3 Pacifico, \$5 mules, mojitos, margaritas; \$3 off specialty cocktails, \$5 house wine, \$4 wells. Food specials.

Eddie V's: Daily, 4-7pm: All libations \$2 off.

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.

Roppongi: Monday, Sunday, 3-9:30pm: half-price tapas; \$8 hand-crafted drinks including skinny cocktails. Tuesday-Wednesday, 3-6pm: half-price tapas; \$8 hand-crafted drinks including skinny cocktails.

The Shack Bar & Grill: Daily, 3-7pm: \$2.75 Bud & Coors Light; \$3 wells; \$5 wine, champagne. \$1 off potato skins, skewers.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

Casa de Pico: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Discounted margaritas, beer, cocktails. Complimentary appetizer buffet.

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.)

Mr. G's Tavern: Monday-Friday, Noon-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$3 Domestic Pints, \$3 Premium Pints.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-6pm & 9pm-close: \$1 off cocktails, drafts. 1/2-off onion/cheese garlic bread, tater tots, onion rings. Friday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1 off cocktails, drafts. 1/2-off onion/cheese garlic bread, tater tots, onion rings.

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 \$.45 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

The New Morena Club 1 M1319: Daily, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

LITTLE ITALY

Prep Kitchen: Daily, 3-7pm & 10pm-close: \$5 sangria, house wine, and select beers.

Puerto la Boca: Daily, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 select house beer, select domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine. \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: Monday, 4-10pm: \$1 off Pints & \$3 off Pitchers. Tuesday, 4-10pm: Buy One get One Half Off. Wednesday, 4-10pm: \$5 Gentlemen Jack. Thursday, 4-10pm: \$4 Vegas Bombs. Friday, 4-10pm: \$5 Rockstar & Vodka. Saturday, 4-10pm: \$2 Jack with Beer Purchase. Sunday, 4-10pm: \$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.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules, \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Dave & Buster's: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: 1/2 price cocktails, \$1.00 off pints, 1/2 off selected appetizers.

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

NATIONAL CITY

McDini's: Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2 beers. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2 Cosmopolitans, \$2 beers.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: Friday, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: Monday-Thursday, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Rosie O'Grady's: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams). Tuesday, all day: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams).

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls. \$1 off Heineken.

Imig's Kitchen and Bar: Monday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$5 burger and local draft beer. Tuesday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 gourmet tacos, \$2 Tecates. Wednesday, 4:30-6:30pm: 1/2-priced wine by the bottle. Thursday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$4 beers; \$4 well cocktails. All day: \$3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock and PBR. Saturday, All day: \$3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock and PBR. Sunday, All day: \$15 bottomless mimosas, \$22 with brunch entrée, \$5 bloody marys.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Live Wire: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

The Office: Daily, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

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)

Toronado: Daily, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

OCEAN BEACH

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Mother's Saloon: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

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The Flying Bridge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine. 20% off appetizers.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. *Saturday*, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. *Sunday*, 2pm-close: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.

OLD TOWN

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, \$3 drink specials all day/all night.

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3.25 microbrew pints, \$8.50 microbrew pitcher, \$3.50 house wine. *Sunday*, 9pm-2am: \$3.25 microbrew pints, \$8.50 microbrew pitchers.

Johnny V: *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. \$1.95 street tacos, \$3 off appetizers. *Wednesday*, all day: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. *Friday*, 4-9pm: \$2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. *Saturday*, all day: \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, \$3 margarita.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Tuesday*, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen margaritas. *Wednesday*, \$2 off all drinks, \$2 beers. *Thursday*, 8pm-close: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. *Friday*, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.

Il Padrino Pizza: *Thursday*, \$2 off all pies and pitchers. *Saturday*, Pitchers: \$10 Bud Light, \$11 Shock Top, \$12 Stella. *Sunday*, \$15 bottomless mimosas till 2pm.

SD Tap Room: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off appetizers. \$3.50 wine and sake.

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Monday, Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Herradura tequila shots. *Tuesday, Thursday*, all day: \$8 12-oz. bottle of beer and a shot, \$3 pints of Bud Light. *Friday-Saturday*, noon-10pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff.



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Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

Tiki House: *Monday*, all day: \$1 off microbrews. *Tuesday*, all day: \$3 all pints. *Wednesday*, all day: \$3.75 "Tiki Coors" (22 oz). *Thursday*, all day: \$3-\$10 Wine of the Month. *Friday-Saturday*, all day: \$3 Miller High Life bottles. *Sunday*, all day: \$3 Coors pints.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cash wines. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

Typhoon Saloon: *Tuesday*, \$2/\$3 tacos, \$6 Patron shots, discounted margaritas and beer. *Wednesday*, *Friday*, 5-10pm: \$3 you-call-its, \$3 beers, and 1/2 off appetizers. *Thursday*, 5-10pm: \$3 you-call-its, \$3 beers, and 1/2 off appetizers, 2-for-1 burgers.

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Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$6 craft beer pitchers.

Gabardine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 Snake Oil beer, \$6 house wine; \$1 oysters, \$2 hand-cut fries.

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.

Old Venice: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 glass of wine and wells, \$3.50 drafts; \$6-\$8 appetizers, including magic mushrooms, focaccia & bruschetta, walnut gorgonzola salad.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Pete's Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos.

Red's Espresso and Wine Gallery: *Friday-Sunday*, all day: \$5 endless mimosas with food purchase.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Monday*, 4pm-1am: \$2 domestic drafts & wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 Hiny's. *Wednesday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 Jacks. *Thursday*, 4pm-1am: \$2 kamikazes. *Friday*, 8pm-10pm: \$3 you-call-its (up to premium). *Saturday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 all flavors Smirnoff. *Sunday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 vodka cranberry.

Sail Ho Golf Club: *Monday, Thursday-Saturday*, 4pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells. *Tuesday*, All day: \$2 wells. *Wednesday*, All day: \$3 Pacifico drafts. *Sunday*, All day: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells.

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm; \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails. *Sunday*, 4-7pm; \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails.

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: panocrusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

Blue Tattoo Sports Bar & Grill: *Monday, Wednesday, Friday*, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle *Tuesday*, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle. Karaoke 8pm. *Thursday*, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle. Trivia 7-10pm, Video DJ 10pm-close.

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.

Cheers: *Monday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Café on the Park: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

Capri Blu: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday*, 11:30am-6pm: 1/2-price beer, wine by the glass and cocktails. Happy Hour in the bar only. *Saturday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-price beer, wine by the glass and cocktails. Happy Hour in the bar only. *Sunday*, 4:30pm-close: 1/2-price beer, wine by the glass and cocktails. Happy Hour in the bar only.

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.

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Miscast Melody

She flits about like a sand flea, never in one place, or one state of mind, for long.

I heard recently about how a 95-year-old woman died. She had lived a full, care-giving life, and her body slowly gave out. Three weeks before she passed away, she said she wouldn't eat or drink anymore: she was ready to go to Heaven. She was such a giver that during her final days she refused pain medication; she wanted her mind clear for well-wishers. Then one day she asked

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JEFF SMITH

for the medicine and announced, "I'll be in Heaven soon." How did she know? Because she'd been there already, she said. She saw everyone, and "It was truly wonderful." She came back because it wasn't her time. Early the next morning, she died in her sleep.

Along with being a most graceful way to go, she prepared everyone for her passing — gave them time for the stages of grieving and gradually accepting a world without her. But still, at the service, a blown-up portrait of her lit the room and even the most heartfelt resolutions couldn't assuage the finality: she was gone.

Reach "a certain age" and funerals become a regular fact of life. But even with advance notice, you can't rehearse your reaction. Emotions scramble in the moment. All of them.

In Bekah Brunstetter's *Be a Good Little Widow*, Melody's 26, three years out of college. She recently married Craig, it would seem, on a whim. If she were an actor, Melody would be egregiously miscast. She's unprepared for love, marriage, or a career. She's never known any-

thing resembling a major trauma or life-changing experience. Plus, she grew up with the internet: texting and tweeting have kept

her pretty much boundary-free. Melody's been cast in a tragedy and never took Acting 1A. The title tells us so.

There are times in *Be a Good Little Widow* when notions of Playwrighting 1A come to mind. Brunstetter has created a fascinating character, but the other three are little more than ciphers, and the play sprints to a sit-commy resolution.

Craig, the absent husband, flies around the country and dies in a plane crash. He's apparently quite competent at his work (can afford a small home in Connecticut) and, unlike Melody, regulated in his life. After the crash, he spends more time with her than before, and they get acquainted, it would seem, for the first time.

We learn about Craig from Brad, who works



PHOTOGRAPH BY ED KRIEGER

Be a Good Little Widow's Melody is unprepared for love, marriage, or a career, let alone tragedy.

Be a Good Little Widow, by Bekah Brunstetter

Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Hal Brooks; cast: Christine Estabrook, Ben Graney, Kelsey Kurz, Zoé Winters; scenic design, Jason Simms; costumes, David Israel Reynoso; lighting, Seth Reiser; sound, Ryan Rumery

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for him and fills in some details. Brad's more open with his feelings, including sudden bursts of amour for Melody. They seem more temperamentally attuned, in fact. And Melody almost

reciprocates.

Hope is Craig's by-the-book mother. A career-widow, she withholds feelings in the name of decorum — you can almost see sacks

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of old energy trailing behind her. As rigid as Melody is spacey, Hope knows how to act, she thinks. Both names are ironic. And it's obvious the twain shall grow together, accept/abolish differences, and learn to grieve — in the script if not in believability, since it all must happen in a short period of time.

