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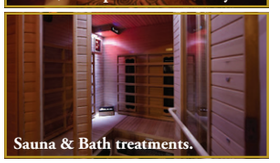

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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Bad sidewalks = lawsuits?

City slapped with another broken-sidewalk suit

San Diego/San Ysidro — **Why should the City of San Diego pay for some expensive sidewalk study when it can just rely on the increasing number of lawsuits filed by pedestrians injured on San Diego's fractured sidewalks?**

On June 5, Lily Mata filed suit against the city and San Diego Unified School District after getting tripped up on an uneven sidewalk in front of Kit Carson Elementary in Linda Vista in March of this year.

In her lawsuit, Mata claims that she encountered a sidewalk littered with debris, a "non-trivial ledge, height differential separating parts of the curbing."

"Plaintiff was injured in her health, strength, and activities, and sustained serious personal injury, and as a legal result of those injuries, incurred in the past and will incur in the future the expense of medical, nursing, physical therapy, dental, convalescent, hospice, and other treatment and care for those injuries..."

San Diego's sidewalks have been a divisive topic as of late. The issue has gained media attention in the form of a photo blog from *Voice of San Diego*. The *Reader* covered the issue of dangerous sidewalk conditions in San Ysidro back in 2011.

In that article, 64-year-old amputee Juan Mariscal lamented the difficulty he had using a wheelchair to get from place to place in his community:

"It's disappointing," he says. "[The city] puts money where the rich live, but they forget about the poor communities like San Ysidro. Not all of us can afford electric wheelchairs. And that's what you need to get around here because of the sidewalks. I can't stay at home and do nothing. I'm not ashamed of being in the chair. I'm ashamed that my wife has to push me. It makes me look weak."

As of late, councilmember Mark Kersey has lobbied the mayor to appropriate $1 million for a citywide sidewalk study.

Dorian Hargrove, June 7

In-N-Out doubt...

Neighbors say restaurant zoning change impacts quality of life

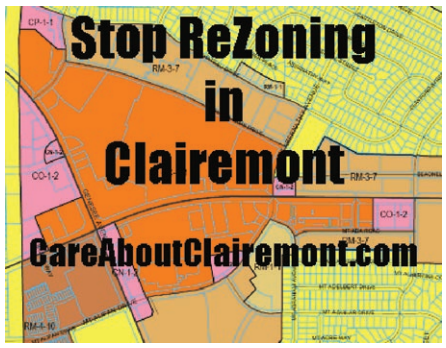
Clairemont — **Who wouldn't like to have an In-N-Out drive-thru just steps from their front doors? Residents of Pacific Bluffs condominiums, that's who.**

A group of Clairemont residents is fighting a proposal from Regency Centers, the new owner of the 186,000-square-foot Balboa Mesa Shopping Center, to change the zoning designation on a portion of their lot so they can build an In-N-Out restaurant.

The problem: the restaurant would be 173 feet away from Pacific Bluffs, a 268-unit condominium complex at the corner of Balboa and Genesee avenues. If approved, dozens of homeowners would be within earshot of a drive-thru that would stay open until 1:30 in the morning.

"We would love to see development take place and new businesses come to Balboa Mesa," says Michael Puente, a Pacific Bluffs resident. "We are just against this one thing: Changes to the protective zoning, that would allow a busy drive-thru, open until 1:30 in the morning just about 100 feet from our bedrooms."

The residents have started a website to fight changing the zones. Puente estimates that over 300 people have signed a petition



Residents have started a website to fight zoning changes that would allow a drive-thru "about 100 feet from our bedrooms."

to keep the current zone intact.

The developer hasn't been sitting idly while opposition from the community continues to mount. Earlier this year, Regency Centers hired local land-use lobbyist firm Southwest Strategies to get support for the project in the community and at city hall. According to economic disclosures filed with the city clerk, the firm was quick to begin lobbying on behalf of Regency Centers.

They argued that the area where the restaurant would go was smack dab in the "core" of Clairemont and the zoning change would fall in line with the community plan.

Judging by the votes taken by the local planning group, the strategy from Southwest Strategies seems to be working.

In November, members of the Clairemont Community Planning Group voted against making any changes to the zoning. Four months later, the planning group flipped, voting 9-to-2 in favor of amending the zoning designation.

Chris Wahl, president of Southwest Strategies, says Regency Centers is and has been more than willing to work with nearby residents.

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Not so darling

By Eva Knott

Back in 1995, when Benjamin Farber was 74, he met Donna Lee Darling, who was 43 years old then. "We met in the workout gym," Farber said, and the two "seemed to get along well."

Farber and Darling tried living together in 1998. Farber invested $15,000 as a down payment for a house in Vista, and the two lived as roommates there. But it didn't work out. Farber abandoned the house to Darling, and he moved to a trailer park in nearby Oceanside that same year.

At the trailer park on Blue Sky Lane, Farber enjoyed the warm sun and ocean breezes. He lived there 14 years and kept in touch with Darling over that time.

In 2011, Darling tried to demand $5000 from him, Farber said. He told her, "I said, I can't do that."

"Money has always been her big problem," said Farber. He said she spoke of money troubles "quite a few times." Darling told him her credit cards were maxed out and that she had car trouble. Farber said, "I've given her probably about $3000." He figured it was a gift, because "I knew she didn't have the money to pay me back." Darling tried to make her living teaching yoga classes, but as time passed, her class shrank to just a few people, according to Farber.

It was mid-summer of 2012 that Darling most recently asked him for money, as Farber remembers it. He was compassionate and cared about her, and he even put Darling in his will. "Because I was good-hearted.... She was in my will. We've taken her off. Since this incident."

PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB WEATHERSTON

Donna Lee Darling stands accused of attempted murder and elder abuse.

A Scary Summer

Farber's first scare the summer of 2012 happened in July. Even though he was 92, Farber always enjoyed his daily walk, often inside the local Walmart. When Farber realized that he was too tired for his normal walks, he went to see a doctor. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

After his cancer treatments, Farber went home to recover but soon decided to move to a place with "assisted-care living" in nearby Carlsbad. Farber began to pack up all the things he had gathered during the 14 years spent at his home in Oceanside and put

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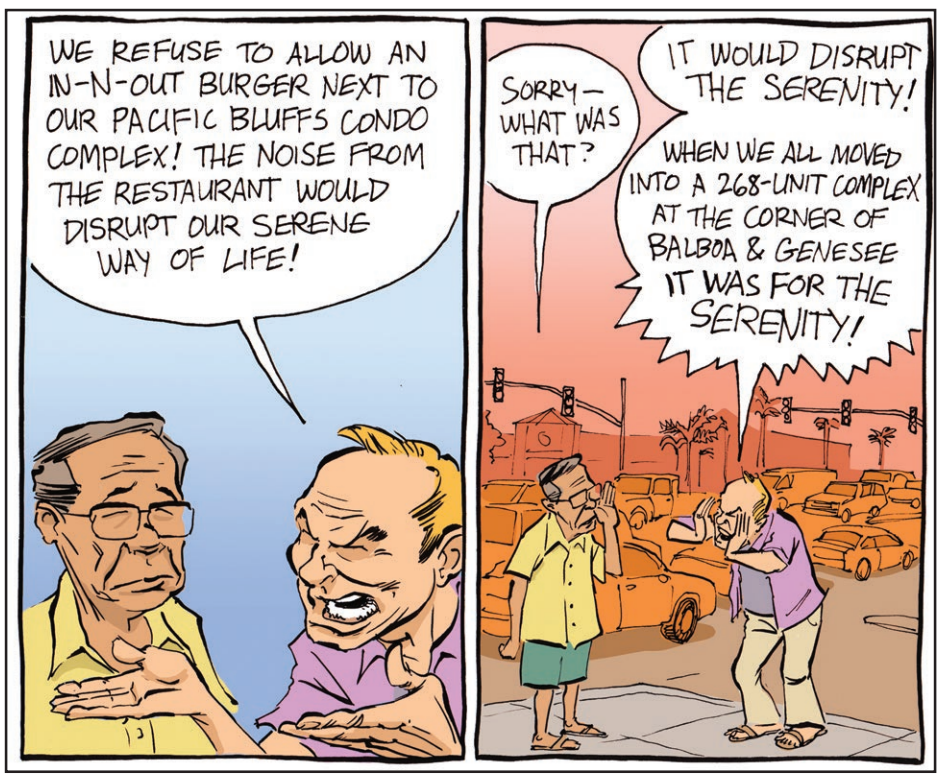

them into cardboard boxes.

At this time, between hospital and moving to the assisted-living facility, Farber got a temporary live-in care-giver, a petite Filipina woman named Marlene. "She kept an eye on me. She did some cooking." Marlene stayed with him 24 hours a day.

Marlene was placed with Farber through the Nightingale Home Care agency. That agency required her to keep constant notes; for example, whenever Farber had a guest or took a nap, Marlene made a note of it. She had been there about ten days before Darling came over.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB WEATHERSTON

"She was in my will," Benjamin Farber said of Donna Darling. "We've taken her off. Since this incident."

A pillow over his face

"She showed up on her own," said Farber. "I never called her and asked for her help packing." It was Thursday, August 16, 2012, when Darling came over. "It was in the afternoon." Sixty-year-old Darling offered to help. "She came in with a packing box."

Farber's care-giver Marlene testified, "I saw a pillow was in his face. And I saw a sweater was in his mouth."

First Darling sat and chatted with Farber. It was a hot afternoon, and after awhile Darling asked Farber if he wanted a cool drink, he remembered later. "It was unusual for her to offer me a drink that way."

Darling got a can of Glucerna from the supply Farber kept in his fridge. "It was my favorite drink, a kind of chocolate drink." She decanted the chocolate drink into a cup. Farber said he usually just drank from the can. "She urged me to drink out of a glass, which I didn't want to."

Farber said he didn't want to finish the drink because it didn't taste good. He also claimed he could see a "residue" in the cup.

Farber said that within a few minutes he felt weak, so he went to lie down in his bedroom.

"Pretty soon Donna came in," Farber said. "She kneeled down by my bed." Farber said Darling kept repeating, "'No pain, no pain.'" He didn't know why she kept saying that. Then suddenly a pillow was slapped onto his face "with great force." Farber said he couldn't get his breath. "I tried to get my head out where I could breathe. And I was trying to yell for help. I yelled for help, a couple of times."

Farber said he tried offering his attacker money when he could get a breath to speak. "I was just trying to save myself."

After three to five minutes, Marlene came into the room and asked what was going on. "She got off me then." Farber said the attack stopped abruptly. "Donna had been straddling me, holding me down."

Farber said his arms had been held down but then he was able to sit up and he reached down beside his bed. "I took my house slipper, slapped her across the head with it. She said, 'Ouch!'"

Marlene said that when she came into the room she could see Darling leaning over the elderly man, and then "they split.... And I saw a pillow was in his face. And I saw a sweater was in his mouth."

When she looked at Farber, "He was shaking, he was scared."

Police later collected a gray sweatshirt that had fresh blood on it, which the Marlene said had been stuffed into Farber's mouth. "Mr. Farber removed the sweater from his mouth. I saw it," Marlene insisted at a court hearing in January 2013.

Darling was arrested the same day as the incident. She soon bailed out and remains at liberty until she goes on trial for attempted murder and elder abuse. She's pleaded not guilty to both charges. Her next court date is June 25.■

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UNDER THE RADAR

Booze, sweets, and Vargas It took only a short time for Democrat **Juan Vargas** to conduct his first San Diego fundraiser as a newly elected Democratic congressman. On March 22, according to an invitation widely circulated here and on Capitol Hill, Vargas threw his "first annual" "Margaritas, Mariachis & Mulligans" fundraiser, teeing off at Mission Valley's Riverwalk golf course. The per-person tab for golf and booze was listed as $1250. Attendees who went to only the reception paid $250. According to a recent filing with the Federal Election Commission, contributions booked by the campaign that week included $1750 from **Mark Arabo**, the head of the Neighborhood Market Association, a group representing convenience markets and liquor-store proprietors. In April the market association agreed to pay a $6000 fine to San Diego's city ethics commission to settle charges it failed to fully disclose so-called robocalls and direct-mail hits it made against Democrat **Bob Filner** in last year's mayoral campaign, ultimately won by Filner, a onetime Vargas nemesis.

It's not the great sand shot that's making Juan Vargas smile, it's the thousands he raked in at his Mission Valley golf fundraiser.

Other notable San Diego Vargas backers included developer **William Ayyad** ($2000); real estate man **Bernardo Diaz** ($800); Sunroad's **Aaron Feldman**, developer of that controversial over-height building near Montgomery Field ($500); **Fred Maass**, the developer caught up in the scandal over so-called opposition research he commissioned against GOP ex-councilman and mayoral candidate **Carl DeMaio** ($1000); and developer **Bruce Tabb** ($2500). Political action committees also got in on the action, including the Employees of Northrup Grumman Corporation PAC ($2500); Experian PAC ($1500); Humane Society Legislative Fund PAC ($1000); and Ameripac, a PAC associated with Maryland Democratic congressman **Steny H. Hoyer**, second-ranking in the House Democratic leadership ($2000).

A great deal of the other PAC cash collected by Vargas came from those associated with the sugar industry. They included the American Crystal Sugar Company PAC ($5000); American Sugar Cane League Political Action Committee ($1000); American Sugarbeet Growers Association PAC ($1000); California Beet Growers Association LTD Political Committee ($500); Great Lakes Sugarbeet Growers PAC ($3000); Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative Sugar PAC ($1000); Snake River Sugar Co. Political Action Committee ($1000); Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative PAC ($2000); and the Western Sugar Cooperative PAC ($3000).

It happens that the sugar producers have been battling against proposals to abolish price supports on the sweet stuff. Pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into its battle, the sugar kings have so far been able to hang on to their subsidies; last week the Senate rejected the reform measure on a 55-45 vote.

Vargas, who sits on the key House Agriculture Committee, wasn't alone in taking sugar cash. *Roll Call* noted Monday, June 10, that the American Crystal Sugar Company reported spending $1,004,117 on lobbying during the first quarter of 2013, about $300,000 less than for all of last year. Lawmakers from big sugar-producing states, including liberal Democratic senator **Al Franken** of Minnesota, have fought off the would-be reform legislation. Senate passage of the farm bill was expected Monday, with the House taking up its final version soon.

Vargas used much of the cash he raised during the first three months of this year to pay down campaign debts. He made a $25,000 payment to the Primacy Group, the political consulting outfit owned by **Larry Remer**, whose hard-hitting attacks last month against Democratic city-council candidate **Dwayne Crenshaw**, heavily backed by the Republican Lincoln Club, drew editorial opprobrium from GOP developer **Douglas Manchester's** *U-T San Diego*. Remer worked for labor-backed Democrat **Myrtle Cole**, who won the Fourth District race.

John Moores's buddy Jeff Schemmel, ex-SDSU athletic director, is back in Alabama consulting for Auburn University.

Schemmel's sweet home Alabama JMI Sports, the big-money consulting outfit set up by controversial financier and ex-Padres owner **John Moores**, has picked up another client in the chronically

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Quash Squelchy

Dear Ed Bedford:

I don't read everything you write, but the last five food reviews I did read used the word "squelchy." I suggest you lose the word. It was kind of descriptive the first time, but really sounds silly now.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

A Solution for the Disenrolled

What a horrible change the casinos have wrought within the tribes (June 6 cover story: "Can You Find the Big Secret in This Casino?"). There is no recourse for the former Pala members (and the hundreds of others this is happening to), due to the manipulations of their current executive committee.

I understand how the cultural gulf caused by generations of abuse and mistrust makes reaching outside the tribal system almost unthinkable. But I hope these folks will do just that, and go to all California voters for help.

You can create leverage from the outside. Petition state legislators to amend Proposition 1A to make gaming licenses contingent on mandatory participation in an intertribal council that would have the final authority on appeals regarding tribal enrollment.

Beth McCrindle
via email

The Spirit of Margarita Brittain

Regarding the June 6 cover article, "Can You Find the Big Secret in This Casino?" As a non-Indian who has had occasion to interact with various Pala tribal members since the mid-1970s, I feel that if Robert Smith were to have the misfortune to be visited by the spirit of Margarita Brittain, he would not come to rest in the sanctuary of Chinigchinich.

Chris White
via email

Dig Deeper

I'm calling about the article you have in the *Reader* about the casino ("Can You Find the Big Secret in This Casino?" June 6 cover story). There's much more going on. You should dig deeper into this story. There's a *big* story here.

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Our Town

I have lived and worked in Ramona for almost 30 years and was shocked to read the article where Moss Gropen reported on our town ("You Can't Pet a Solar Panel," May 28 cover story). I doubt the author is even a homeowner in San Diego County. I know nothing about the author, but this person surely does not know anything about Ramona.

The article looked at some old parts of Ramona, which can be found in any town in our county. Maybe someday Moss Gropen should come

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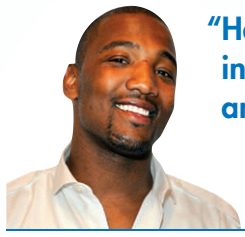

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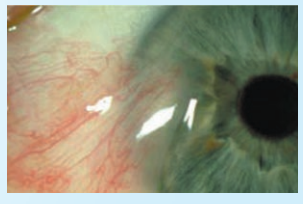

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TIJUANA

Cardboard houses and one meal a day

Extreme poverty increase overwhelms charities

Growing unemployment, persistent underemployment, and a steady influx of deportations from the U.S. have left the Catholic Church in Tijuana hard-pressed to meet

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Tijuana residents wait outside Casa de los Pobres ("house of the poor").

the needs of the poor who turn to it for help, according to a June 5 story in *El Sol de Tijuana*.

Several longstanding and well-known charitable agencies sponsored by the Archdiocese of Tijuana now find themselves overwhelmed by the increasing numbers of those living in "extreme poverty," the newspaper reported.

Instead of serving what has been the usual two meals a day, La Casa de los Pobres ("house of the poor") in Colonia Altamira now provides a single meal, beginning at 7 a.m. On average, more than 6000 people a week rely on Casa de los Pobres for the single meal they eat daily.

"Casa de los Pobres desperately needs your help!" says a notice posted on the charity's website. "The combination of the serious economic downturn and the horrific drug-cartel violence afflicting Tijuana has created a steep decline in both donations and volunteers. Without Casa doing what it does, day after day after day, the very bad situation in Tijuana would become incomparably worse."

Across the city, reports *El Sol*, many of the poor are living out of cardboard boxes and begging for money on the streets. When times get particularly tough, they turn to one of the city's 105 Catholic parishes for help.

Some of the poor apparently aren't all that grateful. In some parishes in outlying areas, reports *El Sol*, the bells used to call the faithful to worship have been silenced by thieves: "They steal them so they can sell the metal for a little bit of money."

An announcement late last week from Banco de México suggests the growing plight of Tijuana's poor is not likely to reverse course anytime soon. For ten consecutive months, beginning in July 2012, the bank said in a monthly report that there has been a steady decline in the amount of money Mexicans living abroad have been sending home to their families.

BOB MCPHAIL, JUNE 5

GOLDEN HILL

Urban warmth

Local artist installs new mural at Jaroco Market

On Wednesday, May 29, local artist Giancarlo Pia installed his first outdoor large-scale mural — on the north wall of Jaroco Market at the corner of 25th and B streets.