Melody's something new (or at least new to me). They say 40 is the new 30, or some such? Melody's behavior suggests that 26 is the new 6. She flits about like a sand flea, never in one place, or one state of mind, for long. She doesn't have mood-swings, she has mood-jolts. If she had her druthers, she'd eat Skittles, fake a yoga exercise, and drift along to the sounds of the Dixie Chicks, K-Ci & JoJo, and the immortal Sam Cooke.

She isn't just unsocialized, she barely has an outer life. She has grown up connected to, and pampered by, technology. Watching her split-second attention span resembles watching people scrolling the screens of their iPhones: thumb a picture, watch, snap-judge, move on. Craig's sudden death forces Melody to face a subject she can't thumb away.

Zoé Winters makes Melody always watchable. A series of random impulses, Winters doesn't do anything conventionally, even sit on the sofa. On opening night, some of her moves felt premeditated. At the same time, she showed the courage to make one whopping choice after another — and that her spontaneity would become fluid soon.

Melody's such an interesting character — and scary: imagine her driving a car near you! — she tips the scales. The other three are little more than satellites to Melody's sun. As written, Hope could be the Monster That Repressed New England. Christine Estabrook smartly tones down Hope's more draconian leanings and fills in the sketch where possible. As does Ben Graney with Craig, though it's never clear what he and Melody initially saw in each other. Kelsey Kurz has some fun, goofy moments as Brad (who, in other con-



New Village Arts Theatre in Carlsbad presents Edward Albee's "whimsical drama" Seascape through June 9.

texts, would be a play's space case).

Director Hal Brooks moves the 90-minute, intermissionless piece well. And Jason Simms's appropriate set is a mismatched assemblage from the Newlywed Collection: something old, something new, something borrowed, and some things, um, aqua. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Accomplice: San Diego

Your group follows clues and seeks shady contacts in the La Jolla Playhouse's site-specific/walking mystery tour of historic Little Italy. I'll keep mum about specifics, except to say you will see the world differently, since everyone on the street or in a restaurant's a suspect: are you our next guide, are you for real or an actor? The trip, in the end, is a goodly hike (and an eye-opening look at Little Italy). Success will depend on individual groups and their willingness to work together to solve puzzles, some quite tricky, and set a criminal even freer. Performances are every half hour.

The theater phones patrons the night before to tell them where to start [note: due to popular demand, the La Jolla Playhouse has extended the show's run. *Worth a try.* 4:30PM THURSDAYS, 4:30PM FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 4:30PM TUESDAYS, 4:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 2.

American Idiot

Broadway/San Diego presents the 2010 Tony Award-nominated musical about boyhood friends searching for meaning in a post 9/11 world. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. 7PM TUESDAY, 7PM WEDNESDAY.

Be a Good Little Widow

The Old Globe Theatre offers Bekah Brunstetter's comedy about Melody. She "thought being a young wife was hard — until she became a widow." Hal Brooks directs. SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 9.

Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo

Ion Theatre presents Rajiv Joseph's imaginative drama about two marines, an Iraqi translator, and a quick-witted tiger trying to find meaning on streets of Baghdad. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 1.

Bus Stop

PowPAC presents William Inge's drama about a snowstorm-stranded passengers at a Kansas bus-stop diner. Keith A. Anderson directs. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., PO-

WAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 9.

Cadenza: Mozart's Last Year

As part of the 25th anniversary season of Mainly Mozart, Vantage Theatre presents a staged reading of Robert Salerno's drama. TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART, 1500 EL PRADO, BALBOA PARK. 619-239-5548. 7PM SATURDAY.

Chicago

A first-rate production of Bob Fosse's "musical vaudeville"/tirade. As he decries the loss of standards and a world gone low-brow, Fosse stages the very thing he loathes. In Prohibition-era Chicago, "murder has become a form of entertainment." And *Chicago* entertains throughout. Director Ray Limon has an instinctive feel for the material and has cast accordingly. The ensemble work's terrific, Justin Gray's five-piece band cooks, and as the anti-heroines Velma Gray and Roxie Hart, Natalie Nucci and Adrienne Storrs do at least a month's worth of aerobics in two-plus hours and fill every frame with vitality, obvious talent, and gone, jaded eyes loaded with attitude. **Critic's Pick.** WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM & 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 2.

Fiddler on the Roof

Lamb's Players Theatre presents the popular musical tale of Tevye the milkman and his daughters, based on the stories of Sholem Aleichem. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30AM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JULY 7.

Moonlight and Magnolias

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Ron Huchinson's farce about there-writing of the movie *Gone With the Wind*, in five frantic days. Matt Thompson directs. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 23.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre, now in its 14th season, presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM & 9:45PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect." 760-489-2496. MIKE'S BBQ & SPORTS BAR, 1356 WEST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-4444. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Other Desert Cities

Christmas Eve at the Wyeths' Palm Springs mansion, a haven of conservative, Red tradition in an allegedly Blue state. Jon Robin Baitz unpeels each family member: some are onions, a few artichokes, with the heart buried deep. The play's so schematic — the characters span the entire political spectrum — that it almost feels like an allegory (and the ending undoes all that came before). The play's a rigid pattern; the Old Globe's production's anything but. Somehow director Richard Seer's found ways of integrating most, if not all, of the manic mood swings and the author's HEADLINED messages

into an engrossing piece. It helps to have a top ensemble cast and Alexander Dodge's glorious set: the Wyeths' giant fishbowl amid the palms. *Worth a try.* OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 2.

Seascape

New Village Arts presents Edward Albee's "whimsical drama" about a middle-aged couple, on a beach, who encounter beings of a different order. Kim Strassburger directs. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 9.

Shakespeare's R&J

Cygnnet Theatre concludes its tenth anniversary season with Joe Calarco's reimagined version of the Bard's tragedy. Four young males discover the play, which their repressive school has banned. George Ye directs. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 16.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

OnStage Playhouse presents the musical (by Rachel Sheinkin, music and lyrics, William Finn) about the "championship of a lifetime." James M. McCulloch directs. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 8.

The Divine Sister

Diversionsary Theatre presents Charles Busch's "homage to every Hollywood film ever centered on the convent. No nun, whether singing or flying, is spared." DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 30.

The Sound of Music

Maria Ranier, an ugly duckling, doesn't fit in at the abbey or the Von Trapps'. Her spirit comes out in song and annoys them no end. She converts the family, and the nuns, to the virtues of music. San Diego Musical Theatre's leads — Allison Spratt Pearce (Maria), Randall Dodge (Captain Von Trapp), Victoria Strong (Mother Abbess) — sing with such command, they don't need mikes. David McBean and Jill Van Velzer provide fine support. Director/choreographer Todd Neilsen unsweetened the script, where possible, and Don LeMaster's musical direction includes impressive choral effects. The shabby sets look like they've climbed a mountain or twain, but Matthew Novotny's lighting perks them up. *Worth a try.* BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 26.

The cranky conjurer

If you've already had your fill of illusory summer movie magic, why not set aside the comic books and spend some time watching the Iron Man of misrepresentation.

In the hands of crackerjack conjurer Ricky Jay, a deck of playing cards holds the same potential threat as a ninja warrior's throwing stars. Many remember Jay's card-flinging act on *Merv* or the *Carson* show, while others know him as David Mamet's good-luck charm. (The two have teamed on over a dozen projects.) *Deceptive Practice*, a shabbily concocted yet still mesmerizing documentary, follows Jay as he takes us on a tour of some of the great unsung names in magic.

With kissers like those belonging to skilled sleight-of-hand artists Cardini, the Great Slydini, and Al Flosso, you'll wonder whether you're watching a movie or thumbing through Drew Friedman's latest collection of

disfigured caricatures. Not only did Jay get to see his idols perform in person, he became friends with many of them. Joe Flosso performed at his bar mitzvah and Jay "broke the wand" at his grandfather Max Katz's funeral.

Cards aren't the only thing Jay keeps close to his vest. The master illusionist handily diverts attention from his private life, refusing to entertain questions about his parents, whose home he fled at age 16. The closest we get to a rounded portrait comes from a British journalist. She is ultimately treated to a private illusion so stupefying that her grandchildren will tell their grandchildren about it, but not before getting a taste of Jay's cranky perfectionism.

Be warned, however, if you're expecting to find cinematic trickery along the lines of Orson Welles's *F for Fake*, you've been duped. When it comes to crafting a narrative, directors Molly Bernstein and Alan Edel-



Deceptive Practices: "Let me tell you, you have not lived until you've had one of Abe Lincoln's ghostly neck rubs."

stein have nothing up their sleeves.