At approximately 17′5″ wide by 7′5″ tall, the piece is Pia's largest to date. Titled Golden Hill, the mural began as a small-scale collage Pia arranged and layered using an X-Acto knife before he had it enlarged. He united the images in hopes of conveying an urban warmth that would reflect the neighborhood he has lived in for three years.

The artist approached the owner of Jaroco Market, a mainstay of the community, to ask if he could use the wall (a popular spot for taggers) to install an art piece. The two collaborated on the plan.

The resulting artwork was enlarged and printed by reproHAUS on DPF 8000 vinyl film, which is made of PVC and used for outdoor applications such as billboards and automobile wraps. Like a giant sticker, the art was installed by adhering the material

PHOTOGRAPH BY IRVIN GAVIDOR

Giancarlo Pia's PVC wall wrap, *Golden Hill*, on the Jaroco Market, is his largest to date.

to the wall and rolling from the top down, in sections.

Pia said he is pleased with the imperfect outcome: the textured plaster of the wall gives the work another dimension, and the visible edges show the process of creation.

A graffiti-proof coating protects the art, though Pia expresses his feeling that "not all graffiti art is bad." He sees his piece as a nod to other street and outdoor art in the community and cites Chicano Park as a source of inspiration.

LEORAH GAVIDOR, JUNE 6

VISTA

Poinsettia gets tagged

Vans, trucks, trailers, campers graffitied

Early Monday morning, June 3, calls were made to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to report graffiti painted on many vehicles and the sidewalk on the 400 block of Poinsettia Avenue in Vista.

Most of the tagging was done on the sides of large vehicles, such as vans, trucks, trailers, and campers. Complaints came from residents of the surrounding apartment complexes, who use Poinsettia Avenue (which runs along the west side of Highway 78) as overflow parking.

The sheriff's department graffiti detail and the Vista Public Works graffiti removal crew were soon on the scene to assess the damage.

According to Tom Dubose from the city, gradually, more high-profile taggers are being arrested as a result of investigative practices. He said before they start to paint over or remove graffiti, sheriff's deputies take photographs; the info is then put into a graffiti tracking and documentation system that identifies patterns of certain monikers.

JOHN T. GRIFFITH, JUNE 4

HILLCREST

"Glamping" it is...

Residents' unique solution to termite-tent robbers

Alicia and Robert, the owners of a single-family house on Lewis Street in Hillcrest, had heard of people wearing gas masks and robbing houses while they were being tented for termites. So, they decided to pitch a tent in their front yard on May 30, next to the one covering their home.

The couple set up an awning, spread a few nice carpets, brought in a small table, a few cozy pillows, a pair of patio chairs, some beach chairs, ran a couple of extension cords, and plugged in a laptop and portable radio. A 12-pack of Dos Equis was secured under Robert's laptop and the latest copy of the *Reader* was at their feet.

"'Glamping,' I think they call it," said Alicia.

They appeared to be enjoying themselves, although they said things get interesting around 2 a.m. when the bars let out.

J. VINCENT PILUSO, JUNE 3

CHULA VISTA

Did he or didn't he?

Brand's testimony in pay-to-play case contradicted

On May 30, the *U-T* published the testimony of Sweetwater Union High School District superintendent Ed Brand, given to the San Diego County Grand Jury late last year.

From November to December 2012, the grand jury conducted secret hearings to inquire into the alleged corruption of trust-

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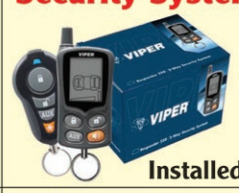

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A Hard Place

by Barbarella

I have been suffering from what I refer to as Cause Fatigue, brought on by a barrage of missions mowing me down on the street, at the grocery store, or wherever I am via tweets, status updates, and emails.

As with most things that wear me down, my CF built up gradually. Back in December, I signed George Takei's petition on *Change.org* to "allow e-readers and other safe devices to be used at all times during flights." The "no electronics, even in airplane-mode" rule is stupid — everyone knows that reading from an e-book or playing *Angry Birds* is not going to crash the plane. I sneak-read from my devices during takeoffs and landings. I clicked the link to sign the petition because I fancied the idea of not having to hide my electronic dalliances.

Apparently, I must have overlooked a box that needed unchecking, because ever since I created an account (a necessary step before signing a petition), I've been receiving regular emails about other "campaigns for change."

There aren't enough hours in the day to properly research the facts surrounding every petition that pops up. After languishing in my inbox, I usually end up deleting most with barely a glance.

There are local petitions, like the one to urge Sprouts to rehire a disabled man they fired over what the petitioner claimed was a misunderstanding; and there are national ones, such as the one calling for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network to change its policies to save the life of a ten-year-old girl who will die within the week unless she's recognized as an adult.

The only problem with all those petitions is that I only have a portion of the information I need to make an informed opinion. The petitioners count on people like me to react emotionally to these outcries and only consider the complexities of the surrounding circumstances as an afterthought. But issues are rarely black-and-white. A brief search to find out more about the poor dying girl led me to this quote, attributed to an NYU bioethicist: "Acting under pressure from a media savvy family 'or the noisiest person in line' is bad policy."

Pressure is needed for change, but that quote made me realize that I had been ready to grab a pitchfork and head to the hospital without knowing whether or not one girl's survival would mean a different person's demise. I didn't have all the facts — I had a heartrending plea from distraught parents and the sickening awareness creeping in that there are children who die every day because of bureaucracy or limitations in resources. How many of them might have lived had there been enough noise calling attention to *their* plight?

Causes are like nipples — everyone seems to have at least two. The countless entreaties that appear in my daily digital feed address all kinds of problems that need solving, such as abused elders, abandoned animals, towns razed by natural disasters, global warming, heart disease, homelessness, and every kind of cancer. There're also kids who need surgery to correct cleft lips, veterans who need help finding jobs, and natural habitats that must be preserved.

There aren't enough hours in the day to properly research the facts surrounding every petition that pops up. After languishing in my inbox, I usually end up deleting most with barely a glance. When I consciously think about wrongdoings and suffering, the empathy becomes overwhelming; apathy is my protective mechanism.

In the midst of this recent "care crisis," I turned to my father, who always seems to be caring about one thing or another, volunteering for this or marching to raise awareness for that. "I sometimes think if I try to maintain awareness of everything everyone wants me to be aware of that I'll just go insane," I said. "I'm tapped. My emotional resources are all allocated."

"You can care about everything," Dad said, "but you can't do something about everything." Regarding the situation with the girl who needs a lung in order to live, he said, "Whose heart wouldn't get ripped out thinking about that? The lady in charge of Health and Human Services, the one everyone's attacking because she's not making an emergency exception to the rules — you can look at this woman and say she's a horrible bitch, but she's stuck between a rock and a hard place."

"But if you care about it, doesn't it bother you to not help with it? I'm not talking about all the stuff you're already involved with — Make-A-Wish or Special Delivery — I mean the things you know of, but that you choose, for whatever reason, to not do anything about," I said.

"When the tornado hit Oklahoma, you know, I have some time, maybe I could have gone over there to volunteer to help sort through rubble or whatever," Dad said. "But I sent $100 to the Salvation Army instead. Whenever something terrible happens and I'm concerned about people as fellow Americans, or fellow people on Earth, I send money to a group I think will be able to help them. I'm not going to beat myself up for the ones I don't help. I don't disregard those things, but you'd burn yourself out if you tried to do something for everyone."

"But what about when people try to make you feel bad, like you should care more about something that's not real high on your list?"

"In my world, I do what I can, where I can," Dad said. "I'm comfortable with what I do and I feel like I'm participating. This may sound cheesy, but I shine my light and I share my love."

"No, it's not cheesy at all," I said, smiling to myself as I thought, *Schmaltzy is the word you're looking for.*

After ending the call, I stared out the window without seeing anything, as if I were focusing on the air itself. Maybe Cause Fatigue was just a symptom, and the underlying disease was the nagging sense that my protective mechanism had become the norm. That the thousands of needles poking at my heart had only served to thicken and harden it. ■ *(@barbarellaf)*

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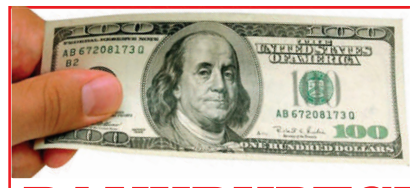
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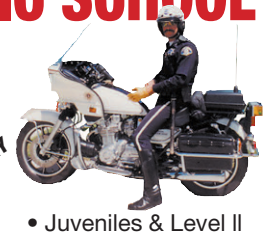
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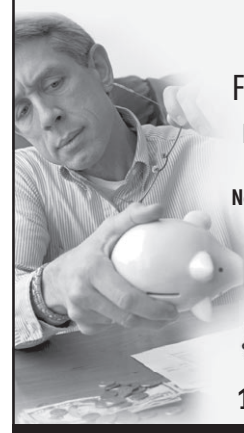
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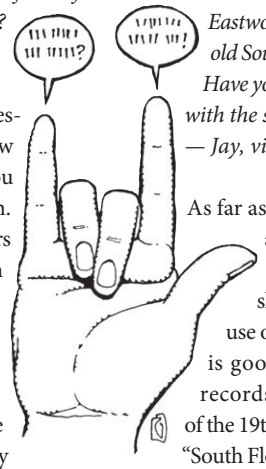
BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:
I have always wondered why some people who use American Sign Language speak words as they sign them, sometimes without making any actual sound. If sign language is intended for deaf people, what is the point in using speech?
— Kyle, CIty Heights



There's no single answer for this question, but I can shed some light on a few different parts of the problem for you and at least draw a partial conclusion. There are some people, usually members of the "hearing" community, for whom ASL is a second language. For them, the link between speech and sound is so deeply ingrained that it's hard to disassociate the two things and speak only with the hands. Effectively, they're translating words into signs as they say them, much the same way as someone learning a second language has to formulate thoughts in his first language before translating them into the second. Fluency occurs when someone learns to think and process information in a new language, removing the intermediary step of silent translation. There's a whole lot of tricky, structural linguistics from Roman Jakobson, Ferdinand de Saussure, Roland Barthes (among others), but I'll spare you the college lecture.

Truly fluent ASL speakers involve the face and mouth in signing. "Mouth movements" and other non-manual signs are very different than "mouthed words," because they are not associated with verbal speech. They're more like punctuation marks, suffixes, prefixes, contractions, and all the subtle parts of speech that give nuance to conventional language. Deaf (and ably hearing) ASL speakers capable of fully expressing themselves via sign use much more than their hands. Facial expressions and gestural signifiers aren't limited to sign language by any means. Just watch someone with an expressive set of eyebrows talk. If you pay attention, you'll start to see linguistic patterns emerge in just about anything. Sign languages are still being studied and theorized over because, while they operate much like conventional languages, they aren't identical in every aspect. Those key differences get linguists all hot and bothered, sparking no end of saucy, academic debates.

Heymatt:
How come we always refer to "South Florida" when conventions for other states and places dictate the use of "southern?" I'm thinking of how you would say "Southern California" or "Southern Illinois." Even the South itself is referred to as the "Southern United States" when you use "south" adjectivally. "South Florida" is the only exception I can think of. What gives?
— via voicemail

Heymatt:
How come I have never heard of anyone with the last name of South? There are plenty of Wests and Norths. East is a bit more rare. It usually serves as the foundation for a suffix: Clint Eastwood, George Eastman, etc., Poor old South is barren in the name game. Have you or your elves heard of anyone with the surname of South?
— Jay, via email

As far as South and Southern Florida are concerned, both terms are equally valid and nobody should hem and haw over your use of either. The *New York Times* is good enough to keep accurate records dating back to the middle of the 19th Century. Up until the 1960s, "South Florida" and "Southern Florida" appeared with roughly equal frequency in the world's biggest newspaper, each one being used a couple of hundred times per year. From the 1960s until today, use of "Southern Florida" steadily drops off and the familiar "South Florida" gains an overwhelming majority. Why this idiosyncrasy got locked into speech around the middle of the 20th Century is anybody's guess. My theory is that the spread of television gave verbal communication an edge over the written word and formerly localized terms became more widespread following their use in mass media. Lots of other things are like this. After all, why "upstate New York?" One thing they say about Florida is that "the further north you go, the further south you are." What that means is that the northern part of the state is more socially in tune with the culture of the Southern United States. That is to say, you're more likely to see Confederate flags, sweet tea, and pronounced drawls in Tallahassee than in Miami.

As far as people's names go, West is the only one of the cardinal directions to break into the top 1000 surnames in the United States during the past couple of U.S. censuses. It actually did well, almost cracking the top 100! North, South, and East aren't even on the list of the top 1000 as of the 2000 census. Would you believe Osborn, Bright, and Bolton all trump the directional names? I found census records from 1990 that ranked every single surname in the U.S. North is #1797, East is #2620, and South is the big loser at #2723...only slightly less common than Troutman. Ouch.

In case this all left you wondering, at the very bottom of the list, ringing in at #88799, is the least common surname (that appears with sufficient frequency as to be statistically significant) in the entire United States: Aalderink.

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I drank a beer, standing in the doorway and getting the cool breath of wind from the street.
— Ernest Hemingway, *The Sun Also Rises*

After a week in Greece, I've decided that my favorite Greek beer is "FIX." It's a fitting name, maybe too fitting. It kind of makes me feel self-conscious when I order it, as if I'm a borderline alcoholic who hasn't yet come to grips with my addiction. I can't avoid the word and its English meaning. Every time I drink it I see the big label right in front of me: FIX. When I'm hot and thirsty and ready for a beer, I visualize the can or glass bottle: FIX. It doesn't help that the heat here compels me to drink it more like water than an alcoholic beverage. Yes, drinking FIX has made me start to question myself: How much beer do I drink? Am I drinking too much? And am I addicted to it?

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At the very least, drinking a beer called FIX is a reality check — like having to fill out the form in the doctor's office where you have to mark the box next to how many alcoholic drinks you consume in an average week. Well, imagine thinking about that doctor's form every time you order a drink! This beer might as well be called "fiend," "addict," or "the shakes." [Editor's note: There is in fact a Belgian strong ale branded Delirium Tremens.] I'm at the point where I'm tempted to copy my girlfriend and order red wine just because, psychologically speaking, it would be easier.

Usually, I have maybe a beer a day with dinner. Sometimes, I have two or three at a happy hour — sometimes more — but that's it. Now that I'm on vacation, I'm drinking about three or four a day, sometimes five — one or two during the day and a few more at night. Not a big deal, but I've been on vacation now for at least two weeks — arguably much longer. So, those five a day, sometimes six (multiplied by 14 days or more) are now on the spectrum of alcoholism, right? I guess it depends on who you ask. Of course, "alcoholism" is a strong word, which is why I try to avoid using it. But if I consider that I've been drinking multiple beers every day and factor in that the beer I drink here is called "FIX," that I'm a writer, and I'm currently reading Hemingway, then we've got a dangerous mix.

Consider this: I know all of five words in Greek — *yassas* ("hello"), *efaristo* ("thank you"), *kalispera* ("good afternoon"), *parakalo* ("you're welcome"), and FIX. Most of my Greek language exchanges are at walk-up bars and go something like this:

"*Yassas*!" I say.

"*Yassou*," says the bartender, "*kalispera*."

"FIX?" I say.

Then the bartender repeats FIX in the affirmative and pulls one — preferably a bottle — out of the fridge. He puts it on the counter and I imagine that he's the devil incarnate.

"*Epharisto*," I say.

"*Parakalo*," he tells me and smiles. The spikes in his hairstyle look like horns. I turn to the bearded, chubby, gray-haired man to my left. He's wearing Speedos and sipping a margarita. He looks a little like Socrates, so I imagine his margarita as hemlock. I walk away from the bar with my FIX, happy — having used every Greek word I know — yet feeling like an afflicted beer aficionado.

The other thing that's strange about drinking FIX is that it doesn't even sound Greek or sound like a beer that tastes good. It sounds more like the name of an industrial glue or a multipurpose cleanser. So I'm thinking I might start to drink Alpha or Mythos just because it sounds more Greek and doesn't make me feel like such a junkie. Though, the truth is, at the end of the day (which is literally right now), I'm not all that worried about my beer intake. If I was truly guilty or self-conscious about it, then I wouldn't be sitting here in front of my computer, drinking another FIX.

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Good times

The Heat's Chris Andersen overcame 315,968,000-to-1 odds to play in this year's NBA Championship.

The most improbable player in the NBA Finals is Miami's forward/center/sixth man Chris Andersen. Improbable is an understatement. The man overcame 315,968,000 to 1 odds.

Andersen, 35 next month, was born in Long Beach and moved to Iola, Texas, when he was a toddler. According to Wikipedia, Chris "... was the second of the three children of Danish corrections officer Claus Andersen and Linda Holubec, a Tennessee native who worked as a waitress.... In 1982, when Andersen was four, his family moved to Texas, using a loan from the Texas Veterans Land Board to purchase a ten-acre plot in unincorporated Iola.... Claus left the family without even finishing the house they were building. The Andersens then lived off the land, with Linda working on low-end jobs and relying on the help of neighbors and Linda's brother.... During Andersen's middle-school years, he and his siblings were even sent to a group home in Dallas for three years."

So, Dad was not only a corrections officer, but a *Danish* corrections officer. One wonders, among correction officers, is there a special Danish subdivision? Or, did Dad, just off the boat from Denmark, make a quick recon into California, and, disgusted by what he saw, decide to become a peasant farmer in Iola, Texas?

But, this is only the beginning of strange. Andersen enrolled into Blinn College, a junior college with campuses in Brenham, Bryan, Schulenburg, and Sealy, Texas. Beloved by those who know Blinn College, but not necessarily a national brand.

Now we come upon Andersen's gifts: he's tall, 6 feet, 10 inches, plays basketball with great energy, is a great shot-blocker, and a great rebounder. Andersen dropped out of Blinn to await the 1999 NBA draft. And wait, wait, wait, he did. He wasn't aware you had to fill out NBA paperwork in order to be drafted.

So, he did exhibition games with a Texas semi-pro team, thence the Chinese Basketball League, then back to the States and the International Basketball League. He played for New Mexico Slam and Fargo-Moorhead Beez. Following year signed with the NBA Development League's Fayetteville Patriots. Played two games for them and then upgraded to the Denver Nuggets. It's November 2001.

There are 400 players, give or take, in the NBA. There are, roughly, 85 foreign players, leaving, roughly, 315 native-born players in the league. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of the United States, as of June 6, 2013, was 315,968,000. So, you have a one in a million chance of playing in the NBA just by being born here. But, coming into the NBA by way of Iola, Texas, Blinn College, Chinese Basketball League, IBL, NBA D-League, I'll set those odds at one in a billion.

But, Andersen made it. Salary for 2001–'02, his rookie NBA year, was $288,000. Couple years later, $600,000+, couple years after that, $3,500,000. Big money, big fame, big love. Life is sweet.

In January 2006, Andersen tested positive for a banned substance. He was booted from the NBA for two years, which indicates the substance was not a performance-enhancing drug or marijuana, but something on the NBA's "Drugs of Abuse" list, which includes cocaine, heroin, morphine, LSD, and PCP, for openers.

Two years' banishment can be regarded as career-ending. But, Andersen came back. He was reinstated in March 2008 and signed with the New Orleans Hornets, only to be released after the season. Denver to the rescue. He played the 2008–'09 season for them, finished second in the league in shots he blocked per game, while averaging only 20 minutes of play. The Nuggets signed him to a five-year contract.