Testimonials shot in choking close-up, inexcusable as they are, have become rudimentary fodder for too many contemporary documentarians. The film credits three videographers, all of whom would be laughed off a porn shoot. Has there ever been a the-

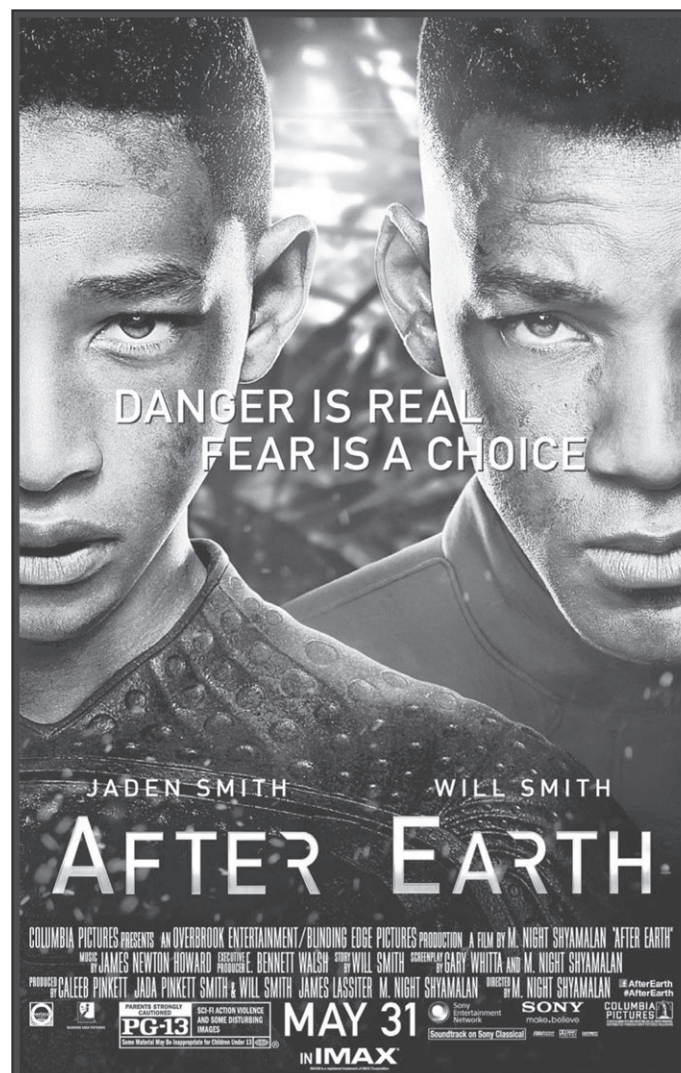
atrical documentary like this, where fuzzy blow-ups of archival VHS tapes from the '80s look crisper than any of the newly shot interview footage? Next time, fellas, remove the cell phone from your pocket before hitting record.

— Scott Marks

INTERVIEW WITH ICEMAN STAR MICHAEL SHANNON

Overall quality may vary, but Michael Shannon's name on a poster guarantees satisfaction at least for as long as he's on screen. The man is incapable of giving a bad performance.

Sadly, I left Chicago right around



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the time Shannon's career at Steppenwolf Theatre was taking off. There were small film roles in even smaller films — "Crack Head" in *D.C. Cab*, the heavy in *Kangaroo Jack* — but it wasn't until the film adaptation of *Bug*, his big breakthrough at Steppenwolf, that Shannon officially appeared on my radar.

On the phone, Shannon was funny, sharp, and well-spoken. When the cameras roll, this guy affects a creepy vibe, the likes of which the cinema hasn't felt since Robert Ryan passed his deeply troubled baton to Christopher Walken.

His unbroken string of realized portraits of human unbalance continues with *The Iceman*, the fact-based story of a prolific contract killer who manages to successfully hide his line of work from the wife and kids.

Scott Marks: How much did your experience at Steppenwolf play into your development as an actor?



Fast & Furious 6: True Story: there is a disclaimer at the end of the film asking you not to try this at home.

Michael Shannon: My experience in Chicago, in general, was my formative experience. Chicago is where I learned how to act. I did three shows at Steppenwolf. The first time I ever got hired at Steppenwolf was a really

big deal. That's kind of the highest level you can get, Steppenwolf or the Goodman.

I also worked in a number of storefront theaters over the years. I'm a member of a theater there called Red

Orchid Theatre in Old Town. Chicago is a great place to learn how to act. In New York and L.A., the stakes are always so high and people are always trying to make it big or break into the business. In Chicago it's a little more

mellow: people who really want to do theater, want to experiment and try new things out. It's not so expensive, either.

SM: You hear about guys like Daniel Day Lewis who never leave character once filming begins. Is there a rider in your contract that calls for a crate of live bunnies to be delivered to your dressing room each day for you to sacrifice in order to invoke that creepy gusto?

MS (Laughing): No, I'm so exactly the opposite of that. For me, the thought of trying to be in character all the time makes me very tired. It seems like it would take a lot of energy. I'm very much into energy conservation. I try to conserve as much energy as possible so that when I'm in front of the camera, whatever energy I manage to have is captured on film. I hate doing great things that nobody is ever going to see. That being said, I'm not like a big Chatty Cathy or anything. I don't like to make small talk, but I'm not sitting there writing with a quill pen or something.

SM: Where do you find the inspiration for these dark characters?

MS: It's different for every story. For something like *The Iceman*, I figure it's my job to get as deep into what I imagine to be the mind of Richard Kuklinski as possible. I thought it was an interesting story because of the double life that he led. I saw the dichotomy between this rage inside of him that allowed him to do what he did for a living, but also a desire for family and to be loved by his wife and his children.

He wanted to have a home that he probably didn't have when he was younger. I don't have any ironclad proof of this, but my hunch is that a great majority of the reasons for him being the way he was had to do with his childhood and how he was raised. I think he suffered tremendously when he was a little boy. Not that he's the only one that's ever happened to and not that that excuses his behavior. To me it's a very tragic thing when children are mistreated and they grow into people that they can't control.

SM: The film opens with a shot of you, as Kuklinski, in prison — setting up the flashback. I don't know how many people remember Richard Kuklinski. Do you think it might have added a bit more suspense had his fate been left uncertain?

MS: That's the way it always was in the script. I remember the first time I saw that it was kind of a surprise. I guess it's kind of a classical structure, taking the end of the film and turning it into a bookend. It's not a suspense story or a thriller. To me,

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POP Thursday A "Push Pin Party." Just like when the museum opened in 1983, organizers invite participants to put their pictures up on the walls of the museum. Event also features a movie screening of *The Outsidars* (released in 1983), a mobile photo challenge, DJ music from 1983, food from MIHO, and drinks from Alchemy Cultural Fare and Cocktails. Come dressed in 1980s attire. Tickets do not guarantee movie seating, which is first come first serve. **Thursday, May 23, 7:00pm**

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The Resurrection of a Bastard A violent Amsterdam criminal, who has moments of uncontrollable rage, narrowly survives an unfor-

tunate incident and returns with sharpened senses back to life. **Thursday, May 23, 7:30pm**

Vegetarian Cannibal Danko is a strict vegetarian but he leaves a trail of human victims in his wake. **Thursday, May 23, 9:45pm**

Desert Riders Thousands of boys, some as young as two years old have been trafficked or sold by their parents from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Mauritania, and Sudan to work as camel jockeys. Free screening. **Friday, May 24, 10:45am**

The Khmer Rouge and the Man of Non-Violence "Every sick person has a right to a doctor," says Kar Savuth, the Cambodian who survived Pol Pot's jails. "I always try to seek out the man in the torturer," says François Roux, a disciple of Gandhi and defender of the supporters of civil disobedience and non-violence for the last thirty years. **Friday, May 24, 12:45pm**

Who Bombed Judi Bari? Stricken by cancer and close to death, Judi Bari, a leader of the movement to save California's old growth redwoods, gives her testimony about the attempt on her life and her lawsuit against the FBI for trying to frame her and Darryl Cherney. **Friday, May 24, 3:00pm**

Chasing Beauty A rare glimpse into the dark side of the intriguing and complex world of modeling. What is beauty and is it worth the cost? **Friday, May 24, 5:20pm**

Elemental Film follows Rajendra Singh, an Indian government official gone rogue. Singh works to shut down factories, halt construction of dams, and rouse the Indian public to treat their sacred "Mother Ganga" with respect. **Friday, May 24, 7:35pm**

Quite a Conundrum Normalcy for Tabitha and Mimi gets tossed out the window when an unexpected and devastating event occurs at a nighttime pool party. **Friday, May 24, 9:55pm**

The Believers Two respected chemists announce that they have solved the world's energy problems using seawater, batteries, and the mysterious glass contraption they hold proudly in their hands. **Saturday, May 25, 11:00am**

Underexposed: A Women's Skateboarding Documentary Through interviews with other women who skateboard and prominent figures in the industry, skateboarding footage, and her own experience, Amelia Brodka paints a picture of a subculture within a subculture on the verge of breaking out. **Saturday, May 25, 1:05pm**

Rebels with a Cause This compelling and epic story weaves together themes of conservation, ecology, development, finance, politics and sustainability. **Saturday, May 25, 3:15pm**



Louder Than Love: The Grande Ballroom Story In the late 1960s, the Grande Ballroom helped to break some of America's most iconic rock bands including MC5, Iggy and the Stooges, and others. Using a Sony 24P HDCAM, D'Annunzio amassed more than 60 hours of interviews with artists and other insiders from The Grande's heyday. **Saturday, May 25, 5:20pm**

Delusions of Grandeur Lucy has a new roommate named Illusion, a Transgender who has walked the streets of San Francisco's red light district for more years than she can remember, and knows a mouthful about what it takes to become a woman. **Saturday, May 25, 7:20pm**

Mondomanila, or: How I Fixed My Hair After a Rather Long Journey A shameless plug for sex, drugs, and punk rock. The Filipino musician and filmmaker Khavn de la Cruz (38 years, 33 feature films, more than 100 short films) plunges headlong into the fray of the slums of his native city of Manila. **Saturday, May 25, 9:45pm**

Tea or Electricity The epic story of the implementation of electricity in a tiny isolated village in the middle of the Moroccan High Atlas. Over more than three years, the director patiently reveals the image of the merciless modernity that encroaches on the small village. **Monday, May 27, 11:00am**

Family Film: Allez, Eddy! A comedy about 11-year-old cycling talent Freddy, the son of a village butcher. **Monday, May 27, 1:15pm**

La Cicatrice (The Scar) Intense psychological suspense, between realism and fantasy,

this film is shows one man's confrontation with his past. **Monday, May 27, 1:15pm**

The List Frustrated by a stagnating government bureaucracy in the U.S. that fails to protect U.S.-affiliated Iraqis, Kirk Johnson begins compiling a list of their names and works with a team of lawyers to get them out of harm's way. Part of the Frequency Film Festival. 800-838-3006. **Monday, May 27, 5:45pm**