It's May of 2012. *SB Nation* headlines: "Chris 'Birdman' Andersen's Home Searched as Part of Child Pornography Investigation."

That's a show-stopper. And it certainly stopped the Denver Nuggets, which immediately excused Andersen, indefinitely, from all team-related activities. Indefinitely turned into forever.

Even now, a year after the search, Andersen has never been arrested, never been charged with any crime. And, even now, a year after the search, police have not closed the case. Two weeks ago a sheriff's office spokesman emailed journalist Michael Roberts: "The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit began investigating Andersen in February 2012 and executed a warrant on 05/10/12. The investigation has been ongoing and continues to be ongoing."

Denver dropped him, no other team was interested, Andersen is out of basketball. It's over.

Until last January. Miami, desperately needing help inside, signed Andersen to a ten-day contract. And another one. Then a contract for the rest of the season. Now, Andersen is on a team playing for the world championship and he's playing brilliantly.

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

For $3.5 million, you can own award-winning Milagro Farms Vineyard and Winery, which sits on 110 acres of vines and orchards in Ramona.

Has sunning on one of the coast's pristine beaches become a bore? Is collecting cars a bit of a drag? For San Diego's well-to-do and the entrepreneurially-minded, the solution to such woes might be found in East County's backcountry — when you take over your own established winery.

With an asking price of $3,500,000, Milagro Farm Vineyards and Winery in Ramona qualifies as the most expensive property currently offered in any of San Diego County's eastern communities. The property spans 110 acres, 20 of which are planted with 10,000 producing grape vines of 11 different varieties.

In addition to the wine grapes, the estate also includes apple and olive orchards, a citrus grove, pens for raising hogs, and an area for free-range chicken and turkeys that's also home to a handful of peacocks.

While there are several residential units on the property, the newest and largest, with just over 2400 square feet built in 2008, is likely more a vacation retreat than a full-time residence for the true elite. Referred to in listing materials as the "lake house," the three-bedroom, three-bathroom home is well appointed, with vaulted exposed-beam ceilings, an open chef's kitchen with stone and butcher-block countertops, and a master bath suite with an antique-style claw-foot tub next to a separate oversized glass shower enclosure. Outside, the home sits just above the private lake "with its own beach and several cascading water features." A terraced limestone patio and wooden dock provide outdoor entertainment venues.

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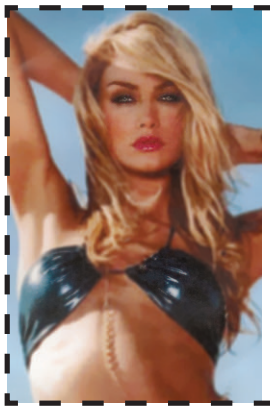
making operations. Hart, according to his Milagro bio, also operates a family winery in Temecula and teaches oenology and horticulture at MiraCosta College in Oceanside.

Buying the vineyards comes with prestige already built in – Milagro Farm's website boasts dozens of awards across several categories from local, regional, and national wine competitions over the past half-decade of operation. ■

Kit and Karen Sickels, and began production in 2006, when the Ramona Valley was named an American Viticultural Area, a federal designation for distinct wine-producing regions.

The winery's website names Jim Hart as the person in charge of wine-



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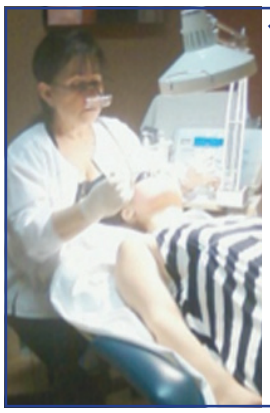

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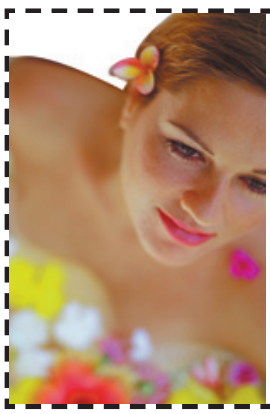

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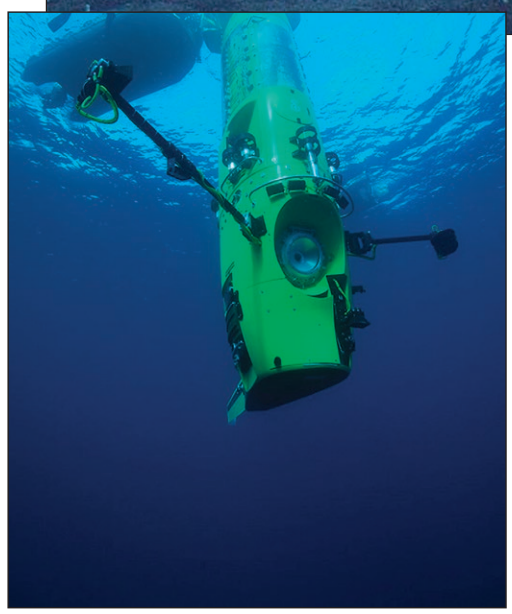
Under the Sea

Scripps Oceanography Researcher Makes Film: James Cameron: Undersea Invader

"It's like Avatar, *except with sea cucumbers instead of Na'vi"*

New movie star Xeno (top), the spunky xenophyophore amoeba who refuses to just drift along and accept his fate



Cameron's research vessel/attack ship

When Scripps Institute of Oceanography researcher Natayla Gallo was selected to review the 25 hours of video footage collected by James Cameron during his historic dive to the bottom of the bottom of the sea, she was thrilled. "First, I was delighted at the opportunity to participate in this historic project. Never before has mankind been able to make such a careful study of the undersea world at this depth. Cameron provided us with vast quantities of rich data — and all filmed in 3D! I discovered at least two new species — a sea cucumber and a multi-mouthed worm — all thanks to Cameron's willingness to invest so much time and money in the development and deployment of his *Deepsea Challenger* sub. The man is a true explorer. And, second, it was so cool to work with the man who made *Avatar*, my favorite film of all time!"

But as Gallo began to read the press surrounding the institute's decision to award Cameron the 2013 Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest, she started to see the project in a new, less-flattering light. "I started reading all this stuff from scientists and commenters about how humanity is going to need to start extracting more and more resources from the sea. I started reading about how this research could help us do that. And I started to realize: James Cameron is leading the invading force, and the bottom of the ocean is Pandora."

So Gallo has started editing the 25 hours of footage into a feature film designed to reflect this reality. "I've brought in some CGI and an all-star cast. [Cameron ex-wife] Linda Hamilton is playing the voice of the Sea Cucumber, and [Cameron ex-wife] Kathryn Bigelow is in talks to direct. The world has got to know that James Cameron is really [*Avatar* villain] Miles Quaritch."

Left: Quaritch; right: Cameron

Reached for comment, Cameron noted that he was also preparing to use the footage from the dive for a feature film, "and Gallo is about to learn what my HMFIC hat means."

Fake Out

Encinitas Bans Plastic Bags; Sets Sights on Plastic People

"Someone has to take a stand," said longtime Encinitas resident Sunshine Lollipop Rainbow. "Encinitas used to be a beautiful beach town. Then came the plastics. Everywhere you looked, unsightly, tacky, trashy, artificial plastics. Sure, they're good for business, but they're bad for the environment and, ultimately, they're bad for the community."

Rainbow was speaking at an Encinitas City Council meeting in early May, urging the city to follow its North County neighbor Solana Beach in banning the use of plastic shopping bags by local businesses. Remarkably, the measure passed, despite considerable opposition from the Downtown Encinitas Capitalist Pig Partnership, grocery giant Vons, and the China-based manufacturer Amalgamated Plastic Bag and Toxic Sludge, Inc. Even more remarkably, Rainbow gave the exact same speech at another city council meeting on June 3, this time in support of a citywide ban on plastic people.

"I'm not just talking about the breast-implanted bimbos teetering through downtown on $6000 Jimmy Choo stilettos," continued Rainbow, "though, Lord knows, there are good portions of them that are literally plastic....

"I'm also talking about the ladies who are taking pole-dancing classes at Dollhouse Fitness and calling it a workout routine. Hey, ladies, I hear streetwalking provides excellent low-impact cardio."

"They're silicone, silly!"

Student recital at Dollhouse Fitness. As in other sports, specialized footwear is required

Rainbow stressed that she was not just talking about women, "though they really should know better. I'm also talking about corporate greedhead guys who are buying up our coastline to build seven-bedroom, eight-bath, three-story McMansions on a lot that was designed to hold a two-bedroom bungalow. You know, because when you take a bath, you don't just need an ocean view; you need a fireplace....

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"It's got to stop, before Encinitas becomes Rancho Santa Fe West," concluded Rainbow, wrapping herself in her tie-dyed shawl and storming out of the room, her crystals tinkling with every stride and trailed by a cloud of jasmine incense.

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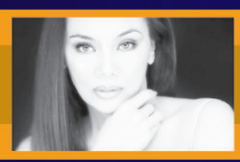

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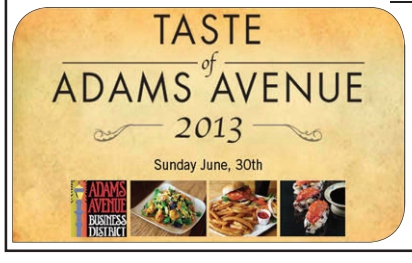

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"When you drain a pool, you're removing 200,000 to 300,000 pounds of water weight from the pool."

It didn't make sense: I had enough chlorine in the Kelly pool to make stingy eyes, but I was still getting algae on the steps. So, I called in Mark Larimer of Save Water Mobile Pool Filtration in Lakeside (619-328-9099; *savewatersd.com*).

"If you use chlorine tabs in your pool," explained Larimer, "you're continually adding more conditioner [cyneric acid]. It helps keep the chlorine from burning off. But once the conditioner gets over 100 parts per million, it starts to act as an umbrella for the chlorine molecule, and it gets hard to keep the pool clean. Even with a high chlorine level, you can still get algae because the conditioner won't let it do its thing. And you can't get rid of conditioner unless you either drain the pool or use reverse osmosis." Larimer provides the latter.

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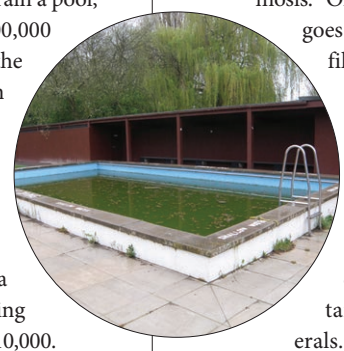
"It's cheaper to drain a pool, fill it up with tap water, and then go down to the pool store and buy $50 worth of chemicals to throw in it," granted Larimer. "Factoring in the cost of water, you'll be up and running for under $300. But the $200 more you pay for filtering is cheap insurance against any problems with your plaster. When you drain a pool, you're removing 200,000 to 300,000 pounds of water weight from the pool. The exposed plaster can blister or get eggshell cracks. There have even been cases where pools pop out of the ground, though that's more likely to happen somewhere like Santee, where the soil has a lot of expansive clay. Replastering a pool can cost from $5000 to $10,000. Though some people do drain their pools and have no problems — it's just a gamble."



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Larimer explained his process. "Before doing a job, I do a water analysis. If you don't need my services, I'll let you know. Your total dissolved solids may be high, but you may just need to upgrade to a better pool filter. I see lots of pools where the filter is undersized or just too old. The equipment I use is almost like a dialysis machine for the pool. We're stripping out the total dissolved solids: the calcium, the minerals, and the conditioner levels that have built up over time. The water level of the pool doesn't really change. We have a hose that's pulling water out for us to filter, then another hose putting it back in. We pull 40 gallons a minute. Of that, 10 gallons are being dumped down the drain — full of conditioner and microbacteria and calcium — and 10 gallons are being added as make-up. Depending on your [dissolved solids] levels, you'll lose 15 to 30 percent of your original water. The whole process takes eight to ten hours."

Larimer recommends filtrations every two to five years for optimal pool longevity. He charges **$575** for filtration. "That includes a chemical reset when we're finished, making sure all the levels are correct — even salt, if it is a salt pool." And if you call for an appointment during the winter season, it's only **$475**.

Bruce Wettistein, co-owner of Pool Service Technologies in Escondido (800-535-0778; *poolservicetech.com*), pointed to another advantage of filtration instead of draining. "You do save water, since you keep about 85 percent of your original water. But city water is going to have minerals in it, predominately calcium. That's what people worry about because it leaves a white line around the swimming pool."

Like Larimar, Wettistein uses reverse osmosis. "Once we pull the water out, it goes through a prefilter, a sand filter, and a UV light. Then it hits the reverse osmosis membrane, where pretty much everything is removed. Even the make-up water we're putting in gets filtered. Nothing coming out of our rig contains any hardness or minerals." Of course, that means if you have a salt pool, "the salt is getting filtered out and you'll need to add salt back into the pool."

Pool Service Technologies charges **$475** for pools up to 20,000 gallons, **$575** for pools up to 25,000 gallons, and **$675** for pools up to 30,000 gallons. "And we always run a seven-point water analysis both before and after the service. First, we make sure you need the service, and last, we let you know what you should do to get the pool chemicals up to their optimum levels."

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Del Mar Cat Fight

There was a notorious cat fight in San Diego County in the spring of 2012. It happened at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, but not during the annual cat show. The fight happened during a circus act.

"She had grabbed my hair and shirt pretty much at the same time, and was ripping at it," said soft-spoken Kallie Lamb Helwig. "At the time I had very long hair. It went past and below my waist, and my hair [hung] down straight." Not anymore.

Helwig tried to save her beautiful hair. "I attempted to get her hands out of my hair. So I felt up my head through my hair and pulled [at] her hands. And I tried to pull her hands off, but I couldn't because she'd wrapped my hair multiple times around her hands. So then I followed her arm up to *her* hair, and I tried pulling it down, and I repeated at least three times, 'Let go and I'll let go!' At the same time, there were so many people converged around us. Everybody was saying, 'Let go!' to both of us."

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Kallie Helwig, after her 15-second scuffle

A witness said both women were bent over at the waist, clutching each other's hair. Then someone took hold of the other woman's shoulders and tried to pull her free. Helwig stumbled and fell to the ground.

"Unfortunately," she said, "I don't think he knew that she had her hands wrapped in my hair."

The scuffle was brief, Helwig said. "From when she first struck until we were separated, I would say no longer than 15 seconds. She ultimately let go, and I felt her release." Helwig was crouched over, down on the ground. Both women were on the ground.

Some of Helwig's hair had been pulled out. There were scabs, later, where hair used to be. Security personnel took photographs of Helwig right after the fracas. In the photos, Helwig has her hair pulled up into a messy ponytail that spills down one side of her head. "The way she had wrapped her hands around my hair, it had matted, and I could not brush it out. And so I had to

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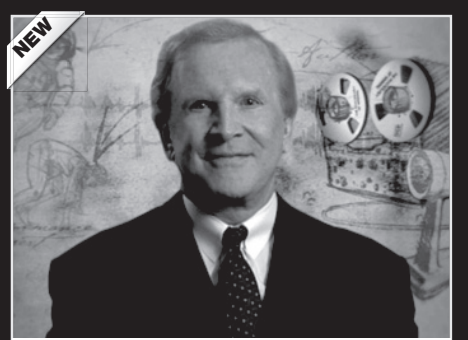

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put it up." It was a quick repair, using a hair tie that Helwig's mother had given her because she was going out on a date.

It was an unsightly incident during a date with a man she was trying to impress. Helwig had arranged the date herself. She bought tickets to the last performance of Cirque du Soleil in San Diego County. This was May 27, 2012. Helwig drove to pick up Gerald Torello, her date. They rented a hotel room near the Del Mar Fairgrounds before heading off to the show.

The scuffle left Helwig hurting. "I had a strain in my neck, and spasms in my neck and back. And headaches. And a contusion to the top of my head." Because of the bare patches where her hair had been ripped out, Helwig cut the rest of her hair short. "Yes, I had to cut my hair."

She admitted that she hit the other woman first, in the head. "I punched her." But Helwig had felt threatened. Then, "I struck her twice more." She admitted, "She never made any specific threat of bodily harm."

Helwig denied that, after the circus performance, she was waiting near the exit specifically to attack the other woman. "Well, I was looking for my mom. I was scanning for my mom. I had attempted to go find her, but I was waiting to exit."

Helwig didn't know where her mom was sitting during the show; they did not have seats together. "I told her I'd see her after the show. We hadn't made any specific plans on where we were going to meet."

Helwig didn't know where Torello was, either, during the slugging and hair-pulling and the tumble to the ground.

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Left to right: Gerald Torello, attorney Richard Muir, and Kallie Helwig at sentencing

After that day, Helwig said, she and Torello "stopped dating."

"Just leave"

After the other woman let go of Helwig's hair, someone told her to "Just leave, just get out of here." She did not see her date, nor her mom, "so I walked down the stairs." She was embarrassed that her shirt was torn, exposing her bra. "I tried to fix my brassiere."

She walked out into the dark parking lot. "They had shuttles, but I didn't take one because I was so embarrassed [about] the way I looked."

Helwig decided to go to the car; she had the keys, but "Nobody was there. So I started returning to the fairgrounds — we were in the fairgrounds still — but [I started] back to the tent. And as I'm walking, I see sheriff's vehicles with their overheads on." Helwig's mom called her cell phone. "'Hey,' [my mom] said, 'the sheriffs [deputies] are on their way. They're going to want a statement from you.' I was already on my way back, so I told my mom, 'I'm on my way. I'll be there shortly.'"

That's when Helwig next saw Torello. She was coming out of the parking lot, walking toward the sheriff's vehicles. Torello looked concerned. "He said, 'What happened to you?' Then he asked me if I was okay because I looked disheveled."