United In Anger: A History Of ACT UP This feature-length documentary takes the viewer through the planning and execution of a half dozen exhilarating major actions including Seize Control of the FDA, Stop the Church, and Day of Desperation, with a timeline of many of the other zaps and actions that forced the U.S. government and mainstream media to deal with the AIDS crisis. **Monday, May 27, 8:00pm**

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Film Forum: A Bottle in the Gaza Sea Seeking to make sense of a deadly suicide bombing, Tal, a 17 year old Jewish girl living in Jerusalem, pens a message in a bottle tossed into the Mediterranean. The note washes up on a Gaza beach and is recovered by a young Palestinian man. The two begin a correspondence that yields to shared hopes, fears, and romantic yearnings. A Film Movement presentation in French, Hebrew, English, and Arabic with English subtitles. 619-532-1539. **Tuesday, May 28, 6:00pm**

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Silent Era Films, Made in La Jolla The silent movies of La Jolla Cinema League, a film club active in La Jolla in the 1920's, screened with live music. Contact: Scott Paulson, 858-822-5758. **Saturday, May 25, 3:00pm**

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Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us? An 82-minute documentary depicting worldwide concern for the global demise of bees—Colony Collapse Disorder—and what can counter it. Recommended only for ages 12 and older. Information: Elizabeth Severson, 760-761-0414. **Friday, May 24, 3:30pm, Friday, May 24, 7:00pm**

it is important to know at the beginning that this guy is going to wind up in jail. The whole time you're sitting there watching the film, you might get mad if you think he's going to get away with all this. If you know at the beginning that this guy is going to get totally screwed, then you can focus more on who he is and why exactly he's doing what he's doing.

SM: You are like Christopher Walken. Every time I see you in a movie — no matter the subject — there is at least one scene that makes me laugh. Maybe not *Take Shelter*. I'd love to see you do more comedy.

MS: Kuklinski is a funny guy. Kuklinski has a sense of humor. He wasn't a completely humorless human being. You watch these interviews on HBO and he says stuff all the time that kinda cracks me up a little bit. It's not like he's a sweetheart or anything, but he's not like some zombie. He's got a little bit of charisma. He had a lot of friends and business associates who really liked and admired him.

SM: You have a role coming up in which you have huge shoes to fill, General Zod. I'm not a big comic-book guy, but *Superman 2* is an intelligent, well-made superhero movie, and a great deal of credit must go to Terence Stamp's brilliant performance at the thinking man's villain. What can we expect from your Zod?

MS: Our initial approach was to reconsider Zod not so much as a villain, but as his title, the General of a planet. General Zod is not a villain. He's a general, and he tries to take care of the place and make sure that everyone is happy. They have a lot of problems, he gets desperate, and things go south.

General Zod does not wake up every morning wanting to kill as many people as possible. That's not his M.O. He's trying to solve the problem that his planet is totally screwed. I adore what Terence Stamp did, and there is no way that I could ever do that better than he did, but I felt that he was very cold. It just seemed like he wanted to kill people. What if it was more complicated than that? So that was our initial starting point.

SM: In light of the wave of recent gun violence, both NATO and the MPAA are asking Hollywood to make fewer R-rated movies. Considering the roles that you choose, that would put a considerable dent in your livelihood. What's your feeling about their request?

MS: I think it's pretty idiotic. It's just another lame excuse for the fact that nobody has the balls to deal with the NRA, and so they keep finding other stupid stuff to do. We're never

going to get the NRA to do anything, so we might as well go bully Hollywood into doing something idiotic. The fact of the matter is the NRA needs to go take a walk off a cliff and we need to get all these guns out of the country. It's just ridiculous.

SM: Guns don't kill people. R-rated movies do.

MS: (Laughing) Yeah, right? If people walk out after *The Iceman* wanting to go kill somebody, then the movie is not working properly. I don't think the movie is an endorsement of killing. It does not have a happy ending. I don't think it glamorizes killing.

SM: Not at all.

MS: In terms of my career, will my career be affected by that? I'm willing to do anything. If someone wanted to cast me in *The Smurfs Part 4*, if they gave me enough money, I would do it. It's not like I'm on some mission to scare the shit out of everybody. You send me a script, it's decent, and you're willing to pay me enough money, I'll do it.

— Scott Marks

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

7 Boxes — A pushcart war erupts in a Paraguayan marketplace after Victor, a 17-year-old delivery boy, played by young Baba Boeey lookalike Celso Franco, unwittingly agrees to transport a passel of crates containing the remains of a disassembled kidnap victim. What starts with a pulse-pounding foot-chase soon gives way to a stock comedy of miscommunication. Bookending their film with shots of Victor living life through a TV screen — and directing our hero to stop in mid chase and admire his likeness on a bank of department-store monitors — are filmmakers Juan Carlos Maneglia and Tana Schembri's ideas of hard-hitting media commentary. Mighty fine night work by cinematographer Richard Careaga, but when it comes to leaning on coincidental plot devices as a means to an end, *7 Boxes* isn't that far removed from *8 Heads in a Duffel Bag*. With Lali Gonzalez and Nico

García. 2012. — S.M. ★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

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. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST; READING CARMEL MOUNTAIN; READING TOWN SQUARE)

Deceptive Practice: The Mysteries and Mentors of Ricky Jay — Reviewed this issue. 2013. — S.M. ★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)



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MOVIES

Epic — As Pixar gets digested by Disney, Blue Sky Studios steps up and takes its shot at the title for innovative animated story-telling. (The CG animation itself is pretty innovative as well, particularly when it comes to water, sunlight, and facial expressions.) The biggest success is at the level of emotion: a teenage girl's alienation from her crackpot father, a leaf-warrior's grief over the loss of his beloved queen, and even a slug's hopeless pining for a pretty girl are handled with surprising deftness. But the story can't match the characters: when your bad guy's motivation is an arbitrary desire to upset the balance of nature, you've got a problem. The circle of life doesn't really allow for the binary struggle between good and evil. Director Chris Wedge sought to turn author William Joyce's source material from "a quaint story" into "a gigantic action-adventure movie," and the stretch marks show. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Fast & Furious 6 — The cars, they are very pretty. Vin Diesel's voice, it is very gravelly. The Rock, he is very large. (Though not as large as the muscle hauled in by the bad guys. Say this for the *Fast & Furious* franchise: it understands that it must keep topping itself in terms of sheer spectacle, in terms of raised stakes, in terms of sculpted flesh and impossible stunts. Next time, maybe they'll race cars in space while they battle alien invaders.) The dialogue, it is very bad. The jokes, they are very broad. The plot, it is very tired. The conflict between the concepts of "team as machine" and "team as family," it is very silly. A team is not a machine. Nor is it a family. It is a team. With Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Frances Ha — Can we just go ahead and agree that the actress Greta Gerwig is the bee's knees? Here, she even makes vaguely misanthropic director Noah Baumbach put down his torturer's tools in favor of something positively humane. (Maybe it helped that she cowrote the screenplay.) Mind you, Baumbach still puts his heroine through her paces: her disappointments on nearly every front — love, money, artistic dreams, even friendship — are expressed by her increasingly unsexy living arrangements. (It's New York City, so where you live says even more about who you are than usual.) But the suffering isn't of the numbing-dumbing variety; instead, it's the thrasher that separates the wheat from the chaff. The black-and-white images of the city, the pathology of bad relationships, and Gerwig's awkward glamour will surely recall Woody Allen's *Manhattan*, but then, there are worse things to recall. 2013. — M.L. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

G.I. Joe: Retaliation — They probably should have titled it *Tatum Triumphant*, but oh well. (REGAL PARKWAY PLAZA; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

The Great Gatsby — Director Baz Luhrmann finds a suitable subject for the riotous excess of his directorial style in the riotous excess of the Jazz Age. By the time the onscreen parties lurch to a halt, you may feel a little buzzed yourself. Unfortunately, there's still rather a lot of movie remaining at that point, and the denouement stretches out like a nasty morning after. Luhrmann mostly stays faithful to F. Scott Fitzgerald's famous

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The Cranes Are Flying

VANWALL GREEN

Watcher/writer

The Cranes Are Flying is a groundbreaking movie that escaped the Soviet's relentless orthodoxy to celebrate individuality during war. The stunning Tatiana Samoilova is Veronika, a girl in love with a soldier. A simple story told with subtle direction from Mikhail Kalatozov and remarkable cinematography from Sergei Urusevsky. Their long takes and fluid camerawork influenced films as recent as *Children of Men*.

No one can claim more influence in horror than Mario Bava, whose handiwork shows in *Caltiki, the Immortal Monster*, a taut sci-fi/horror film that takes *The Blob's* creepy monster to another level of queasiness, especially when horror and sci-fi films were drearily flat. Bava does wonders on a limited budget, especially with melting flesh, and the story of radioactive comets and Mayan ruins is ingeniously brought to horrific life, with John Merivale battling both Mexican bureaucrats and the monster from the sacrificial pool of Caltiki.

THE CRANES ARE FLYING

(Soviet Union) 1957, Criterion Collection
List price: \$29.95

CALTIKI, THE IMMORTAL

MONSTER (Italy) 1959, PR Studio

List price \$19.98

story of American self-invention and money-based morality, but only mostly. In stressing Gatsby's material greatness, he forgets the parts that make the poor suitor from the Midwest romantic, admirable, tragic, or even touching. We're left with an obsessive, deceptive little crook who is so bent on subjecting the Girl He Couldn't



Ip Man

NATHAN JOHN

Freelance writer

Ip Man is absolute perfection — crazy choreographed fun at its finest. Donnie Yen awes with lightning-fast hands and tight technique as innovative martial-arts legend Ip Man, mentor to Bruce Lee and innovator of the Wing Chun fighting style. His skill is matched by his unrelenting aura of cool. Nothing disturbs the master as he single-handedly obliterates hordes of foes across China. It's a beautiful ballet of violence.

Arrested Development is a rare, beautiful jewel of television. The last episode aired in 2006, but fans will soon have their much deserved redemption. Netflix will debut the entire fourth season before the long-awaited rebirth of this TV treasure. Everyone must catch up on the first three seasons of utter hilarity and brilliant inside jokery, as Michael Bluth (Jason Bateman) steers his farcical family and their corrupt real estate company away from the brink of destruction.

IP MAN (Hong Kong) 2010,

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ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

(US) 2003-2013, 20th Century Fox

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Afford to his own gargantuan self-love that he demands she rewrite her own past for his sake. Ungreat. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan, Joel Edgerton. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)



The Decalog

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Two grad professors have taught and praised *The Decalogue* in their poetry/fiction classes this semester. Originally airing in the late '80s on Polish television, *The Decalogue* is a collection of ten potent vignettes loosely corresponding to the commandments. And they're bleak but look at Poland's history. These films are poetic and moving, simplistic yet superbly metaphorical. They're made with a love for acute symbolic detail and aren't overtly about religion.

Did you know the banjo is an African instrument? Yes, not only our origins as human beings, but the banjo's origins as well are in the great mother continent — makes sense! Banjo virtuoso Béla Fleck takes his banjo back to Africa in this documentary. What unfolds is a candid and musically stunning record of Fleck's unpretentious musical interactions and observations in countries across Africa. The folk music of Uganda, Tanzania, the Gambia, and Mali is exquisite and shamanic.

THE DEKALOG (Decalogue)

(Poland) 1988, Facets

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BÉLA FLECK: THROW DOWN

YOUR HEART (USA) 2008,

Docudrama

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blackout-induced flashback structure, and trained monkey that's capable of hitting his mark more efficiently than his human counterparts. He also manages to amputate what few potential laughs the premise promised. It's abduction-by-billing as mobster John Goodman kidnaps the least famous member of the Wolfpack (Justin Bartha), leaving his cronies three days (and an abundance of screen time) in which to track down comic relief in the form of coke-snorting zany Mr. Chow (Ken Jeong). There's barely a semblance of a script to guide them, leaving Bradley Cooper room to preen, Ed Helms time to shriek, and enough of Zack Galifianakis's mentally dwarfed boychild to last a lifetime. With Melissa McCarthy, Heather Graham, and Mike Epps. 2013. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Iceman — Michael Shannon is incapable of delivering anything but brilliance, and all too often, the success or failure of one of his pictures hinges on a filmmaker's ability to meet him halfway. Ariel Vromen (Rx, Danika) isn't quite there yet, as evidenced in *The Iceman*, a true-crime mob movie based on the life of Richard Kuklinski. Kuklinski is a one-time serial killer who decides to make cash off his hobby by going pro and joining the mob. We've marched these mean streets many times before, and apart from Shannon's ever-present intensity, the storefronts are beginning to look mighty familiar. Little meaningful attention is paid to the relationship between Kuklinski and his clueless bride, Deborah (Winona Ryder); the poor simp never once detected a trace of blood on her hubby's hands? Shannon so far outclasses Ryder as an actor that their scenes together frequently play like teacher and student, rather than co-stars bouncing off each other. Worth seeing, if only for Shannon and Ray Liotta. 2012. — S.M. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Oblivion — A throwback piece of good-looking sci-fi, starting with the gorgeous and haunting image of a shattered moon, its debris stretching out into orbit. Happily, we are spared the resultant catastrophes; the emphasis here is more on Tom Cruise's self-discovery than his badassery, and hardly at all on saving the world. (Still, a few hectic set pieces do attempt to justify the biggish budget.) He plays Jack, a glorified janitor on a ruined earth, fixing drones and shooing scavengers away from the water-collectors. But of course, he finds that everything is not as it seems. In keeping with the anxieties of the day, super-technology is not only not fetishized, it's practically demonized. (Does anyone really think drones are our friends?) Yes, we've got gyro-planes and swimming pools in the sky, but all we really want are vinyl LPs and a cabin by the lake. With Morgan Freeman, Olga Kurylenko. 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)

Renoir — Old man paints young boobs. Well, not the boobs themselves, but rather, pictures of the boobs. Also, the young lady attached to them (a tempramental Christa Theret). Of course, when the old man is Renoir, and the setting is the impossibly beautiful French countryside, the enter-prise feels a bit classier. Still, the decaying artist (a captivating Michel Bouquet) does not put on airs; for him, flesh is what mat-ters — a principle worth a fierce defense. He has rather less regard for his son’s devotion to his WWI comrades in arms. (The son also likes the young lady’s boobs, a fact that she intends to parlay into a film career. *Plus ca change.*) Lovely to look at, but less lovely to think about: father and son soaking up love, devotion, and everything else from a feminine coterie. And in return? Well, it’s a living — until it isn’t. 2012. — M.L. ★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Scatter My Ashes at Bergdorf’s — The most popular women’s shoes at Bergdorf’s sell for \$6000 a pair. They can’t keep them on the shelves. If just reading that fills you with egalitarian rage, then you will probably not enjoy this documen-tary profile of what is arguably the world’s greatest department store. But if you can stomach the notion of fashion as wearable art — and department-store windows as art in the service of commerce — then there is much to glean here, and even a few things to enjoy. Director Matthew Miele tries to give his loving portrait a bit of nar-rative drive by showing us those fantabu-lous windows from concept to completion. It’s fun, but the real pleasures here are the personalities who make the retail magic happen. “What would you be doing if you weren’t a personal shopper here?” he asks a longtime employee. “Probably drinking,” comes the quick reply. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)

Star Trek Into Darkness — Director J.J. Abrams at his most J.J. Abrams-y. A lens flare light show. A Spielberg homage (the opening is taken straight from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*). Deft nostalgia-mining coupled with equally deft placement of the extracted gems in the crown of his new creation (a Tribble plays a key role!) And finally, a series mostly coherent action sequences, clean execution at the level of character, and a feeling of old-fashioned Hollywood entertainment. Captain Kirk (Chris Pine) is now in charge of his beloved starship Enterprise, but his cock-sure attitude gets him in trouble. First offi-cer Spock’s (Zachary Quinto) strict moral reasoning, once seen as a stumbling block, assumes the role of crucial counterbal-ance in the fight against one-man WMD John Harrison (an impassive and ominous Benedict Cumberbatch). Of course, the thing about WMDs is, there’s always someone who wants to use one. With Peter Weller, Bruce Greenwood. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Stories We Tell — Writer-director Sarah Polley turns the camera on herself and her family, revealing along the way that she was born as the result of an extramarital affair. 2012. (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

What Maisie Knew — Divorce sucks for kids. Review forthcoming at *sandiegore-ader.com*. (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mtn Rd (800-326-3264 #2704)
42 (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 1:15) 4:15; **Epic** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:10, 10:10; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:05, 1:15) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00, 10:50; **Mud** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:20, 10:05; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 11:10, 1:10, 2:10) 4:00, 4:55, 7:00, 7:55, 9:50, 10:45; **The Company You Keep** (R) Fri-Sun 4:15, 7:10, 9:50; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:30); **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 10:50, 1:00, 1:50, 3:55) 4:50, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 12:15, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 8:10, 9:30, 10:10

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722)
Call theater for program information.

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa
820 Orange Ave (619-437-6161)
Fast and Furious 6 (PG-13) Fri (2:00) 5:15, 8:30 Sat-Sun (11:00) 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri (2:00) 5:15, 8:30 Sat-Sun (11:00) 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri (2:00) 5:15, 8:30 Sat-Sun (11:00) 2:00, 5:15, 8:30

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709)
3 Geezers! (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (9:55, 11:50, 1:55, 3:50) 6:05, 8:05, 10:15; **33 Postcards** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; **42** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:05) 4:45, 7:30; **Alyce Kills** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 10:30p.m.; **He’s Way More Famous Than You** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:50, 11:40, 12:45, 2:35, 3:35) 5:25, 6:20, 8:15, 9:15, 11:10 Sun (9:50, 11:40, 12:45, 2:35, 3:35) 5:25, 6:20, 8:15, 9:15; **Iron Man 3 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **Java Heat** (R) Fri-Sun 10:30p.m.; **Pain & Gain** (R) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:35) 4:35, 7:25; **Scatter My Ashes at Bergdorf’s** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (9:30, 11:35, 1:50, 3:55) 6:10, 8:25, 10:35; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:35, 11:05, 12:25, 2:00, 3:20) 4:55, 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:45 Sun (9:35, 11:05, 12:25, 2:00, 3:20) 4:55, 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:40; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:25, 11:45, 1:20, 2:40) 4:15, 5:35, 7:10, 8:30, 10:05, 11:25 Sun (10:25, 11:45, 1:20, 2:40) 4:15, 5:35, 7:10, 8:30, 10:05; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sat (9:40, 10:15, 10:50, 11:25, 12:00, 12:35, 1:10, 1:45, 2:20, 2:55, 3:30) 4:05, 4:40, 5:15, 5:50, 6:25, 7:00, 7:35, 8:10, 8:45, 9:20, 9:55, 10:30, 11:05 Fri-Sat 11:40p.m. Sun (9:40, 10:15, 10:50, 11:25, 12:00, 12:35, 1:10, 1:45, 2:20, 2:55, 3:3

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Call theater for program information.