Kallie Helwig explains

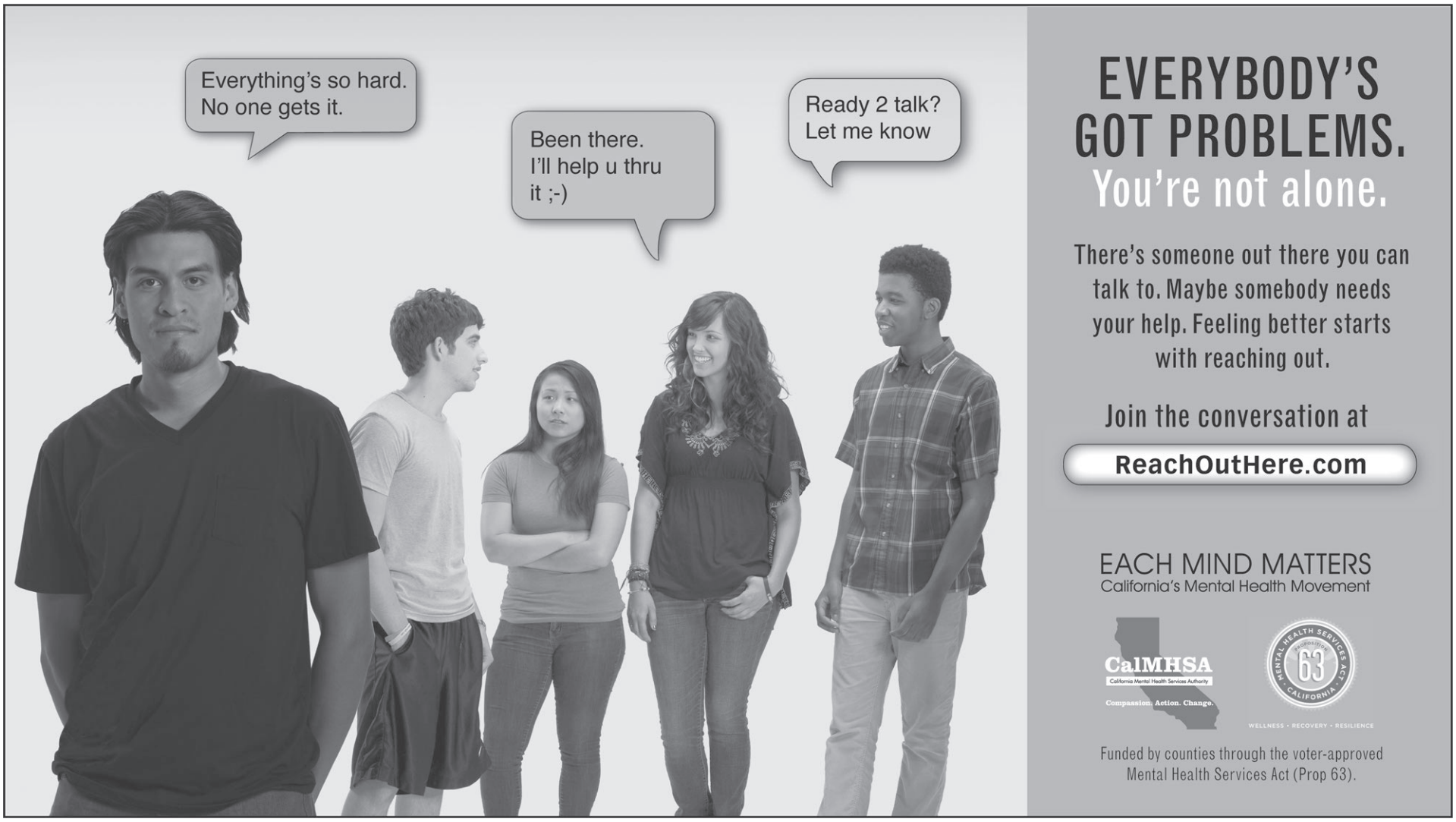
Helwig was 25 years old in February 2013, when she took the witness stand to explain herself. She'd been charged with battery, for hitting the other woman. There were other criminal charges, too.

Her own, friendly attorney asked, "Why did the fight begin?"

"It began because she approached me," Helwig said. "I felt threatened, and I felt that I had no other choice but to defend myself."

Prosecutor Tracy Prior said, "Nothing about this was a fight. It was an attack."

Helwig explained that it began when she bought tickets for the Cirque du Soleil show "as a gift" for her mother. "It was my mother's birthday." Helwig bought three tickets to the "Totem" performance. The total cost came to $339.50.



She also invited her Torello to the show. They'd been dating about three weeks. They'd gone bowling and to the movies.

Helwig and Torello didn't sit with her mother. All the other seats in the area where her mom was sitting might have been taken, but Helwig wasn't sure about that.

That day, a Sunday, Helwig drove to pick up her date, then took him to the hotel, where they met up with Helwig's mom. They rented rooms, then Helwig drove to the fairgrounds.

Helwig said neither she nor Torello drank anything before the show. "He had one glass of champagne during the first act. I had one glass of champagne during intermission."

Torello bought a blue aluminum water bottle for his date as a souvenir. Helwig said she drank only water from the "very nice, expensive water bottle."

During the first half of the show, they were holding hands and kissing. "A little. Closed-mouth kissing." She said it was not all kissing on the mouth. "A lot of it was on the forehead and the cheek." It wasn't "excessive."

At intermission, Torello went to the bar area and bought three glasses of champagne. It made Helwig "nervous," because her mom might be "disappointed or uncomfortable." Helwig is sensitive to drinking. "Both of my parents were alcoholics." She didn't tell Torello this because "Well, it was a date." He didn't need to know about her "family issues." She wanted everybody to "have a good time."

Helwig said, "I asked him if I could have one of the glasses of champagne, and he agreed. I didn't feel comfortable with him having three, so I figured I would take one of them."

Torello wanted to continue drinking in the bar area, but Helwig led him away to a bench. "He was concerned about how long it was going to take before the bar shut down." Helwig was afraid that Torello wanted to buy another drink, and she meant to distract his attention.

Helwig sat on a bench. Torello stood facing her. "I had my arm around his waist, trying to keep him facing me." She grabbed his belt buckle and his pockets. "Well, he had jeans on, so there were pockets where you could insert your hand. I inserted my fingers, not my entire hand." Helwig denied that she'd put her hands inside his pants or that anyone was staring at them.

But two witnesses claimed that Helwig "stuck her hands down the front of his pants."

Torello said something about getting another drink, maybe a shot, but the couple soon wandered off in another direction, away from the bar. "I mean, we weren't there for any longer than a minute-and-a-half to two minutes." She insisted that they did not leave the area because people were staring at them. "No, I left when the bar was closed.

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That's why I left." They had a smoke, then went back inside to see the second half of the how.

The seats were close together

"There was shoulder-bumping," Helwig said, "and, you know, in a lot of circumstances, like at the theater, you're kind of wrestling for the armrests. You don't get your own separate one. Gerry had his arm around me, and the seats we were in were very close quarters. So we're touching shoulders." They did also touch the man seated next to them. "And he turns over and sarcastically says, 'Are you guys enjoying the show?'"

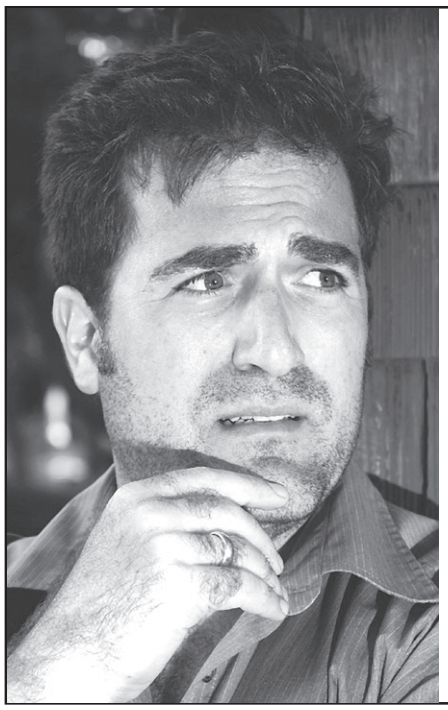
This man later said, "I noticed his hand was going under her shirt."

Helwig said that Torello's hand was never on her breast. "He was just rubbing my stomach." Why did he do that? "He was trying to comfort me because I had been having stomach issues. I had been feeling sick for the last two days." When she told Torello this, "he actually went and bought me some Pepto-Bismol and some over-the-counter medication before we went to the show."

"Hey, the sheriffs are on their way. They're going to want a statement from you."

Helwig denied that Torello was kissing her while rubbing her stomach to comfort her. "We stopped kissing after the first ten minutes of the show." She also said, "I wasn't feeling very well, and he was attempting to comfort me and kiss me, and I was just repeatedly telling him to stop, and no, and to cut it out." Helwig didn't want Torello to be affectionate during the show.

Then she saw a woman



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seated in her row "staring at me prolonged." It made Helwig uncomfortable. "I could not figure out why she seemed, like, so intent on staring in my direction. Then she blurted out, you know, 'Get a room.'"

An attorney asked Helwig, "Why do you think she said to get a room?"

"I figured [it was] because she felt our kissing was inappropriate."

Helwig said she told the woman, "I wish I could just leave," to which the woman replied, "'I can make that happen.' At that point in time, I had not been facing her, and I turned to face her, and I said, 'Excuse me?' And she said, 'You heard me.' In an aggressive tone." The woman's demeanor was also "aggressive."

"It made me feel uncomfortable. I've never been in a situation where I've had to go back and forth with a stranger, and, honestly, I didn't even know what to say to something like that."

Helwig returned her attention to Torello. "I didn't want to ruin our date. So I told him, 'No, it's not you. I'm just not feeling very well.' And he put his arm around me, and I put my elbow on his lap, and I rested my head on my hand."

Her head in his lap?

A prosecutor wanted to know if Helwig's head was in Torello's lap.

"Define 'lap area,'" was Helwig's quick retort. "*In* his lap? *On* his lap? My head was in my hand, my elbow was resting in his lap. That's my testimony."

Helwig demonstrated her position for the jury. "What happened is I had my elbow on his lap, and my head was resting on my hand in this fashion — like this. And I had my other hand on the armrest."

Helwig was charged with lewd acts in public, a serious criminal charge which could require her, if convicted, to register as a sex offender.

Witnesses said they saw Helwig perform a lewd act on her date. But according to Helwig and two defense attorneys, these people were imagining things.

"I had been eating popcorn," Helwig explained. While she rested her head on one hand, with her other hand she reached for the popcorn, which was "right below our feet." She'd stretch a hand down to grab the popcorn, then put it in her mouth. Sometimes she drank out of her metal water bottle. Helwig said she "never" had her

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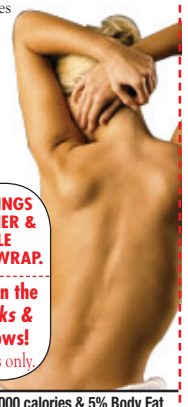
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face down on Torello's lap.

It was "maybe five minutes" later when Torello kissed the top of Helwig's head, and the man seated next to them turned and said, "Why don't you guys just leave?" Torello told the man, "Mind your own business."

Witnesses later said they heard Torello make a threat that included the word "kill," but Helwig refuted this.

All during this time, "there were two small children," seated in the row in front of Helwig and Torello. "During the first act, they had kept [facing] forward. I'm assuming that, because they are small children, their attention span wasn't able to last the entire length of the show, and [so] they kept turning around and playing with each other."

Witnesses claimed that the two children had turned around to watch the alleged lewd act Helwig performed on Torello, but Helwig denied this. "At one point, they turned around prolonged," she said. "And they're just staring and giggling amongst each other. And then they look at Gerry, and Gerry gives the little boy a high five."

"Then she blurted out, you know, 'Get a room.'"

Lt. Wu

Mrs. Chai Wu is a lieutenant in the United States Navy. She is in her 40s but looks much younger. Wu has been married for nine years and has two children, two and four years old. That Sunday, she left the kids with a sitter and went out on a "date night" with her husband.

At the Cirque du Soleil show, Wu was seated next to her husband, who was seated next to Torello, who was seated next to Helwig.

Wu said that during the intermission was the first time she noticed Helwig and Torello. She saw the long-haired woman put her "hand down his pants." Wu said the couple moved away after they noticed all the people around them who were staring.

After intermission, during the show, Wu's husband bumped against her because he was getting bumped hard by the couple next to him. So Wu leaned forward and looked down

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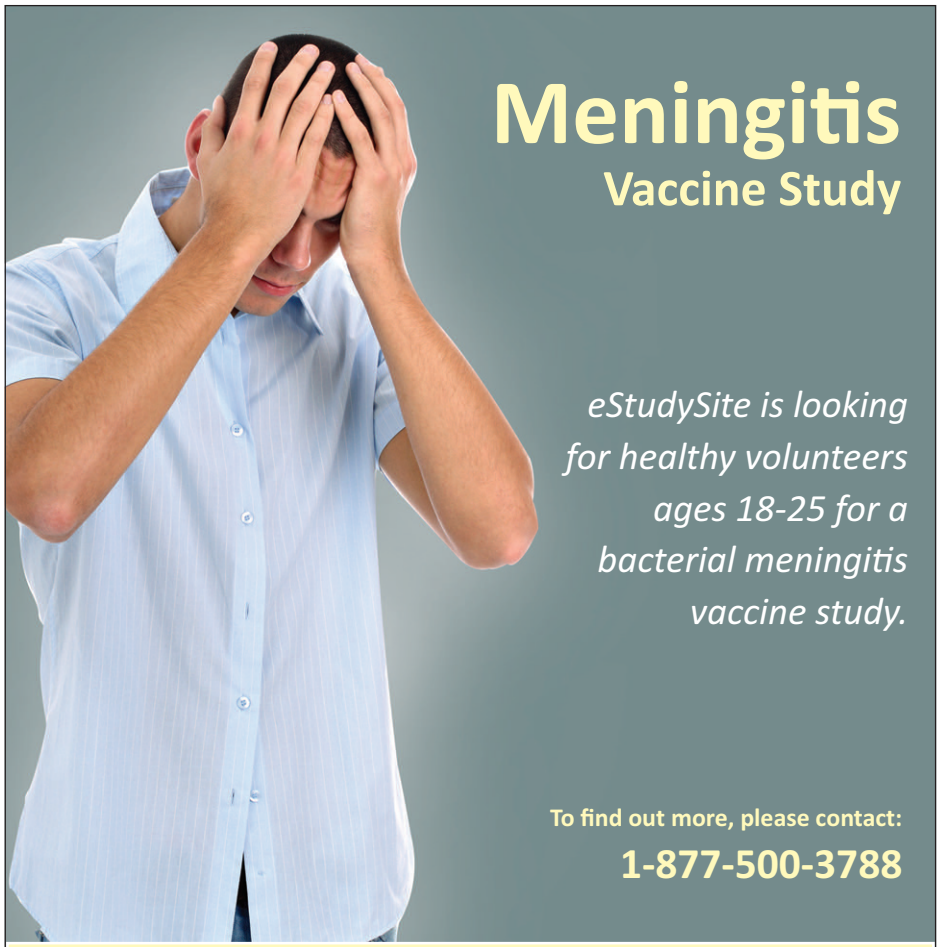

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the row to see what the commotion was. She saw "groping." And a certain lewd act. Right there in the seats, during the circus. Wu said the couple had "no shame."

Wu saw the man reach out and give a "high-five" to a little boy in front of him who'd turned to watch the lewd act. Wu declared: "At that point, I had it."

She reached forward and tapped the shoulder of the father of the two children, to alert him about what was happening. The man took his children and put them onto their mother's lap, and then he went to get security.

Wu stood up and used the flashlight function on her cell phone to attract an usher. She called out, "He has his hand on her breast!"

Helwig claims that she corrected the woman. "I said [to her], 'His hand is on my stomach.'" According to witnesses, Helwig also called Wu a "bitch," but Helwig said, "I never called her a bitch."

Helwig said

Helwig said, "I was offended that she would, first of all, think that his hand was on my breast, that I would allow anyone's hands to be on my breast. And that she would announce it to probably about 30 people. It was frustrating and very embarrassing, because at this point she had her hand raised with her cell phone on, [and she was] jumping up and down. Accusing me of something that was not even close to happening. And there was about a radius of 15 feet where everybody is turning around and staring not only at Mrs. Wu and her husband but at myself and Gerald."

One witness said it was not only Wu but her husband and other adults in the area who stood up, trying to get the attention of security personnel.

When a security man arrived, "he sat behind us," Helwig said. She described him as "the person in black who came down and talked to Gerry." This security person said something, and Gerry replied, "Oh, everything's fine." And then, for a while, everyone just watched the show "with no incident."

An altercation ensued

As soon as the show ended, "I had told Gerry, 'Come on, I want to go.'" Helwig and Torello left promptly, while others in their row remained. They trudged up a ramp of stairs toward the nearest exit, at the edge of the huge tent. When they were at the top of the stairs, next to the exit, they turned around and watched the performers take several curtain calls.

Helwig said the exit door was "closed," although it was not a standard door but two flaps of circus tent that are lifted aside so that patrons may exit. Helwig wanted to go out a different exit, "and as I started to walk, he grabbed my arm and kind of like in a twirly, huggy fashion pulled me back toward him."

Witnesses said that Helwig was punching the air and shadow-boxing. She denied making any "closed-hand punching motions…. There was no play fighting. I was never punching him. We're kissing and tickling. We're playing around. We're trying to have fun. I was trying to have him leave with the impression that we'd had a nice evening."

Witnesses heard Torello say things such as "I

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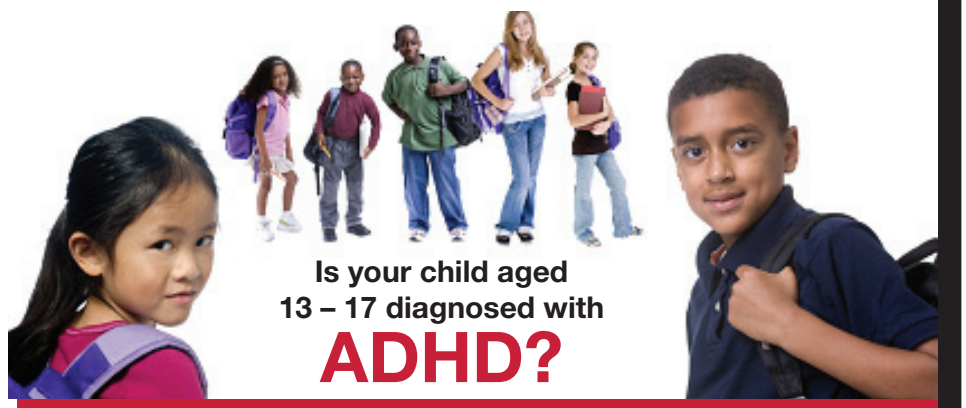

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know you can do it" and "You're not a chicken" and "You're a tough girl." Helwig denied that Torello ever said, "You can take her, babe," or "I've got your back" or anything like that.

Helwig saw Wu. "I had initially noticed her because I heard her saying, 'There she is.'" She knew this was "the woman who had been going back and forth with me" only because she recognized Wu's clothing. Helwig denied being angry or upset, saying only that she found Wu "aggressive."

"As she was approaching me, she kept on yelling at me. 'What are you looking at? What are you going to do?'"

Wu's husband passed both women and took another step toward the exit. Helwig claimed this was when Wu made a move. "She steps up in that space and she turns to me and she goes *ump*, and she raised her hand toward me. Within a foot. That would be assaultive. Actively assaultive. And for our use-of-force model, we would then go to the level of 'strikes.'"

This was the first time she'd ever needed to defend herself outside of work, Helwig said.

"I'm a United States Border Patrol agent."

Helwig met Torello through work. They're both Border Patrol agents, both hired in 2008. They met in January 2012, five months before the circus spectacle.

Helwig was 19 when she applied, a tall, slender brunette; she was hired after turning 20, after which she received four months of training in New Mexico.

Helwig is trained in "defensive tactics" used "in order to defend yourself in any kind of hand-to-hand combat situation or to defuse situations, to affect arrests." That meant one or two hours per day of training for about two months. "And every few months we have to recertify in our defensive tactics and go over arrest techniques and our use-of-force model." Helwig chose to take several additional classes to get "more training on, like, hand-to-hand combat....

"Basically, we have a use-of-force scale, so, depending on the actions of the person that you're dealing with, there are appropriate actions that you would take to mitigate or defuse the situation to protect yourself."