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236)
Deceptive Practice: The Mysteries & Mentors Of Ricky Jay (NR) Fri: (2:30), (4:45), 7:00, 9:00, Sat-Mon: (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:00, Tue-Thu: (4:45), 7:00, 9:00, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Sightseers** (NR, 89m) Opens Friday, May 31

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Dr (619-819-0236)
Star Trek: Into Darkness (PG-13) Fri: (2:10), 5:10, 8:10, Sat-Mon: (11:10), 2:10, 5:10,

8:10, Tue –Thu: (2:10), (5:10), 8:10; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri: (2:00), 5:00, 8:00, 9:40, Sat-Mon: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 9:40, Tue –Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00; **Frances Ha** (R) Fri: (1:40), 4:50, 7:00, 9:10, Sat-Mon: (11:30), 1:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10, Tue –Thu: (1:40), (4:50), 7:00, 9:10; **Love Is All You Need** (R) Fri: (1:50), 4:40, 7:10, Sat-Mon: (11:20), 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, Tue –Thu: (1:50), (4:40), 7:10*, * No 7:10 PM Show Thursdays, 05/30/13, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Pkwy (800-326-3264)
Epic (PG) Fri (9:40) 10:45, 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Epic in 3D** (PG) Fri 11:40, (2:25, 5:00) 7:50, 10:35; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri 10:30, 1:50, 5:10, 8:30, 11:35 Fri (10:00) 11:35, 1:10, 2:55, 4:25, 6:15, 7:40, 9:30, 10:55, 12:35; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri (9:25, 10:30) 12:35, 1:45, 3:50, 4:55, 7:05, 8:05, 10:15, 11:20; **Iron Man 3 3D** (PG-13) Fri 10:35, (1:45, 4:55) 9:15, 12:25; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri (10:10, 1:25, 4:30) 7:35, 10:45; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri 9:30, (10:15) 12:45, (1:30) 4:00, (4:45) 7:15, 8:00, 10:30, 11:15, 12:15; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri (11:00, 2:15, 5:30) 8:45, 11:45; **Star Trek Into Darkness: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri 9:00, 12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40, 12:40; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri (9:05) 10:40, 12:25, 1:55, 3:45, 5:10, 7:20, 8:25, 10:40, 11:50; **The Hang-over Part III** (R) Fri 10:20, (11:20) 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, (4:20) 5:20, 6:20, 7:10, 8:10, 9:10, 10:00, 11:00, 11:55, 12:45

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Rd (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

PACIFIC BEACH

Full Moon Drive-In
1500 Felspar St (888-211-0404)
Iron Man 3 (PG-13) Fri 5/24/13 (8:20pm); **Oz the Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri 5/24/13 (10:35pm); **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Sat 5/25/13 (8:20pm); **Oz the Great and Pow-erful** (PG) Sat 5/25/13 (10:35pm); **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Sun 5/26/13 (10:20pm)

SAN DIEGO

ArcLight La Jolla
4425 La Jolla Village Dr (858-768-7770)
Call theater for program information.

Digiplex Mission Valley
7510 Hazard Center Dr #100 (619-685-2841)
Epic (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:45) 5:40, 7:15, 9:45; **Epic in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:00) 4:45; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:30) 8:30; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15) 8:15; **The Great Gatsby in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:15) 5:15; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sun (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45

Digital Gym Cinema
2921 El Cajon Blvd ((619) 230-1938)
Charge (Not Rated) Sat-Sun 2:00p.m.

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Ave (619-819-0236)
Frances Ha (R) Fri: (2:20), 5:00, 7:40, 9:55, Sat-Mon: (11:50), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55, Tue-Thu: (2:20), (5:00), 7:40, 9:55; **The Iceman** (R) Fri: (1:50), 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, Sat-Mon: (11:20), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, Tue-Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:40; **What Maisie Knew** (R) Fri: (2:10), 4:50, 7:30, 9:50, Sat-Mon: (11:40), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50, Tue-Thu: (2:10), (4:50), 7:30, 9:50; **Stories We Tell** (PG-13) Fri: (1:40), 4:20, 7:00, 9:35, Sat-Mon: (11:10), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35, Tue-Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:35; **Kon-Tiki** (PG-13) Fri: (2:00), 4:40, 7:20, 9:45, Sat-Mon: (11:30), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45, Tue-Thu: (2:00), (4:40), 7:20, 9:45, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in

Brackets “()”; **Before Midnight** (R) Opens Friday, May 31

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)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Ctr Dr (800-326-3264 #2710)
Epic (PG) Fri-Sun (10:45, 11:55, 1:10, 3:40) 7:25, 9:55; **Epic in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (2:25) 4:55; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:40, 11:40, 1:30, 2:30) 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:10, 10:05, 11:05 Sun (10:40, 11:40, 1:30, 2:30) 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:10, 10:05; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:30, 2:20) 4:10, 5:10, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:20) 7:00; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sat (11:35, 12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:25, 5:15, 6:05, 6:50, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:05, 10:50, 11:35 Sun (11:35, 12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:25, 5:15, 6:05, 6:50, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:05, 10:50

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Rd (800-326-3264)
Epic (PG) Fri-Sun (10:55) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Epic in 3D** (PG) Fri (10:25, 1:20, 4:00) 6:40, 9:30 Sat-Sun (10:25, 1:20) 4:00, 6:40, 9:30; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:10) 1:10, 1:40, 2:30, 4:20, 4:55, 7:00, 7:40, 8:10, 10:15, 10:55, 11:20; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 11:40) 1:50, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 8:05, 10:35, 11:15; **Iron Man 3 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:20) 6:45, 9:55; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40) 6:50; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri (10:50, 11:20, 11:50, 2:05, 3:45, 5:10) 7:25, 8:15, 9:50, 10:25, 11:20 Sat-Sun (10:50, 11:20, 11:50, 2:05, 3:45) 5:10, 7:25, 8:15, 9:50, 10:25, 11:20; **The Croods** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30am); **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:00, 2:00, 3:50, 7:10, 10:10, 10:30; **The Great Gatsby in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:35) 6:30; **The Hang-over Part III** (R) Fri-Sun 11:00, (11:30) 1:55, 2:25, 4:35, 5:05, 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Ave (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennerly Rd (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Peeples (PG-13) Fri-Mon: (2:15), 7:15, Tue-Thu: 7:45 PM; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (10:45 AM), (1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:30, Mon: (10:45 AM), (1:45), 4:45, 7:45, Tue-Thu: 4:15, 7:30; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (10:15 AM), (12:30), (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, 9:45, Mon: (10:15 AM), (12:30), (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, Tue-Thu: 5:00, 7:30; **The Host** (PG-13) Fri-Mon: (2:30), 8:00, Tue-Thu: 8:00 PM; **Tyler Perry’s Temp-tation** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (11:45 AM), 4:45, 9:45, Mon: (11:45 AM), 4:45, Tue-Thu: 4:45 PM; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Mon: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:30, Tue-Thu: 5:00, 7:45; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Mon: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, Tue-Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00, Mon: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00,

Tue-Thu: (4:00), 7:15; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (10:30 AM), (1:15), (4:00), 6:45, 9:30, Mon: (10:30 AM), (1:15), (4:00), 6:45, Tue: 5:30, 8:15, Wed & Thu: 5:15, 8:00; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (11:45 AM), 5:15, 10:45, Mon: (11:45 AM), 5:15, Tue-Thu: 5:15 PM; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Mon: (10:45 AM), (1:00), (3:30), Tue-Thu: 4:30 PM; **Iden-tity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Mon: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 5:00, 7:45, Tue-Thu: 4:15, 7:15; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Mon: 5:45, 8:15, Tue-Thu: 7:00 PM

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Pkwy (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Ave (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Rd (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village
5256 Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Call theater for program information.

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Pkwy (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Blvd (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Dr (760-945-7469)
Call theater for program information.

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

UltraStar La Costa
6941 El Camino Real (760-603-8638)
Fast and Furious 6 (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 11:15; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:00, 1:30, 5:30, 8:45, 11:45; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 2:00, 7:30, 11:45; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:00, 3:15, 6:15; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:15, 2:15, 6:00, 9:15, 11:00; **The Great Gatsby in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:30, 4:30; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:30, 5:00, 8:30, 9:15, 10:30

Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Rd (760-729-7469)
Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

Cinépolis Del Mar
12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)
Call theater for program information.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
The Croods (PG) Fri 6:00pm Sat-Sun (3:45) 6:00; **The Place Beyond the Pines** (R) Fri-Sun 8:15pm; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri 12:00am

OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Ave (760-439-1733)
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celebration for the park that includes Cowles Mountain and Lake Murray.

On March 18, the city closed the mountain trail at the intersection of Golfcrest Drive and Navajo Road for restoration.

Senior park ranger Matt Sanford elaborated on the work in a May 13 interview. He said that the trail is probably the busiest in the city, and it had been five to six years since the last restoration work. City employees and Urban Corps of San Diego members were among those working on the approximately 1.5-mile-long trail. Sanford said they started at the bottom and worked to the top of the mountain, making improvements that included installing rock stairs and improving drainage.

He added that improved signage provides information about the "importance of staying on the trail" and "a sense of habitat."

While researching this story, I found out that community stewards and advocates of San Diego's tallest peak pronounce the mountain's name the way that George Cowles reputedly did: although Cowles's name appears to rhyme with "towels," he's said to have pronounced it "coals."

Cowles was a rancher who lived in the East County from 1877 until his death in 1887, according to the book *San Diego Trivia* by Evelyn Kooperman. His land became known as "Cowlestown," and his name might be better known if an election had turned out differently. Cowles's widow, Jennie, married Milton Santee, and residents in 1893 voted to name the town after him.

LIZ SWAIN, MAY 14

CLAIREMONT

Ride of silence Memorial bike rides honor cyclist killed in April crash

About 50 cyclists gathered in south Clairemont on May 15 for a ten-mile "ride of silence." It was the second memorial ride held this month to honor Eric Ringdahl, 45, who was killed April 21 on El Camino Real, north of La Costa Avenue in Carlsbad. (The May 11 ride included an estimated 200 bicyclists.)

Ringdahl had been traveling northbound in the bike lane with another cyclist when he was struck by a vehicle traveling in the same direction. He died at the scene.

According to various reports, the car driver, a nurse, fell asleep at the wheel after working the night shift. Carlsbad police spokeswoman Jodee Sasway said the case

has been turned over to the district attorney, who will decide whether or not to file charges.

Ringdahl was an avid outdoorsman, husband, and father of three young children. Family and friends are still delivering flowers



An all-white "ghost bike" memorializes cyclist Eric Ringdahl outside La Costa Resort & Spa

and photos at a memorial set up in front of La Costa Resort & Spa, near the accident site. An all-white "ghost bike" is tied to a pole on a grassy area.

SHELLI DEROBERTIS, MAY 17

DEL MAR

None too soon for lagoon Los Peñasquitos reopened to ocean tides after being blocked for two months

At 7 a.m. this morning, California State Parks personnel began the process of opening the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon in Del Mar. On hand are Natural Resources personnel as well as heavy-equipment operators, lifeguards, and maintenance crews. Also present was a rep-

resentative from the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation.

The process is expected to last three to five days. The lagoon has been closed to the ocean tides for two months.

As the lagoon filled up with fresh water, the saltwater marsh habitat was compromised. Several species of birds, fish, and plants depend on the daily influx of tidal ocean waters. From a human standpoint, high mosquito counts and malodorous pools of standing water have been a nuisance.

UPDATE: The lagoon was opened and began to drain at 3 p.m., May 13.

JIMI OLSEN, MAY 13

ESCONDIDO

Save our green space! Residents mobilize to preserve country club, aim for 6000 signatures

Saturday mornings are usually quiet affairs at the Escondido home of Gary Johnson, board member of Escondido Country Club Homeowners Organization. But Saturday morning, May 11, was different.

About 200 Escondido Country Club area residents-turned-community activists gathered at the Johnson residence at 9 a.m. to kick off the next phase of the battle to save Escondido Country Club's golf course from

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being developed into houses and condos.

The activist/volunteers were there to organize a petition drive to gather at least 6000 Escondido voters' signatures. The intent is to prompt a city-council measure or ballot measure that would restrict the use of Escondido Country Club property to either green space, golf course, or both. Many volunteers will knock on doors throughout the community; others will set up petition sites at local intersections and in front of businesses.

Homeowners organization board member Jim Ahler said that although they have six

months to gather the necessary 6000 signatures to create a ballot measure, he thinks they could reach that goal in two to three months.

"All these people showed up to save their neighborhood," said Ahler. "This is fantastic. Here we are under the First Amendment, assembling, speaking our mind, and then going out to meet members of the community and participate in direct democracy."

MICHAEL MULLENNIEX, MAY 13

CHULA VISTA

Brand hatches new "university" plan

District's latest pitch: team with superintendent's alma mater
Sweetwater Union High School District

superintendent Ed Brand will be bringing another university plan to the board of trustees on May 13.

In January of this year, the district made a controversial agreement with the for-profit, religious Grand Canyon University. On Monday, Brand will ask the board to vote on another agreement with Alliant University.

The surprising thing is that in advance of the board meeting, as if assured of three trustee votes, a YouTube advertisement has already been posted melding the names of Alliant University and Sweetwater.

The approval item on Monday's agenda states: "Alliant International University, an accredited university with a long his-

tory of success in addressing the needs of multicultural students, has joined us in developing a partnership that will offer a four-year university program with guaranteed admission to the SUHSD students while sharing our facilities."

As the document states, the "university" will be housed on Sweetwater property. Several sources have indicated one of the adult-education campuses will be closed to make way for the campus. According to a director in the district, directors will be offered an opportunity to teach at the university.

The social-networking site LinkedIn shows that Brand attended Alliant from 1971 to 1983.

SUSAN LUZZARO, MAY 12

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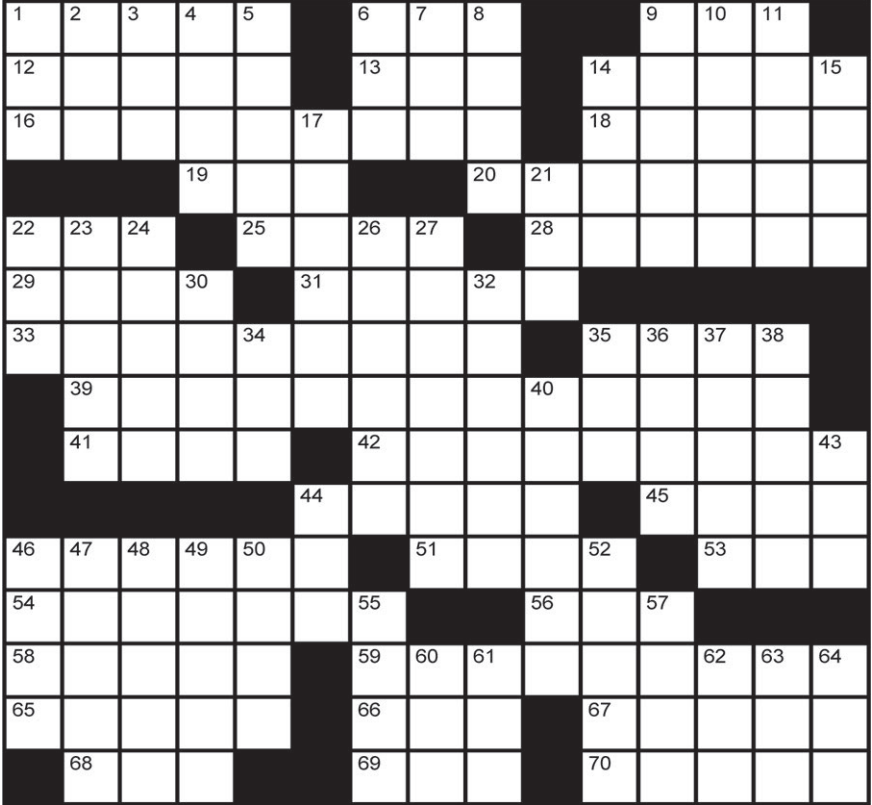
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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our **new** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- And now for the really small print:
- 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 2) Late entries will not be considered.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.
- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. "Here's hoping ..."
- 6. Rock who likes to rock
- 9. Peace grp. since 1948
- 12. Leader of the All-Starr Band
- 13. Old Engine Oil or Irish Death, e.g.
- 14. Prepare to transplant, as a plant
- 16. Leatherback or loggerhead
- 18. Netflix genre
- 19. "Law & Order: ____"
- 20. Overly optimistic
- 22. Biodegrade, say
- 25. 1961 space chimp
- 28. Squeezes (dry)
- 29. Food company with statues of two pigs in front of its Austin, MN museum
- 31. Up to
- 33. Hunk's attribute
- 35. Org. that is the subject of the 2006 documentary "This Film Is Not Yet Rated"
- 39. Pricy boxing match tickets ... or something to find in four places in this puzzle's grid
- 41. Home to billions
- 42. Have a quiet dinner, say
- 44. "24" agent Jack
- 45. Oklahoma's "Wheat Capital"
- 46. Washington airport named for two cities
- 51. Teacher's advanced deg.
- 53. UFO crew
- 54. Hair curl
- 56. Fanatic
- 58. Perplex
- 59. Forest gaps
- 65. "Old Time Rock & Roll" singer

Down

- 1. Subj. of the 2005 book "Many Unhappy Returns"
- 2. Eskimo ____
- 3. Molecule involved in protein synthesis
- 4. 007 and others: Abbr.
- 5. "Now ____ done it!"
- 6. Dennings of "2 Broke Girls"
- 7. Unwell
- 8. A couple of bucks?
- 9. "One, two, three, four, five / ____ caught a fish alive" (nursery rhyme lyrics)
- 10. Bee-related
- 11. The fifth letter of "garage," but not the first
- 14. It dissolved on 12/26/91
- 15. Draws
- 17. Sudden jumps
- 21. Animal seen in the logo for Hooters
- 22. Online feed letters
- 23. Word with grand or soap
- 24. Their business is always picking up
- 26. Five Nations tribe
- 27. Dodger or Yankee, e.g.
- 30. Salon job, for short
- 32. Actresses Graff and Kristen
- 34. Green org.?
- 35. "Do ____ favor ..."