Eight months after the incident, when Helwig was

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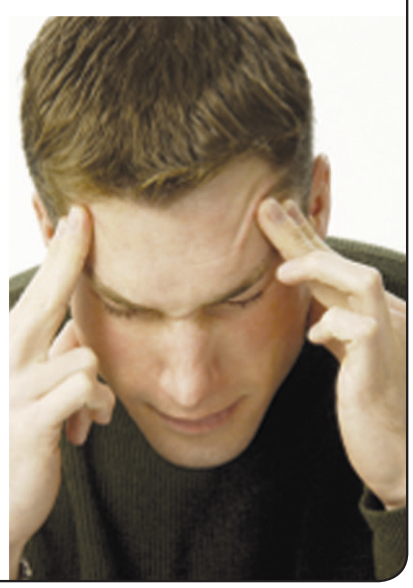

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in the courtroom, a prosecutor suggested that she might have used her training to "defuse the threat."

Helwig corrected her. "In a split-second reaction, you don't have time to think about what are all the tactics you can use! You go off instinct."

Helwig described her instinctive moves. After Wu had "put her hands up," then "I immediately felt the need to defend myself and create space and instinctively struck her." Helwig took a step back and used her right hand to slug Wu in the face. Then she took a quick look around. "When I looked back, she had re-engaged me and was coming into the aisle where I was. And at that point, there was somebody standing behind me, so there was no way I could create any more space, and I took two more strikes at her face."

Helwig said she had certain "options" if she'd wanted to "inflict pain on her," but "that's not in my nature. I've never had a verbal argument with a stranger, or even a friend." Except for playground fights as a kid, "I've never been in a fight."

"She punched me, one two three."

As she walked up the steps, Wu said she was fearful. Helwig "looked like she was practicing to fight." Helwig was "throwing punches in the air." When Wu got close to Helwig, she stopped to "let her through." Wu did not want the air-punching woman to step in behind her, so she made a gesture down at the steps in front of her, "And I said, 'After you.'"

Wu was surprised by three fast punches to her face. She was hit in the left eye and right jaw, with a third punch to the left side of her head. "I lunged for her, after I got punched." Wu told the jury. "I went in and grabbed her hair, and I pulled her close, so that she couldn't get any more full swings at me."

Wu's husband turned in time to see the first punch. "The female turned around with a hook and she just

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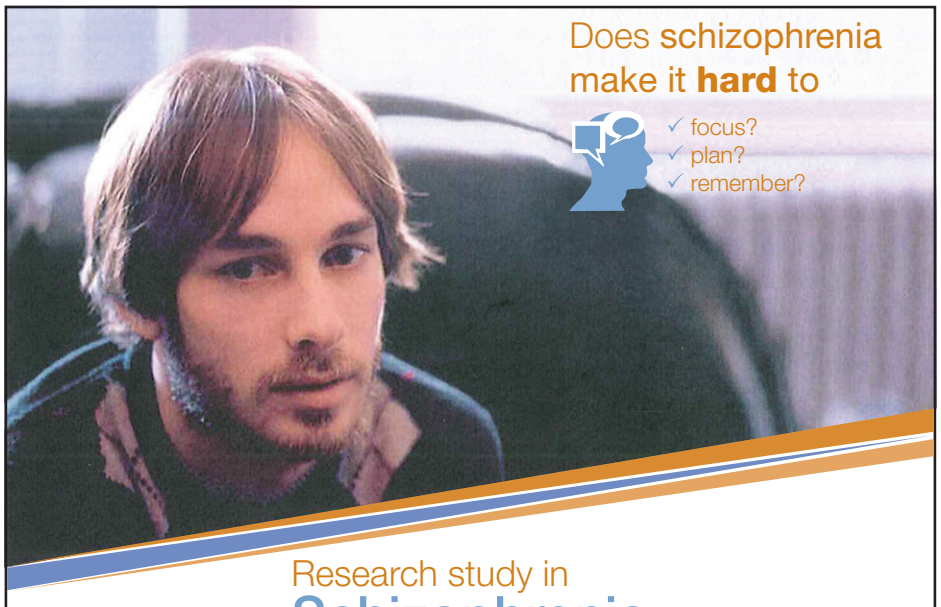

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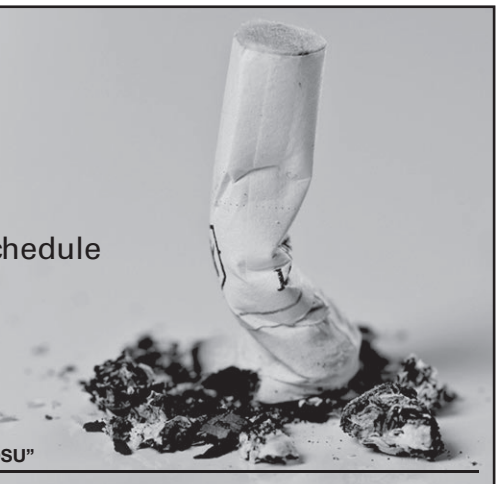

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hits my wife." He said it was "an attack" that "came out of nowhere."

After the women took hold of each other, Wu's husband claimed that Torello stepped forward and pushed him back, then took hold of Wu from behind. Mr. Wu interjected himself, pushing his arm between Torello and his wife. He said he told Torello that he was drunk and ordered him to "just leave." Fortunately, Torello let go of Mrs. Wu. According to Mr. Wu, Torello walked down the stairs, heading toward the circus arena below.

Torello, however, denied that he was there at all. He denied seeing any part of the altercation between the women.

At one point during the trial, Mr. Wu became red-faced and emotional while testifying. He said, "I let down my wife" and "I wanted to take the punch." The jury was excused, and the trial was recessed for some minutes so that Mr. Wu could compose himself. Then he finished his eyewitness testimony.

Mr. Wu sounded disappointed when he said, "As far as I was concerned, security wasn't around for a very long time."

Security

"I was alerted to an altercation," said Nicholas Brown, security director for the show that night. Security took control of the situation once he arrived on the scene. Eventually, they started looked for Helwig, who had apparently disappeared. Wu was taken to see a medic, and her bumps and scrapes were photographed.

Brown testified that security searched for

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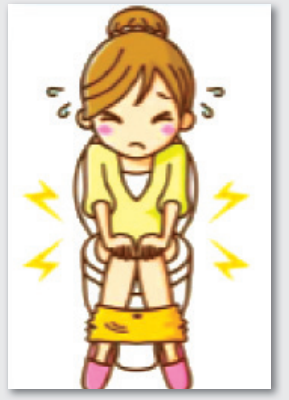

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Helwig for seven to ten minutes. Then sheriff's deputies arrived at about 7:30 p.m. (The show began at 5:00, and it was two-and-half hours long, including a half-hour intermission.) The deputies took over looking for Helwig, which they did for another ten more minutes or so.

During the trial, a prosecutor suggested that Helwig had hidden for at least 20 minutes before deputies persuaded her mother to phone her and request that she return. After an additional five minutes, Helwig was seen approaching from the area of the parking lot.

Helwig did not agree with this characterization. "When [deputies] arrived, I was back on scene within minutes, because I had already been walking back."

"No, I did not bolt."

The prosecutor accused Helwig of running away after she attacked Wu. "No, I did not bolt. I was very embarrassed. My brassiere was out of my shirt. I was disoriented. I had just been attacked by three people. I'm alone. I do not know any of these people. Gerald is nowhere to be seen. My [mom] — I don't even know where [she is]. I don't know if [she's] amongst the crowd of people. I'm yelling for [her], and I go outside. I don't see anybody. I've never been in a fight. I've never been in that circumstance, and these are out of the parameters of work. At work we have protocol. We have our immediate weapons. We have radio. We have backup. Out in the public it's just us. I'm not armed. I do not have a badge and credentials. I'm a citizen."

Deputy McCormick said of Helwig, "She didn't seem nearly as intoxicated as the male subject [Torello]." One of the deputies took Torello to the Encinitas Sheriff's Station for three hours. Once he'd sobered up he was released. Deputies said they gave him a "citation" for public intoxication.

Deputy McCormick "cited" Helwig for misdemeanor battery, and then she was released.

The deputy said that Wu and her husband did not appear intoxicated at all.

According to Wu, the father of the two children in front of them came up to her after the scuffle and offered her his phone number. But she didn't want to bother him and declined. She later regretted that.

That night, Wu filled out paperwork for a citizen's

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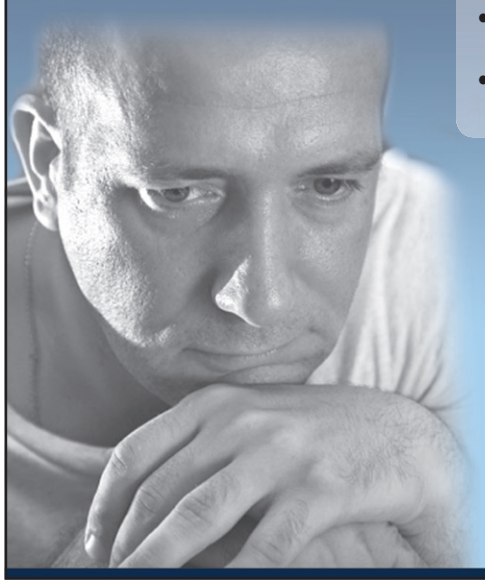

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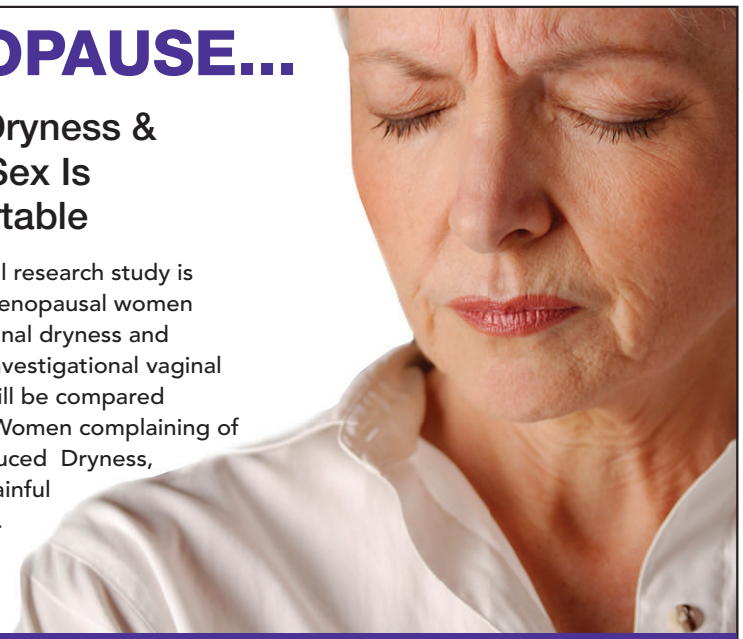

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arrest of Helwig. She said she hoped both Helwig and Torello would be "charged appropriately" and that "justice would be served."

Wu waited some weeks for the sheriff's department to complete their investigation. She contacted a sheriff's investigator who said the matter had been forwarded to the district attorney's office. Wu spoke with a man there. "He said that basically there was no case." The man at the district attorney's office didn't recognize the case number, which the sheriff's investigator had given Wu. "I was pretty disillusioned," she said. She was also "scared" because she knew that both Helwig and Torello were "licensed to carry weapons."

Wu was approached by two San Diego television stations about the incident and she agreed to anonymous interviews. "I wanted the public to know."

The altercation happened on May 27, 2012. On July 6, a defense attorney went to the courthouse and officially received the charges, or "arraigned" both defendants. This happened at a counter, a clerk on the other side. The clerk checked a box that allowed both defendants to remain out on their own recognizance.

Neither defendant was ordered into a courtroom until August, when judge Daniel Goldstein demanded they appear in his court to hear a verbal "stay-away order," which would protect Wu. The judge remarked at the time, "You have to take misdemeanors serious, too. They're crimes."

A misdemeanor jury trial

The trial was held in San Diego's North County Superior Courthouse.

Prosecutor Tracy Prior said, "Nothing about this was a fight. It was an attack." She said, "This is more than disturbing conduct." As Border Patrol agents, "they should know better."

The district attorney's office charged Helwig with misdemeanor battery. The penal code describes battery as "any willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another."

Helwig claimed self-defense. "After the totality of circumstances, knowing that [Wu] could have taken another exit, knowing that she could have gone on the other side of the aisle and walked out where there was a bar in between us, seeing her push her husband out of the way so that she could be closer to me,

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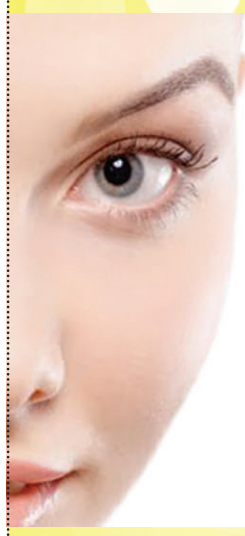

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her pointing at me, keeping engaged eye contact with me, repeatedly asking me what I was going to do in an aggressive manner, all led me to believe that she was going to assault me."

The first week of February 2013, a jury was selected for the misdemeanor trial of Helwig and Torello.

Mid-week, during trial, the judge threw out one count of "annoy child" that had been charged against both defendants. The prosecutor had noted that the offending couple was "inches away from a family with two young children." Superior Court judge Harry Elias also dismissed one charge of "making criminal threat," which had been filed because witnesses described Torello as having threatened to "kill" someone if they spoke to his date again. Every remaining crime was charged as a misdemeanor.

Helwig took the witness stand in her own defense for two and a half hours.

The jury went into deliberations on February 7. They deliberated thoughtfully, requesting hours of transcripts to be read back to them by the court reporter. They announced their verdicts on February 11.

The jury reached only one unanimous "guilty" verdict: they found Helwig guilty of battery on Wu.

The jury declared Helwig and Torello "not guilty" of one lewd act, that act allegedly occurring at intermission — the "hands-down-the-pants" incident.

The jury deadlocked on the second lewd-act charge, the head-in-lap allegation. They also deadlocked on whether Torello was guilty of battery on Wu as an "aider and abettor," for allegedly encouraging Helwig verbally.

The jury foreman reported after the verdicts that the defense attorneys had done a good job of creating reasonable doubt, and that jurors had given a lot of weight to Jury Instruction Number 224. That specific instruction states: If you can draw two or more reasonable conclusions from the evidence, and one conclusion points to innocence and one points to guilt, *you must accept the one that points to innocence.* (This is not the entire jury instruction.)

For the single guilty verdict against Helwig, for misdemeanor battery, she was sentenced to three years "summary" or unsupervised probation and two days of public service. ■

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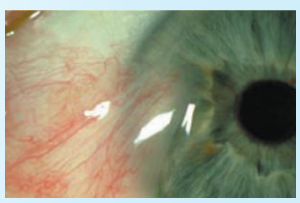

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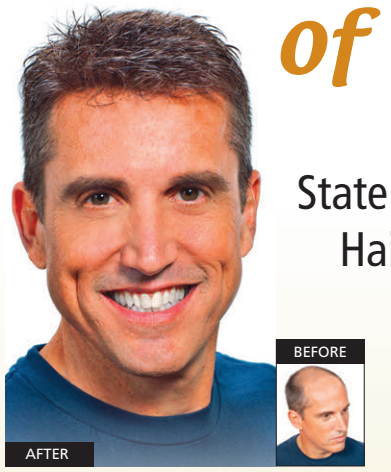

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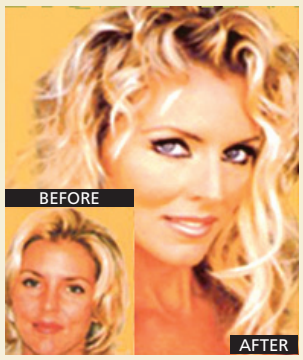

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scandal-tainted world of college athletics. This time it's Alabama's public Auburn University, where the firm is consulting with athletics director **Jay Jacobs** on a plan to boost revenue, according to a recent report in the *Birmingham News*.

"It's always great to have a fresh-eyes approach, because sometimes — maybe as you do in your job, too — you get into doing things and you realize this is the way we've always done it, which is, that's not the best way to be successful," Jacobs told the paper. "So you bring in a group, and you look and say, 'Hey, have you thought about doing it this way?' That's what JMI is providing for us.

"Do we have the best practices?" Jacobs continued. "Do we have the right number of people in the ticket office? Do we have the right number of people in the ticket office doing what they need to be doing? Do we have the right number of people in compliance?" Though the Birmingham story doesn't mention it, the college department of JMI Sports is run by Jeff Schemmel, a longtime Moores favorite who was forced out of his athletics director job at San Diego State after a 2009 scandal involving charges that he used state funds to pay a visit to his mistress in Point Clear, Alabama, 200 miles from Auburn.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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The city lobbyist claims that there are plenty of In-N-Out supporters as well: "350 support cards have been signed in favor of the In-N-Out burger by individuals who live in the Clairemont Mesa community."

Residents of Pacific Bluffs and their allies will continue to fight the development all the way to the city council.

"This isn't a fight against new development, it's a fight to preserve our quality of life," says Puente. "We want a more walkable, bike-able, live-able Clairemont."

Dorian Hargrove June 5

Comments

ILOVEClairemont June 5 @ 4:52 p.m.

Pacific Bluffs was the first HOA in San Diego, est. 1965, and pre-dates the Balboa Mesa Shopping Center, which was built in the early 1970s. I'm pro-redevelopment but I agree with ClairemontFan that planning must be part of the equation. What type of future do we want in Clairemont? So move the damn restaurant back out of the restricted zone.

CausticCatalyst June 6 @ 12:40 a.m.

Do you realistically think a $5 billion corporation is going to have to play by the same rules as the rest of us? They're more like "zoning suggestions" when you can afford your own PR firm/ Lobbyist.

Nuclear station shuttered

Power plant will close permanently, says Edison

San Onofre — **The ongoing saga over the future of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station along San Diego's northern coast appears to be drawing to a close. Edison International, parent company of plant operator Southern California Edison, said this morning that the plant will be shuttered permanently due to federal regulators not complying with the utility's demand for a quick response to a proposal to restart one of the plant's two troubled nuclear reactors on an experimental basis.**

The plant has been in a state-of-emergency shutdown since January 2012, when a tube burst at one of the plant's steam generators. Further inspection revealed much greater damage than anticipated to the generators, which were installed in 2009 at a cost to utility customers of at least $670 million.

"We have concluded that the continuing uncertainty about when or if SONGS might return to service was

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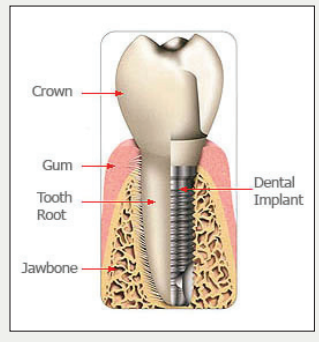

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not good for our customers, our investors, or the need to plan for our region's long-term electricity needs," said Edison chairman and CEO Ted Craver via a June 7 press release.

Contrary to early doomsday predictions over keeping the plant shuttered for a second consecutive summer, Edison is now upbeat about the future of the region without nuclear power.

"We think that our decision to retire the units will eliminate uncertainty and facilitate orderly planning for California's energy future," said Ron Litzinger, SCE's president, also in today's release. "The company is already well into a summer reliability program and has completed numerous transmission upgrades in addition to those completed last year."

While the questions concerning the resumption of operations at San Onofre are settled, the saga over the plant's future will likely continue for years — if not decades. The decommissioning process will likely take years, and there's still nowhere to transport nuclear waste that has been piling up at the site for decades, much of it stored in overtaxed open storage pools.

Dave Rice, June 7

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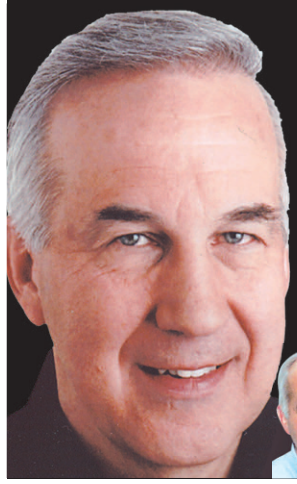

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UCAN: "irredeemably corrupt"

Langley resigns from so-called watchdog

San Diego — **Charles Langley, the well-known and respected executive of Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN) has resigned. He joined the group in 1996 at $25,000 a year. His salary has been slashed to $32,000, which adjusted for inflation is less than he was hired for.**

Langley and David Peffer, who has also resigned, were the whistleblowers who pointed out numerous examples of wrongdoing at the purported "watchdog." Their charges were recently validated when UCAN filed a cross-complaint against its former director, Michael Shames. The suit cited exactly the wrongdoing that Langley and Peffer had told the board about. However, their revelations were met with a massive cover-up attempt.

It is not clear whether Peffer and/or Langley will pursue constructive termination suits against UCAN. Among many things, the cross-complaint charged that Shames had farmed out lawsuits to private attorneys who reaped fat profits from work that had been done by UCAN, a nonprofit.

Langley points out that Shames's lawyer in his suit against UCAN, Hallen Rosner, is a former UCAN board member who reaped many of those gains in the private class-action lawsuits in which UCAN did the original legwork. But UCAN has not moved aggressively to have Rosner removed from the suit, says Langley.

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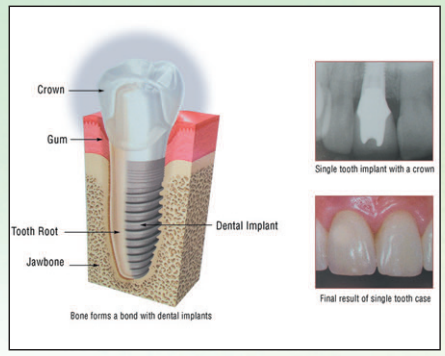

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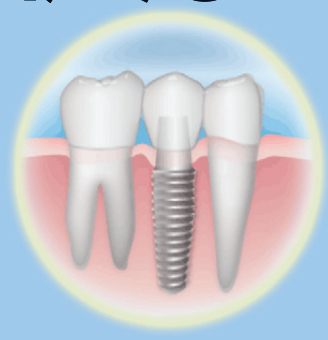

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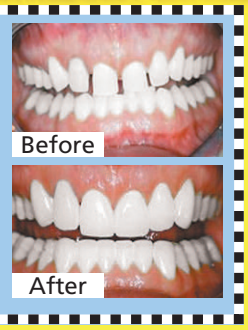

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While at UCAN, Langley provided San Diego with regular information on gas prices, as well as handling public relations, marketing, and fundraising activities for the organization.

Even after management changes and the cleaning out of some board members, UCAN remains "irredeemably corrupt," he says.

Don Bauder, June 3

Comments

Anon92107 June 4 @ 3:24 a.m.

This is a worst possible time for a so-called ratepayer champion to be held in contempt of public trust. Ratepayers whose utilities owned San Onofre can expect to be threatened with rate increases for the worst case of criminal negligence in electric utility history by SCE and CPUC.

Not in my park

SOHO counter-appeals; Plaza de Panama fight won't die

Balboa Park — **As historic preservation group Save Our Heritage Organisation has learned, the bypass bridge is a tough proposal to kill. But the group hopes to end it once and for all with a June 3 cross-appeal filed in San Diego County Superior Court.**

The appeal is in response to a previous appeal filed by the Plaza de Panama Committee, which seeks to overturn judge Timothy Taylor's ruling against their proposal to remove traffic from the plaza by bypassing the Cabrillo Bridge.

By filing the cross-appeal, SOHO hopes to force the committee to defend what they say are other legal snares, such as charging for parking at the proposed parking garage and possible CEQA violations.

"Since the Plaza de Panama Committee has now filed an appeal," reads a statement from SOHO director Bruce Coons, "SOHO has cross-appealed on the issues on which it did not prevail in court or which the trial judge did not need to reach after ruling in favor of SOHO, including interpretation of laws preventing a paid parking garage in the 'free and public park,' adherence to the City's general and specific plans, and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act."

Not only have they had to fight the Irwin Jacobs–backed project committee, they've had to deal with a council that has been very supportive of the plan.

In early April, city attorney Jan Goldsmith released a memo stating that the project could be raised from the dead if a new applicant were to come forward.

The opinion was good news for council president Todd Gloria, a supporter of the proposal. "If an applicant comes forward to

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advocate for the project, I would docket the request for the City Council's consideration at a future public hearing," was the statement from Gloria's office.

The appeal and newly filed cross-appeal means the fight over the bypass bridge is far from over.

Dorian Hargrove, June 3

Papa's latest move revives *Times* takeover talk

U-T partnering with a Koch-tied nonprofit

San Diego/Beyond SD — **Is nonprofit journalism, the growing practice of using tax-free foundation dollars to sponsor what used to be done by now-fading advertiser-supported media, just for liberals?**

Not if San Diego hotel magnate and GOP publisher Douglas Manchester's *U-T San Diego* has anything to say about it — and it does, in a new "collaborative project of editorials and independent commentaries," created "in partnership" with a Virginia nonprofit corporation that has been tied to the conservative billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch.

On Sunday, the *U-T* rolled out its latest:

"Today, the *U-T San Diego* Editorial Board, in partnership with the Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity, launches a project that we boldly hope will help change the direction of California before the Golden State becomes a failed state. Our assessment is informed by weeks of research along with lengthy interviews with key Democrats and Republicans."

According to the paper's announcement, Manchester's friend and political ally, Carl DeMaio, the ex-councilman and failed GOP mayoral candidate now running against Democratic congressman Scott Peters, will offer his wisdom on "the proper size of government."

In addition, says the *U-T*, its "impressive lineup" of governmental expertise includes "former Gov. Gray Davis on how the Democrats became beholden to the special interests of the Left, and former Gov. Pete Wilson on how the Republican Party lost its way in California."

But what exactly is the Franklin Center and precisely what role is it playing in the *U-T* crusade?

Depending on who's doing the talking, Franklin is either a faithful watchdog of big government or a right-wing plot to destroy legitimate journalism.

According to its website, the center is intended "to help fill the void created as the nation's newspapers cut back on their statehouse news coverage and investigative reporting in the wake of falling circulation and revenues."

According to an April 2 report posted online by the *Columbia Journalism*

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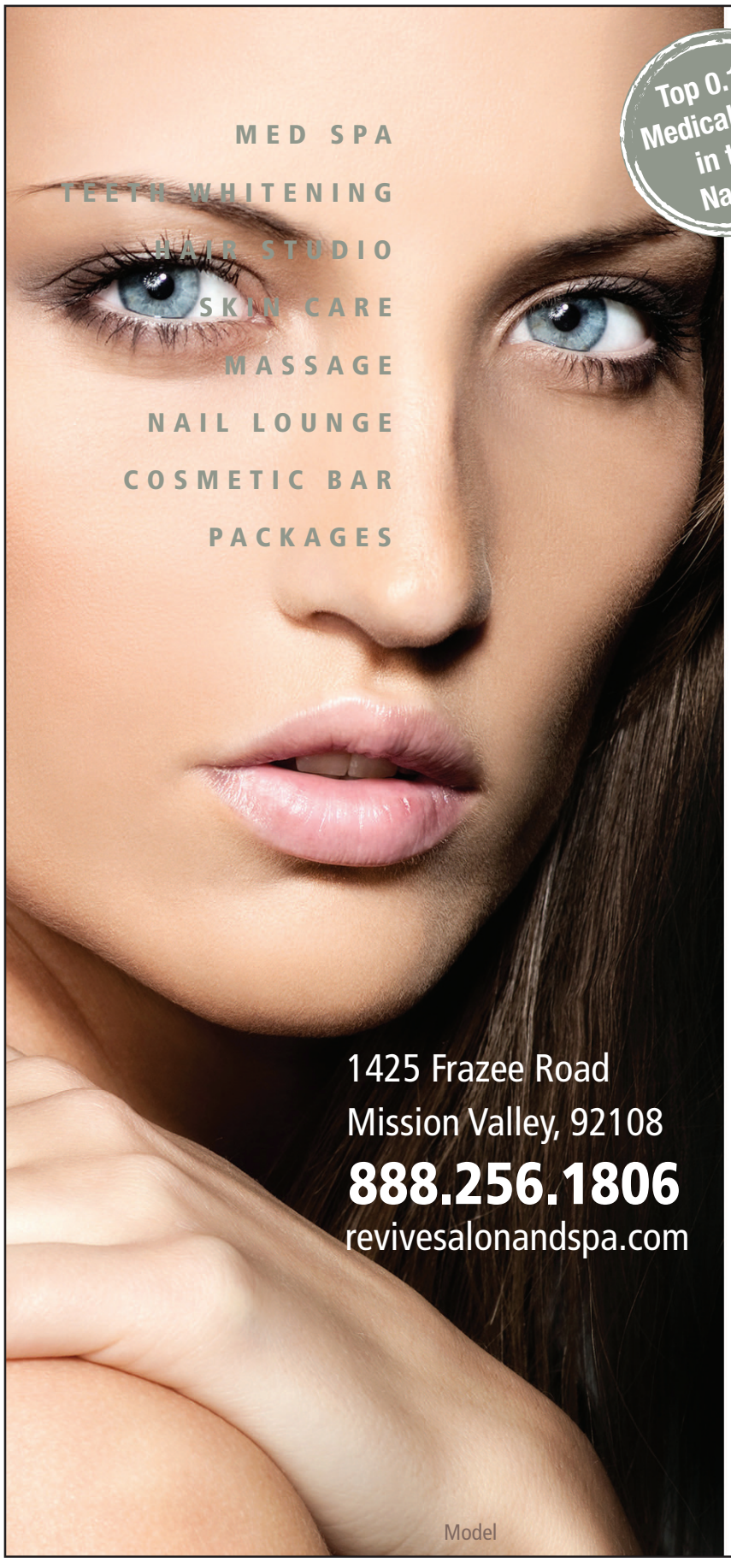
HEALTH AND BEAUTY



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***Review*, "In 2011, fully 95 percent of the Franklin Center's revenues came from a charity called Donors Trust, whose top contributors were the Koch brothers."**

The Franklin Center's vice president of journalism, Steven Greenhut, told the *CJR* that its donors play no role in shaping its coverage. When we sent Greenhut a list of questions for this piece, Greenhut responded in depth — and promptly published his answers in a strongly worded piece disputing any notion that conservative donors taint Watchdog's coverage.

Speculation is rife that the newly announced *U-T*–Franklin Center alliance heralds a future work in progress between Manchester and the billionaire Kochs.

The suggestion that the La Jolla mega-millionaire and the oil magnates could become a major force in California journalism has been around for a few months, as the *CJR* report on Franklin noted:

"A blog post in the *LA Weekly*, filed after the writer spoke to a member of the *Los Angeles Times* editorial board, suggested that the Kochs might team up in bidding for the paper with Doug Manchester, owner of the former *San Diego Union-Tribune*, known now as *U-T San Diego*."

Matt Potter, June 3

Jury: Hood ain't good

Unanimous guilty verdict at child-abuse trial

Oceanside/Vista — **"The evidence was overwhelming."**

"His testimony was totally unbelievable. He blamed everybody else, everybody else was lying, it was all a conspiracy against him."

"We know the difference 'tween right and wrong."

Jurors made comment in a courthouse hallway after their unanimous guilty verdicts were announced against Daniel Hood, now convicted of all 11 child-abuse charges. The jury of seven men and five women heard evidence for one week, then deliberated for a little more than one hour before their reaching their decision yesterday afternoon, June 3.

Daniel Roger Hood, 43, faced the jury from the witness box last week to deny he was the one who took the incriminating video clips found on his cell phone. "It wasn't easy to look at those videos," one female juror commented late yesterday.

Prosecutor Keith Watanabe estimated that a dozen or so prospective jurors asked to be excused after learning they would be required to see video evidence of a nine-year-old girl being abused by an adult man.

The videos were taken in the mother's rented home in Oceanside (identified by furniture in the room) in 2011, when the woman lived there with her 9-year-old daughter and Hood.

Now 11 years old, the child testified for about an hour, accompanied by her teddy bear.

The child's father is expected to speak at the sentencing of the abuser, who could be sentenced to more than 100 years prison.

Eva Knott, June 4

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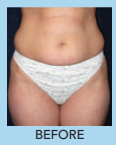
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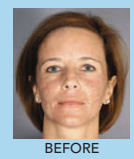
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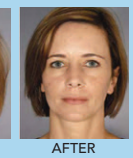
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up here, and I will give him a personal tour. I am sure he will find that more than the sun shines all year-round in our town. You will always find a smiling face.

Wow. I am still shocked on how Ramona was described.

Stephanie Norvell
via email

Heartwrenching

The May 23 cover story ("She Gave Her Son an Ocean-View House, a New Lexus, and $130,000") was heartwrenching.

Substance abuse and mental disorders often destroy relationships, and cause tremendous pain within families. Bryan Chang's problems will likely impact his family and friends for years, regardless of what happens to him in the legal system. It seems the only "good" thing to come from these circumstances is that his mother's suffering is finally over.

Curtis Bulgatz
Chula Vista

The Persecution of 16th-Century Priests

In the last few weeks (May 23 and June 6), the Sheep and Goats column has celebrated the lives and works of certain activist priests in 16th-century England (Laurence Vaux, and Robert Parsons).

The other side of the story (well-presented in the movie, *Elizabeth*, with Cate Blanchett in the title role) is that the Jesuits and other priests were actively seeking the overthrow and execution of the queen. What was intended to follow was the forcible return of the English people to the Catholic fold — and no doubt a return to the persecutions inflicted by Elizabeth's sister and predecessor, Mary Tudor ("Bloody Mary").

As it turned out, the English, even those who remained Catholic, had their fill of religious strife. They supported Elizabeth out of patriotic nationalism, and the Jesuits never got a foothold. It helped immensely that Elizabeth herself was ahead of her time in matters of religious tolerance. She once declared, "There is only one Christ, Jesus, one faith. All else is a dispute over trifles."

It is true that there were persecutions under her reign. But, "The persecution…was prompted by political necessity, not religious fanaticism …. The priests who were executed had committed crimes against the state, and were perceived as a very real threat to national security." — *The Life Of Elizabeth*, Alison Weir, 1998.

Larry Whittaker
via email

Agonizing on the Cross

Pastor Michael Brown (Sheep and Goats, May 30) forced me to ask myself why I believe in Jesus Christ.

I believe in Christ not because the clergy is convincing, and not because the Bible is convincing. The words written by long-dead Jews are worthy of reading, but I asked myself after Pastor Brown said we have "to make disciples of Christ," what it is about Jesus that has drawn me to him.

The absurdities and the buffooneries of the three monotheistic religions notwithstanding, Jesus is what he *did* — which is the cross. Because all the parables and all the preachings had been said, and would be said in a similar way by the other sages. It is the crucified Christ who speaks to every human being. Clergy, bibles, liturgies, and cathedrals mean little. It is only his figure, agonizing on the cross, who would rise again, that holds me and you.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

What the Heil?

Sue Garson has it wrong (Letters: "Kafe Hitler," May 16). It's as if someone opened an Austrian restaurant and then renamed himself Schicklgruber.

Michael Leonard
via email

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Six passengers are required to pedal the Social Cycle, but each bike bus can carry up to 16 people.

UCSD's Stuart Collection

9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, 858-534-2117, stuartcollection.ucsd.edu/map

A 12-foot-high red shoe among trees; a house perched on the edge of a seven-story building; a 370,000-pound, 23-foot-tall stone bear sitting in a grass courtyard. Eighteen site-specific works by 18 artists dot La Jolla's 1200-acre UCSD campus. Known as the Stuart Collection and under agreement with UCSD to consider any spot on campus for installations, it has been growing since its inaugural work — now a campus icon — was erected in 1983. Called *Sun God* — it's a 14-foot multi-colored, golden-crowned bird perched on a 15-foot concrete arch. While walking the 3.4-mile sculpture "loop," don't forget to carve your name into the lead-encased eucalyptus trees.

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Bear is one of the 18 works in UCSD's **Stuart Collection** of large-scale artworks spread along a 3.4-mile campus loop.

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Social Cycle

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Limos are so 2009. Instead of touring San Diego neighborhoods in a traditional gas-guzzler way, why not opt for something eco-friendly? Social Cycle is a 16-person Dutch bicycle bus that can be rented for private parties for city tours and pub crawls. Six passengers are required to pedal the bike, but each bike bus can carry up to 16 people per tour. Weekend rental goes for $200 per hour, while weekdays will set you back $185 per hour. The company offers four different guided city tours. Pick from the Gaslamp; North/South Park; Bankers Hill/Hillcrest and Hillcrest/University Heights. They are also open to custom tours.

San Antonio Necua Campground

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Take a multi-day trip of the dozens of wineries in Mexico's Valle de Guadalupe on the cheap by camping in between. Bibayoff Winery sometimes offers camping, which has included a wine & lamb dinner for $40 in the past, but call ahead to check (646-176-1008.) Your best bet is the 14-site tent campground located just north of L.A. Cetto Winery in the Kumeyaay village of San Antonio Necua. Shaded by ancient oak trees, the grounds have

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San Diego Velodrome

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One of 20 or so outdoor velodrome tracks in the United States, San Diego Velodrome's 333-meter concrete, oval track sits at the edge of a canyon beyond the baseball diamond in Morley Field. It hosts Tuesday-night bicycle races from April to September. Admission is free for spectators, who sit on the bleachers and are treated to racing events. Many former and current world champions are among those competing for bragging rights and free beer. Look forward to bringing your own grub, adult refreshments, and leashed dogs; the track will provide the downtown views and excitement.

PHOTOGRAPH BY HOWIE ROSEN

Many former and current world champions compete at the **San Diego Velodrome**.

Bayshore Bikeway

sandag.org/bayshorebikeway

Not many bicycle rides start with taking a ferry, but the 24-mile Bayshore Bikeway ride can. Although the loop is designed to end with the 15-minute ferry ride back to its Broadway Pier starting point, opting to reverse the ride — biking from Coronado to downtown San Diego — will generally save you from a gnarly headwind on a seven-mile stretch of the Silver Strand. With a nature center, wildlife refuge, salt flat, railroad spurs, bay and skyline views, and palm trees lining the way, no wonder it's named one of *Sunset* magazine's "Top 20 best bike paths in the West."

Rube Powell Archery Range in Balboa Park

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Not much compares to holding a bow steady with your entire body, letting the arrow go with a *swoosh*, and hearing it *fwoomp* into the target a moment later. Beneath the east end of the Cabrillo Bridge in Balboa Park lies the Rube Powell Archery Range — one of the two remaining public field archery ranges in Southern California. Put $2 in the drop box at the southwest corner of the Alcazar Garden parking lot in Balboa Park for access to this 40-target, 28-acre walking course. Nestled among the palms and eucalyptus, you'll feel like an elf in no time.