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

U	S	A		P	O	N	Y		A	L	T	T	A	B
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- 36. Whiten
- 37. Clear wrongs
- 38. In ____ (agitated)
- 40. One often seen revolving around Venus?
- 43. Burns and Bradley
- 44. Pre-A.D.
- 46. Many telenovela viewers: Abbr.
- 47. Quilt filler
- 48. Words following touch or stop
- 49. Southern dairy company since 1925
- 50. Tiger or Twin, in brief
- 52. Limp Bizkit lead singer Fred
- 55. Frozen dessert chain since 1981
- 57. Echelon
- 60. Piece of fiction
- 61. Lo-o-o-ong time
- 62. Aye's opposite
- 63. Some sporty cars
- 64. Boozehound

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- **Bob Carlson, Serra Mesa, 4.**
- **Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 4.**
- **Arie Passchier, Orange, 4.**
- **Donald Prescott, San Diego, 2.**
- **Beverly Griffin, San Diego, 1.**

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1700.
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EASY:

			4			3	
7		8				6	
	4	1		5	3	8	
	6	7		8	5	3	1
			6	2	1		
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HARD:

	8	4				5	
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

2	6	9	4	5	1	8	7	3
3	1	7	6	2	8	9	5	4
5	8	4	3	9	7	6	1	2
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9	4	8	2	6	5	7	3	1
7	5	3	1	8	9	4	2	6

HARD:

9	4	2	6	8	7	5	1	3
1	8	7	5	9	3	4	2	6
6	3	5	1	4	2	9	7	8
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5	6	3	4	1	9	2	8	7
8	1	9	2	7	5	6	3	4
7	2	4	3	6	8	1	9	5

MEDIUM:

2	8	3	6	7	5	9	4	1
7	4	1	9	2	8	6	5	3
6	5	9	1	4	3	8	7	2
1	2	5	8	6	4	7	3	9
9	7	6	3	5	1	4	2	8
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3	9	7	4	1	2	5	8	6
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5	1	2	7	8	6	3	9	4

EVIL:

5	8	2	1	9	7	3	6	4
7	1	4	3	8	6	9	2	5
6	3	9	5	4	2	8	7	1
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4	6	1	8	2	5	7	9	3
8	7	6	9	5	4	1	3	2
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- Tom Burgeson, San Diego, 1.
- Armand Nicholas, San Diego, 1.
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Not to give up. Just, even though you make a mistake — no matter how bad it is — some-body's made it before and you can move past it.



Sherly Antunez
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I learned that you have to follow the rules and to take the advice from people who've made the same mistakes I have. At a cheer competition I disobeyed an order and messed up the whole routine.



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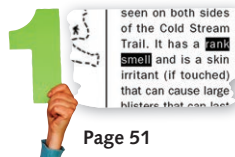
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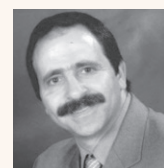
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— Lee Wildman, 35, and Adrian Stanton, 32, pleaded guilty in connection with a burglary at Durham (England) University's Oriental Museum, in which they heisted artwork worth the equivalent of about \$2.7 million and hid it in a field in April 2012. However, they have been unable to help authorities locate the bounty (even with the reward of sentence-reduction) — because they have forgotten exactly where they stashed it. Eventually, hikers unconnected with the case discovered it and notified police. Said judge Christopher Prince, “This is not an offense that can be described as sophisticated.”

Least Competent Dogs

— (1) A Palm Bay, Fla., police officer was sent to the hospital in February after a supposedly highly trained K-9 bit him in the crotch during a burglary investigation. A trainer attributed the lapse to the dog's natural “intensity” during searches. Apparently, all was forgiven, and both “officers” returned to work. (2) In Cottages Row, England, firefighters were called in January when a metal lamppost was reported as smoking because of an electrical short, which was discovered when a Labrador retriever lifted his leg. That species is regarded as quite intelligent, but the dog, after

being knocked back by the shock, moments later attempted to engage the lamppost a second time, with the same result.

Readers' Choice

— (1) Two brothers, celebrating a winning lottery ticket in Wichita, Kan., in February, bought a stash of marijuana, but then, attempting to light a bong using butane lighter fluid, one accidentally blew up the family home. That brother was hospitalized with second-degree burns, and the other was arrested for marijuana possession. (2) Megan Thode, 27, went to trial in February in Easton, Pa., suing Lehigh University, accusing a professor of illegally discriminating against her with a C-plus grade in a class in 2009 in the school's graduate counseling program, in which a B was the minimum required to continue. Thode demanded \$1.3 million for future damage to her career (but not a tuition refund — as she had matriculated for free because her father is a Lehigh professor). Four days after the trial began, the judge ruled against her. — In the Czech Republic, per-capita beer consumption is twice that in the United States, and competition is such that some beers are priced lower than any other beverage, including water. (The brewery Pizensky Prazdroj delivers beer in

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Job Prospects Dim

— Willie Merriweather, 53, was detained in February by police in Aiken, S.C., after an employment agency reported that, when he was sitting for an interview, he exposed himself (allegedly telling the interviewer that “it fell out,” that he “must have forgotten” to zip his pants). Police said Merriweather had been accused of a similar incident at a different employment agency a few days earlier.

Uhh...yeah

— A 31-year-old woman, seven months pregnant with twins, suffered a heart attack arguably because St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City, Colo., delayed in treating her. The woman and the twins died, and the family is suing church-affiliated Catholic Health Initiatives, the owner of the hospital. CHI's lawyers, until January, were defending the malpractice lawsuit as to the twins'

death by using Colorado law, in which a “person” is not created until birth. After church officials in Colorado and the Vatican learned of CHI's strategy, they ordered it abandoned, in that it is of course contrary to the teachings of the church.

Cultural Diversity

— A frequent sight on Soweto, South Africa, streets recently is crowds of 12-to-15-year-old boys known as “*izikhotane*” (“boasters”) who hang out in their designer jeans, “shimmering silk shirts, bright pink and blue shoes, and white-straw, narrow-brimmed fedoras,” according to a February BBC News dispatch. Flashing wads of cash begged from beleaguered parents, hundreds may amass, playing loud music and sometimes even trashing their fancy clothes as if to feign an indifference to wealth. Since many *izikhothanes*' families are working-class survivors of apartheid, they are mostly ashamed of their kids' behavior. “This isn't what we struggled for,” lamented one parent. But, protested a peer-pressured boaster, “[Y]ou must dress like this, even if you live in a shack.”

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— Leaders of the ice-fishing community, aiming for official Olympics recognition as a sport, have begun the process by asking the World Anti-Doping Agency to randomly test its “athletes” for performance-enhancing drugs, according to a February *New York Times* report. However, said the chairman of the U.S. Freshwater Fishing Association, “We do not test for beer,” because, he added, “Everyone would fail.” Urine tests have also been run in recent years on competitors in darts, miniature golf, chess, and tug-of-war, and in 2011, one chess player, two minigolfers, and one tugger tested positive.

Cultural Diversity

— India’s annual “Rural Olympics” might be the cultural equivalent of several Southern U.S. “Redneck Olympics” but taken somewhat more seriously, in that this year, corporate sponsorships (Nokia and Suzuki) helped fund the equivalent of about \$66,000 in prize money for such events as competitive pulling using only one’s ears or teeth. “We do this for money, trophies, fame, and respect,” one ear-puller told the *Wall Street Journal* in February. This year, in the four-day event in Punjab state, the 50,000 spectators could watch a teeth-lifter pull a 110-pound sack upward for

about eight seconds and an ear-puller ease a car about 15 feet.

— Weird Japan: (1) A generous local businessman recently graced the city of Okuizumo with funding for replicas of two Renaissance statues (“Venus de Milo” and Michelangelo’s “David”) for a public park. Agence France-Presse reported in February that many residents, receiving little advance warning, expressed shock at the unveiling of “David” and demanded that he at least be given underpants. (2) Fax machines, almost obsolete in the U.S., are still central to many tech-savvy Japanese families and companies (who bought 1.7 million units last year alone), reported the *New York Times* in February. Families prefer faxes’ superiority to email for warmly expressing Japan’s complex written language, and bureaucrats favor faxes’ preserving the imperative of paper flow.

Latest Religious Messages

— The 14 guests at a jewelry party in Lake City, Fla., were initially incredulous that home-invader Derek Lee, 24, meant to rob them, but when they saw that he was serious (by putting his gun to the head of one woman), the hostess went into action. “In the name of Jesus,” she shouted, “get out of my house now!” Then the guests chanted in unison, “Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!” over and over. Lee, fright-

ened or bewildered, sprinted out the door empty-handed and was later arrested.

— The president of the National Black Church Initiative told the Associated Press in January that its pastors are generally free to ordain new pastors as they wish, and that consequently Bishop Wayne Jackson of Detroit did nothing wrong in his ordination ceremony (which was surreptitiously video-recorded and uploaded to YouTube), even though it consisted of Jackson in robes, praying while lying on top of the new bishops, who were also praying. (The AP noted that Bishop Jackson had been the target of “that’s-so-gay” YouTube comments.)

Questionable Judgments

— In February, an off-duty Tampa police officer and an off-duty sheriff’s detective from nearby Hernando County were awarded the sheriff’s office’s highest honor, the Medal of Valor, for exemplary bravery in an October incident in which a 42-year-old naked woman was shot to death by the officers. The woman was holding a gun and had made threats, and a 5-year-old boy was inside a truck that she wanted to steal. However, even though a neighbor had simply wrestled the woman down earlier, the officers shot to kill. Said the woman’s brother, “They shot a mentally disturbed, naked woman. Is that valor?”

— In 2011, Julian Pellegrino pleaded guilty to DUI involving serious bodily injury to Mark Costa in Chicopee, Mass., and was sentenced to serve 18 months in jail, but that did not deter Pellegrino from filing a lawsuit in December, demanding \$1.1 million for Costa’s somehow “caus[ing]” his car to collide with Pellegrino’s. Pellegrino (with a broken neck) was actually more seriously injured than Costa, who sued back, asking for nearly \$200,000. (In 2010, while Pellegrino was awaiting disposition of the case with Costa, he pleaded guilty to another DUI.)

Fetishes on Parade

— Paul Jamrozik, 63, was arrested in Upper Darby, Pa., in January and charged as the man who lured a 12-year-old boy into his home and, under the guise of pretend-podiatry, spritzed his feet with athlete’s-foot spray and tickled them before performing an exam of his ears and nose with medical equipment. When the kid asked to leave, according to the police report, Jamrozik withheld his shoes until he promised to bring his friends by the next day to be examined.

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