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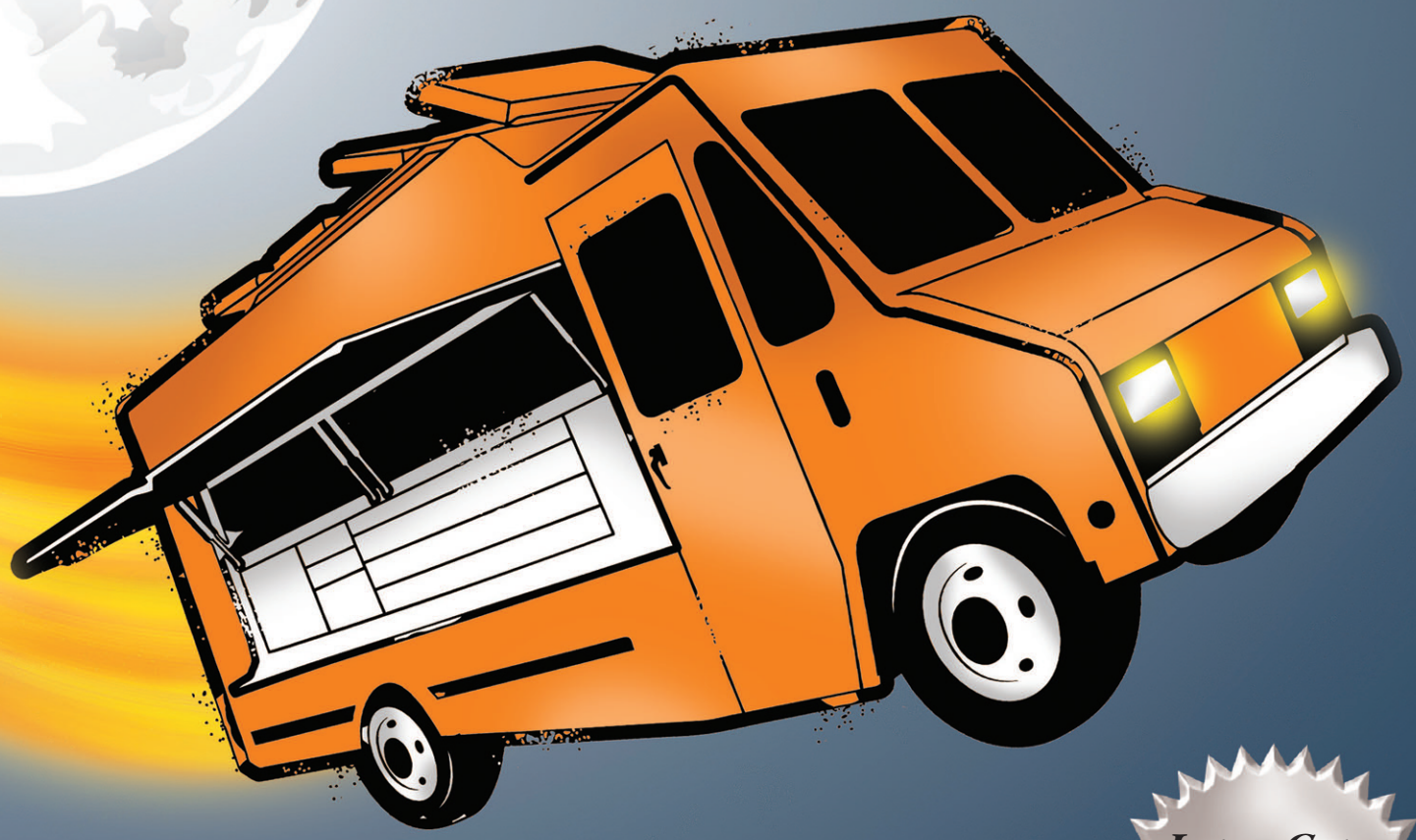

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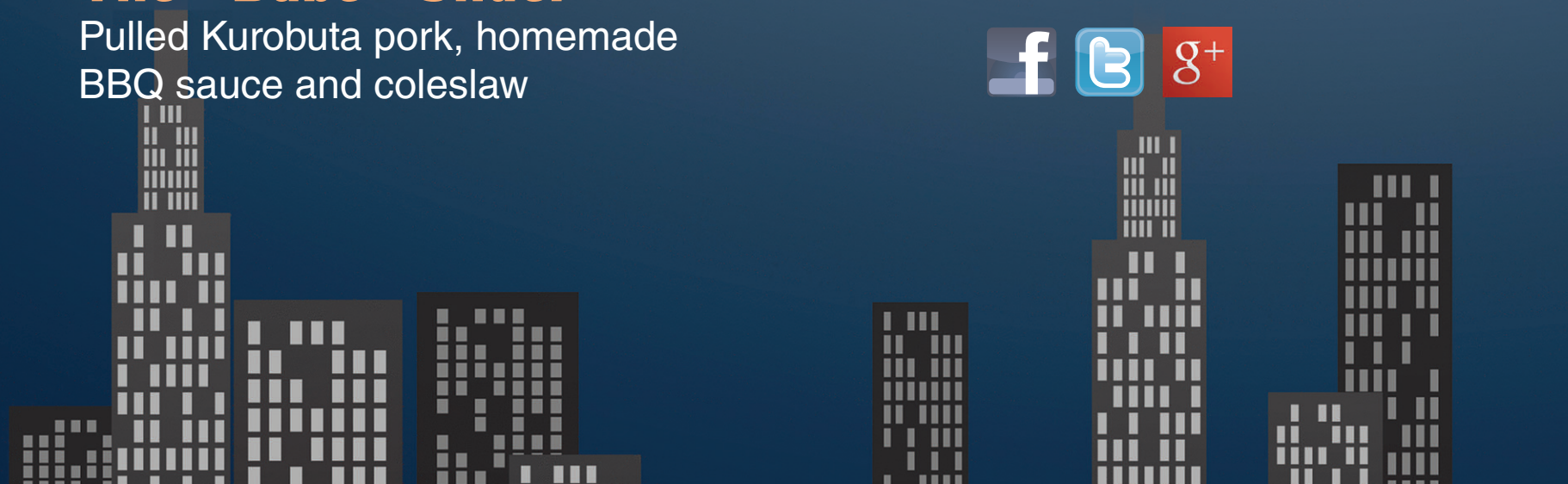

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3350 Jacaranda Dr., North Park

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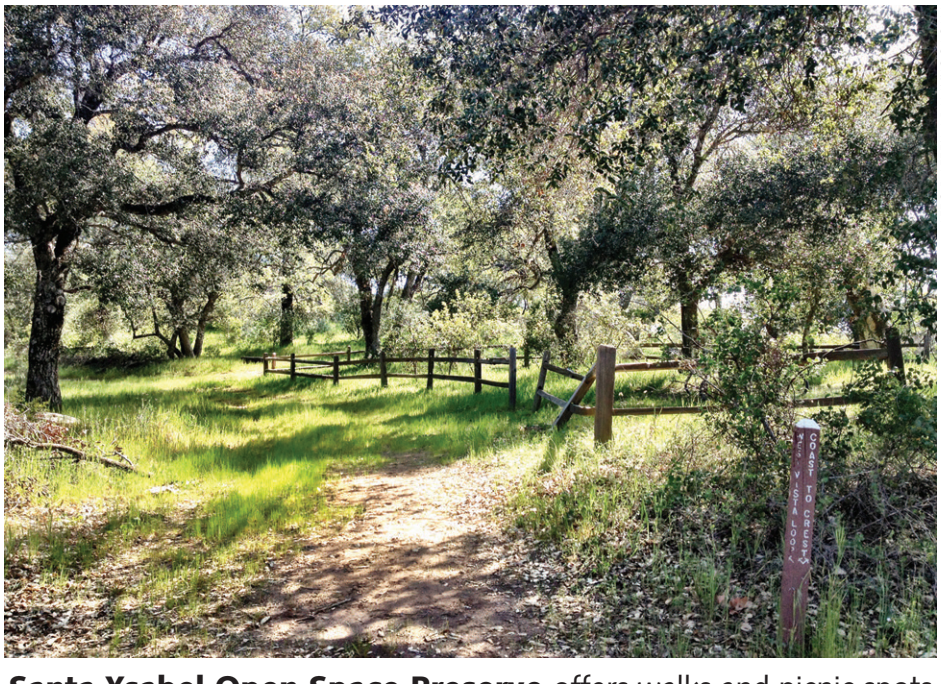
Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve

Santa Ysabel, 760-765-4098, co.san-diego.ca.us/parks/openspace/Santa_Ysabel.html

Split into separate west and east sections with three trailheads between the two, Santa Ysabel preserve's 3800 acres have 18.5 miles of trail options from easy to moderate. The trails are dotted with picnic areas, boasting beautiful views of pristine chaparral, woodlands, riparian habitat and grasslands, a creek, and even cattle grazing in the meadows. The west trailhead, which opened in 2010 (the east in 2006) is only two miles from Dudley's Bakery and Julian Pie Co. It's also hilly, therefore more difficult than the east, but worth it. Bring your own water. Closed after inclement weather.



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Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve offers walks and picnic spots in pristine chaparral, woodlands, and grasslands.

Skydive San Diego

13531 Otay Lakes Road, Jamul, skydivesandiego.com

From 13,000 feet, you see Tijuana, the ocean, the Laguna Mountains, and Otay Lakes directly below. Just seconds into your minute-long free fall, you're careening toward the ground at a deafening 120 miles-per-hour. The chute pops at 5000 feet, and you lilt back to earth for about five minutes before touching down on a grass field in the hills of Jamul. After your tandem jump ($189 online, $209 day of) you quit your day job and go for a solo certification and then an A-license to start your new life as a jump instructor.

Spotting Saint Elmo's fire in Shelter Valley

County Road S2 and State Route 78

Ball lightning, also known as Saint Elmo's fire, is a mysterious phenomenon witnessed as a sphere of light ranging in size from under an inch to several meters in diameter. Though 10,000+ cases have been reported, the spectacle is still not well-understood. Theories cover everything from microwave radiation to vaporized silicon to microscopic black holes to electricity-induced hallucinations. Whatever the case, ball lightning has been observed in Shelter Valley (12 miles east of Julian on SR 78),

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especially in dry, windy conditions. Tent camping is available at Stagecoach Trails ($27/day) and Blair Valley Campground (free) 5.6 miles to the southeast.

Campo Depot and Railroad Museum

Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road, sdrm.org, 619-478-9937

In 1919, entrepreneur John D. Spreckels completed the "Impossible Railroad," linking San Diego to the East Coast via the Southern Pacific Railroad terminal in El Centro. The 148-mile stretch of track crossed into Mexico at San Ysidro, returning stateside east of Tecate. Since 1986, the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum has offered 12-mile round-trip rides on the Golden State Limited from Campo and westbound to the border tunnel at Division. The ride ($15/adults, $5 kids) lasts about 90 minutes and departs at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on select weekends. Check the website to reserve a spot on the diesel-electric locomotive.

Lobster diving

lajollawatersports.com, 619-788-6416

Of over 40 species of spiny lobster worldwide, California has one of the largest, with males reaching up to three feet long and weighing as much as 26 pounds. Spiny lobster season runs from September 28 to March 19, during which time you can join La Jolla Water Sports (call for rates) on a nighttime free-dive in La Jolla or Mission Bay. The package includes a 7mm wetsuit, hood, fins, gloves, goggles, snorkel, gauge, and dive light. Anyone over 16 years old must have a valid fishing license ($20) and the elusive crustaceans must be caught by hand (no snares or spears).

North Fortuna Mountain

Mission Trails Regional Park visitor center, 1 Father Junípero Serra Trail, Mission Gorge, 619-668-3275, mtrp.org/history.asp

Located in Mission Trails Regional Park is a laid-back alternative to the overcrowded Cowles Mountain. At four to five miles round trip, depending on which trailhead you use, and with steep winding trails, the hike is more strenuous than Cowles. Mount Fortuna's summit offers a view of Mexico to the south, the Laguna Mountains to the east, Mt. San Jacinto to the north, and the Coronado Islands and Pacific Ocean to the west. When you reach the top, you'll find a special treat — two

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FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 6th Annual Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Festival
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Please visit our booth at the event. Every year they bring over 50 wine, cheese, and chocolate makers together for a night of tasting, dancing, and good fun. Mark your calendar for this Festival on the year's first summer night! Enjoy cheese and chocolate from donor vendors and private chefs, sample delicious wines from Californian vineyards, bid on one of many silent auction items, and dance to live music of Sue Palmer SanDiego's Queen of Boogie Woogie.
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FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • Summer Solstice! Longest day of the year!
You will want to be at **Solare for a fabulous party starting at 9pm. Guess what?!** Bill Magee and his amazing Blues Band will be playing. You WILL want to be there. ***No doubt. Only folks receiving this email know that Bill is performing. It's a secret!!***

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 • Cooking Class "Osso Buco & Risotto"
For this class, you will be transported from ***San Diego to Lombardia, Italy,*** to learn how the perfect Osso Buco is made. The key to classic Osso Buco is exactly how the meat is braised, and that is one of many things you will learn from Chef Accursio. Lombardia is famous ***for their Osso Buco! And what does a wonderful plate of Osso Buco need?*** Risotto! Chef Accursio will also lead you to prepare the world's best risotto where the rice is the prefect level of "creamy-ness" but the kernels are still whole and firm.
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THURSDAY, JUNE 27 • Donnafugata Special Wine Tasting Dinner
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FRIDAY, JULY 5 • First Friday at Liberty Station
Come see all the galleries and studios and then dine at Solare.

SATURDAY, JULY 13 • Cooking Class - Pizza!
Have you ever wanted to learn how to make pizza in the authentic style? Here is your perfect opportunity! We will guide you through each step – starting with making the dough from scratch. Each student will take home extra dough to show off their pizza making skills that evening at home! **10:30am– Limit 10 – Contact us for details.**

FRIDAY, JULY 19 • 90's Night!
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SATURDAY, JULY 27 • Cooking Class - Pasta!
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The WINE & CHEESE event text can be reduced to this: Please visit our booth at the event. Every year they bring over 50 wine, cheese, and chocolate makers together for a night of tasting, dancing, and good fun. Mark your calendar for this Festival on the year's first summer night! And dance to live music of Sue Palmer San Diego's Queen of Boogie Woogie. And - the after-party PARTY is at Solare!

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metal military boxes contain notebooks that have poems, geocaches, and letters from previous hikers. The trail is reached from Fortuna Mountain Saddle, accessed from five Mission Trail trailheads: the Visitor Center Loop, Jackson Drive Staging area, Old Mission Dam, Grasslands Loop, Clairemont Mesa Boulevard in Tierrasanta, and Calle de Vida in Tierrasanta. Visit the website for a detailed map of the trail.

PHOTOGRAPH BY HOWIE ROSEN

Sober or intoxicated, a walk down the "**Shroom Room**" gives one the sensation of toppling down Alice's rabbit hole.

UCSD's Shroom Room

Mandeville Hall, 9500 Gillman Drive, UCSD ucsdwiki.com/index.php?title=Graffiti_Room

Though many college students will claim that a trip to USCD's "Shroom Room" looks the best while tripping on 'shrooms, the colorful ladder is well worth seeing sans hallucinogens. Located in Mandeville Hall, the concrete stairwell is too smothered in graffiti art and poetry to expose any of the original white of the walls. Messages from "I [heart] so and so" to deep, profound poetry can be deciphered through the spray-paint orgy. One concrete slab is consistently erased so new visitors can make their own mark. Whether sober or intoxicated, walking down the stairwell gives one the sensation of toppling down Alice's rabbit hole.

Stargazing with the San Diego Astronomy Association

sdaa.org/events

If you're looking to impress a date without spending a dime, check out the San Diego Astronomy Association's calendar of free events. The association hosts monthly gatherings open to the public. Among their more interesting offerings is a public sky viewing night in Balboa Park on the first Wednesday of every month. Beginning at dusk, telescopes are set up west of the Reuben H. Fleet space museum on the Prado. Likewise, at Sunset on the second Friday of each month the group sets up at Kumeyaay Lake Campground on the Santee side of Mission Trails Regional Park in the day-use parking lot. For those residing in North County, San Diego Astronomy Association hosts Stars at Sycamore Canyon on the third Friday of the month at sunset. Meet at the Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open Space Preserve at the Highway 67 Staging area. There are no homes or businesses near the viewing, creating a breathtaking panoramic view of the city below.

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"Look up when you pass," says a total stranger. "The osprey, she's on her nest this morning." A proprietary feel circulates among many of the regulars, the daily walkers, bikers, skaters, and joggers along the seven-miles of trail that borders Lake Murray. The lake proper constitutes a smallish wilderness in plain sight of fishermen and civilization. Wildlife resounds among the ducky reeds in the rasp of a redwing blackbird, the natterings of goldfinches, a bullfrog's lament.

Mount Hope Cemetery

3151 Market Street, Mount Hope 619-527-3400, sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/mthope

"Mr. Chandler? Old Mr. Ray?" The grounds attendant points a visitor past shade trees and rows of marble and granite headstones sinking into Bermuda grass like old cracked teeth and on toward the final resting place of the crime fiction author Raymond Chandler. The former La Jollan is in good company. Mt. Hope Cemetery, established in 1869, is home to a slice of local history. Horton Plaza namesake Alonzo Horton is there, along with Balboa Park arborist Kate Sessions, Elisha Babcock (builder of the Hotel del Coronado), and Kate Morgan, the suicide who is said to haunt it. She's in Division 5, Section 1.

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Baja California's largest water park, **Albercas El Vergel**, beckons just seven miles south of the San Ysidro border.

Albercas El Vergel

Camino Al Vergel 1, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, USA: 619-735-9586, MX: 664-621-3066, albercaselvergel.com/_english/index.php

Baja California's largest water park beckons just seven miles south of the San Ysidro border. It boasts a wave pool, 12 other pools, and 16 slides that bear more of a resemblance to rickety carnival rides. With names like Medusa, Avalanche, near-vertical drop Kamikaze, year-old 330-foot Anaconda, the Whip, and toilet bowl-like Twister, it's no wonder many leave El Vergel bruised. But that's why you go. That and the offerings of Tijuana street food, 20-peso Tecate cans, grills for BYO BBQs, and palapas to languish in the shade. Admission, depending on conversion rate: $6.25/adults over 4 feet, $5/kids, kids under 3′3″ free.

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Learn to sail on Mission Bay

Action Sport Rental, actionsportrentals.com

Mission Bay is the largest man-made aquatic park in the country, and its placid expanses make for an ideal place to dial in your sailing skills. Lessons are available for $30 per hour at Paradise Point, Dana Landing, and the Hilton. Practice your tack and jibe off the shores of Fiesta Island or just kick back and let your skipper do the work. Once you've got the hang of it, rent a 14′ to 27′ boat ($50 and $175 per two hours) and set off with a few friends. Ask about a free membership in the Sail Club for discounted rates and prepaid hours.

Mine games on Mount McGinty Preserve

13852 Jamul Drive, Jamul

A refreshing alternative to the well-traveled trails of Cowles, Mt. McGinty offers a 4.8-mile round-trip hike about 25 minutes east of downtown. An ascent of about 1300 feet means views across Proctor Valley to the south and, on a clear day, the harbor and ocean shimmering to the west. The trail can easily take over three hours if you stop to take in McGinty's aromatic collection of native flora and numerous mines along the way. A dirt lot and trailhead are located a quarter-mile west of Jamul Community Church. Turn right at the gate where the hill crests.

Little Saigon

EL Cajon Blvd near 49th Street

Little Saigon Association, 4654 El Cajon Boulevard, suite C, City Heights, communication@littlesaigonsandiego.org

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Fountain's Aquarium

7575 University Ave, La Mesa, 619-465-5333, fountainsaquarium.com

"That's the first time it's eaten," says a man, an aquarist, who has just eye-droppered some tiny undulating brine shrimp in front of the snout of a six-inch-long brown-banded bamboo shark. "It hatched three days ago." He taps the egg case whence the nascent fish emerged with the tip of his long eye-dropper. "They have these at Birch Aquarium," he says. "They get about two, maybe three feet long." Just another day at Fountain's, a tropical-fish store that first opened for business 60 years ago. We stand in the purplish dark, surrounded by dozens of gurgling aquariums, and we watch the shark nibble.

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4241 Park Boulevard, University Heights and 5288 Baltimore Avenue, La Mesa, sdcircus.com, 619-301-1207

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Go-kart racing at Miramar Speed Circuit

8123 Miralani Drive, Miramar, 858-586-7500, miramarspeedcircuit.com

Not sure what to do during your lunch break? Head over to Miramar Speed Circuit, where, Monday through Friday, $23 will get you a sandwich, a soda, and ten minutes of adrenaline-rushing go-kart racing. Professional racers designed the track to include four hairpin turns and two straightaways. The karts travel up to 40 miles per hour and are equipped with Honda 6.5HP engines. Lap times are electronically recorded in each kart, giving drivers the ability to see how they stack up against other racers. In July, Miramar Speed Circuit will open a two-story laser-tag facility to up the fun ante.

Brewery tours

Carlsbad Tour Company, 3138 Roosevelt St #K, Carlsbad, 760-208-3739, brewerytoursandiego.com

San Diego is nationally known for our bustling craft-beer scene. Scavengers Beer Adventures, a Carlsbad-based company, offers a unique take on the beer-tour circuit. Guests are driven around in a 12-passenger Swiss military truck. Scavengers offers both weekday and weekend tours. Each tour includes a visit to three breweries, a production tour at one brewery, up to six tasters at each stop, a Phil's BBQ meal, a beer-geek tour guide, and a Scavengers souvenir tasting glass. The tours run from Thursday–Sunday and range in price from $89–$119.

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1258 Keys Creek Road, Valley Center, themorningstarranch.org, 760-742-8953

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Disney cartoons at the 805/52 interchange

Where two prominent San Diego highways meet are works of art known only to a few locals. Painted on the pilings that support the bridge is a slew of life-sized cartoon murals. From Daffy Duck to Snow White and all seven of her dwarfs, the display makes an ideal photo-snapping shot. The cartoons can be accessed on foot — walk through Marian Bear Memorial Park. Go east under the freeway and look for the giant patch of color under the bridge.

La Jolla Cave Store

325 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-0746, cavestore.com

Dazzling with shades of ruby iron oxide and pinkish purple iodine, Sunny Jay's historic cave is a near-literal hidden gem in La Jolla. Perched on the seaside cliffs of California's coastal elite, La Jolla's oldest store rests atop the only ocean cave in California accessible by land. You can reach the cave by way of a 145-step stairway that was carved more than a century ago into one of La Jolla's natural sea caves. The store at the top of the tunnel sells the usual hats, T-shirts, and postcards as well as handcrafted jewelry. Snorkel gear is rented year round for $20. Entrance is $4 for adults and $3 for children.

Rainbow Drum Circle

Marston Point section of Balboa Park, meetup.com/SanDiegoDrumCircle/events/121510432/

Whether you march to the beat of your own drum or just like to watch, the Rainbow Drum Circle is open to participants and observers every Sunday afternoon in Balboa Park. The group meets in the southwest section of the park, near Marston Point, just north of the old Fire Alarm building, on the east side of Balboa Drive as it turns north. The rhythmic banging usually begins between 2:30 and 3 p.m. The drummers lay out various percussion instruments in the center for anyone to explore and play with. Enter from Sixth Avenue by turning on El Prado. Turn right and go south. The Rainbow Drum Circle gathers on Balboa Drive.

Bald eagles in Ramona

Wildlife Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Road, Ramona, 760.789.3992, wildlife-research.org

For the first time in Ramona's recorded history they have nesting bald eagles. Head out to the Wildlife Research Center's surrounding grasslands off of Rangeland Road to catch a glimpse of two adults and one baby bald eagle that have set up in a eucalyptus tree. The Ramona Grasslands and the Wildlife Research center are open year round for bird-watching. View golden eagles, wintering ferruginous hawks, red-tailed hawks, prairie falcons, and red-shouldered hawks, to name a few. Nineteen species of raptors have been sighted in the Ramona Grasslands. In January-February, the Wildlife Research center hosts a guided hawk tour

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The Mushroom House

Black's Beach, La Jolla

Sun spotted flesh and flab aren't the only surprises La Jolla's clothing-optional Black's Beach has to offer. Pedestrians wandering south along the shore's jagged edges will find what looks like a house from *The Jetsons*. The Pavilion, also known as the Mushroom House because of its fungal shape, has been dubbed by *This Old House* magazine one of the world's wildest houses. Built in 1968 at the bottom of a 300-foot cliff, the concrete abode was built to withstand earthquakes and high tides. Original owner Sam Bell wanted a unique guesthouse connected to his mansion. Although the 300-foot tramway connecting the house to the road is out of commission, the Mushroom House is reachable to curious trekkers.

Go Flying with the San Diego Kite Club

East Mission Bay Park, sandiegokiteclub.com

It's like taking a dog for a walk: it gets you out. Aficionados call kite-flying "happiness on a string." Psychologists say it forces you to "soak up the restorative power of blue space," the sky we always forget to look at. People have been flying kites for 3000 years, but the big craze came in the 1300s, in Thailand. San Diego Kite Club meets every second Saturday of the month at Mission Bay Park (East Mission Bay Drive), off I-5, north of Sea World Drive. Funnest kite to buy: Balinese boat kite from World Market, $13 (small), $20 (large).

Make bongo gourds at Welburn Gourd Farm

40635-D De Luz Road, Fallbrook, 760-728-4271, welburngourdfarm.com

Just in time for the "Gourdstock" Festival (June 29th and 30th, Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center), you'll be wanting to perfect your gourd-transforming skills, right? So you can turn those funny squash-type shells into water containers, musical instruments like bongos, ukuleles, or just abstract art. You won't be the first. Our ancestors have been using and carving them for about 11,000 years. For classes, you can't

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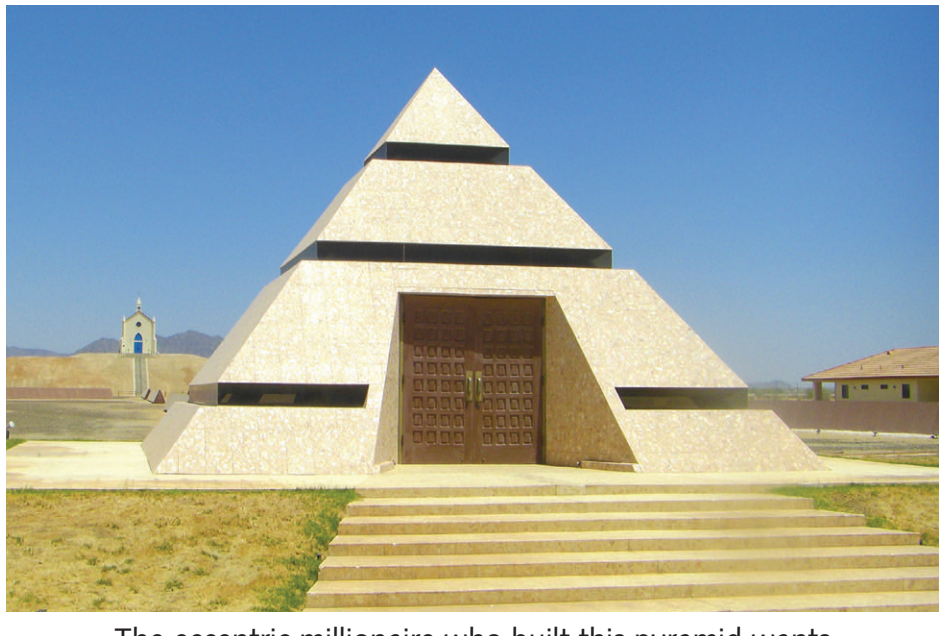
Help keep the San Diego River mouth healthy

Ocean Beach, 619-297-7380, sandiegoriver.org/rivermouth

Can O.B. keep the San Diego River mouth from clogging up with weed, polluted storm water, and garbage? This is one of the few coastal wetlands still functioning in California (we have destroyed 95 percent of them). Friends of the River Mouth try. And have fun doing it. You can join them. They start with a cleanup every other month, collecting trash, planting native species, marking trails, and monitoring endangered coastal saltmarsh birds like the rare light-footed clapper rail. It's a great way to meet soul mates. Think of it as a dating service for the eco-minded.



The eccentric millionaire who built this pyramid wants it to become mankind's "central point for memories."

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Jacques-André Istel, the "father of sports parachuting," made his money with parachute schools, then decided to spend it creating the "Center of the World" on this side of the river from Yuma. He has built a 21-foot pink granite pyramid over the bronze disc he swears is Earth's center. Yes, eccentric. He wants this to become mankind's "central point for memories," and has plaques recording histories like the exploits of the French Foreign Legion. Check your time here at his sundial, which is a 15-foot bronze sculpture based on Michelangelo's *Arm of God* on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Get married in the chapel he built. Only open in cool months, December through March.

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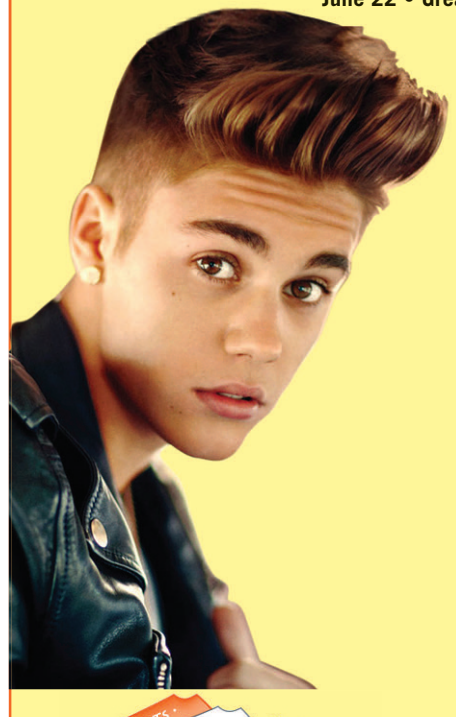

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Become a ukulelist at Rebecca's Coffee House

3015 Juniper Street, South Park, 619-284-3663, rebeccascoffeehouse.com

There's something about the uke. The Portuguese really invented it, but when the instrument turned up in the Sandwich Islands (as Cap'n Cook called them), the Hawaiians took it, adapted it, and in the end owned it. Maybe it's not so challenging, not so romantic as a guitar. But it's lighter of spirit, easier to carry around, and with four strings, way easier to play. And it's back in vogue. Ronnie Seno's teaching it at Rebecca's Coffee House on the first Wednesday evening of every month. Bonus: Rebecca's bakes what could be the best scones in the universe.

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Desert View Tower

In-Ko-Pah Road, Jacumba, 619-766-4612, roadsideamerica.com/story/9178

Desert View Tower in Jacumba resembles something you would see on a dusty 1920s postcard. The quirky museum and gift shop are located off Interstate 8 on In-Ko-Pah Road, near the Mexican border. Admission to the top of its 70-foot tower is a well-worth-it $4.50. A panoramic view of Imperial Valley and the Anza-Borrego Desert can be magnified when using a quarter-fed telescope. Ben Schultz, proprietor and longtime San Diego activist, is almost always on hand to answer questions. Before leaving, make sure to check out the site's Boulder Park. Enjoy the whimsical sculptures of W.T. Ratcliffe, an out-of-work Depression-era engineer who carved into the caves and boulders surrounding the tower. The Desert View tower is open daily from 9am–5pm. Call ahead to verify.

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Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road, 858-538-8131, Rancho Peñasquitos, sdwcc.tripod.com

Cricket here has been mainly played by the UCSD-Qualcomm axis, among "technology workers" from places such as India, Pakistan, the West Indies, Australia, and the U.K. So, how does someone who has never played before get into the game? The San Diego Cricket Club

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The Stein Family Farm

1808 F Avenue, National City, 619-477-4113, thesteinfamilyfarm.org

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Museum of Making Music

5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-438-5996, museumofmakingmusic.org

Before you can make music, you have to make the things that make music. I mean, sure, you can sing, but unless you're a chanting monk, it's kind of nice to have some instrumental backup. The Museum of Making Music's five permanent galleries trace the development of those instruments from the '20s through the '80s, when synthesizers made everything else irrelevant. Each gallery explores the popular musicians and innovations of the day, and the whole museum traces the history of the industry behind the recording industry. Plus, there's a live concert series (next up: harps!) Cost is $8; $5 for students.

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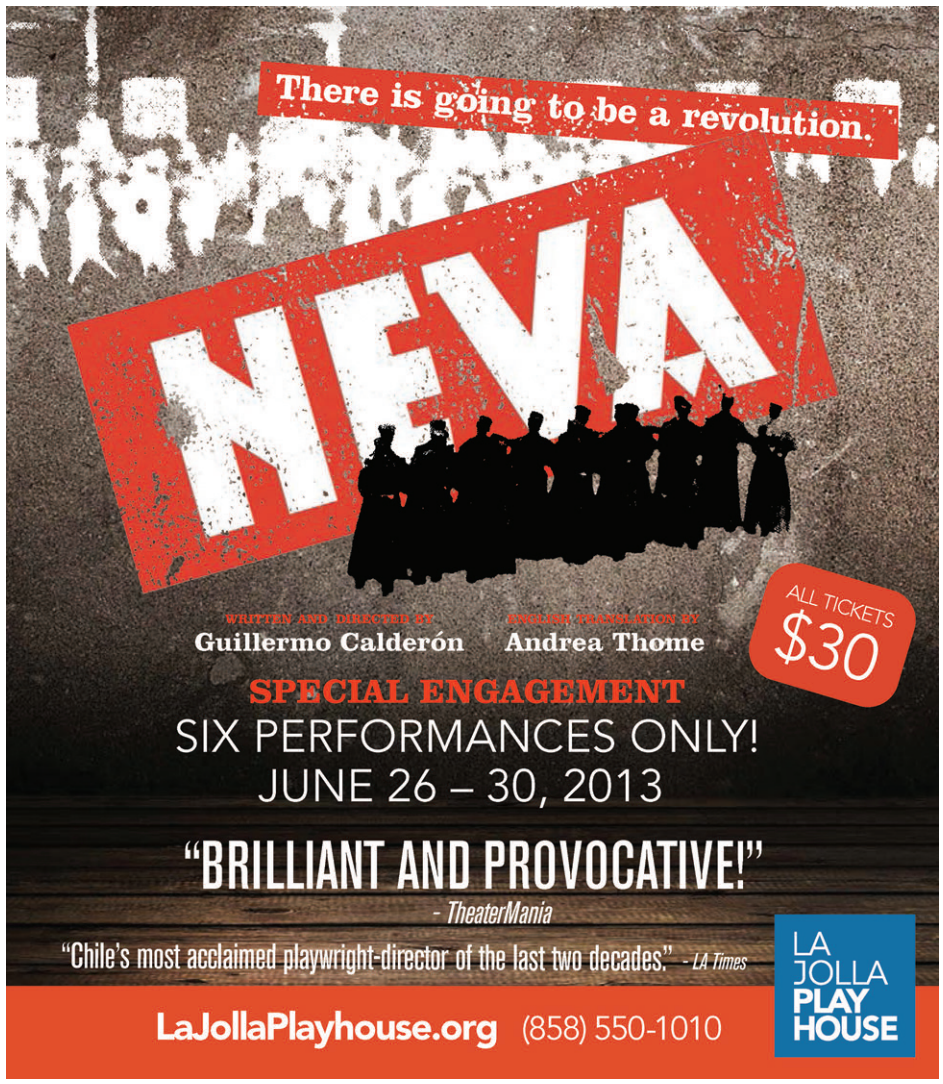

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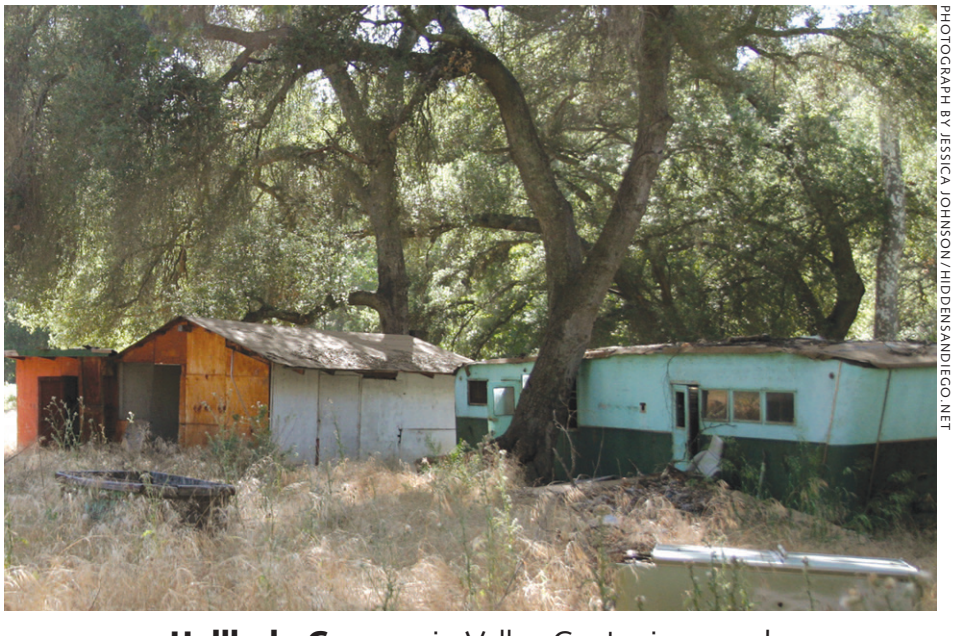
Creepy abandoned homes in Hellhole Canyon

Valley Center

In Valley Center, curious, stray pedestrians have found abandoned homes just off Paradise Mountain Road. With children's rooms, drawings on the walls, cluttered kitchens with pots and pans splattered across the countertops as if they were dropped on a whim, and even a TV satellite dish, the hiker's hunch is that it's an abandoned commune. The small houses bursting with garbage and domestic debris project the eerie feeling of a family on the run. Oddly enough, the electricity is still running, though the homes have obviously been deserted. They can be accessed from Calle De Encinas Court, or one can walk down from Paradise Mountain Lane.



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Hellhole Canyon in Valley Center is a good place to explore old, abandoned houses.

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200 Saxony Road, Encinitas, ecke.ymca.org/programs/skate-park, 760-942-9622

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Ivan Stewarts Electric Bike Center, 2021 India Street, Little Italy, iselectricbikecenter.com, 619-564-7028

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4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, sanluisrey.org, 760-757-3651

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After touring the rustic yet ornate church, check out the museum full of articles from daily mission life 150 to 200 years ago. Stroll through the cemetery where some graves date as far back as 1798. Relax under the gnarly old pepper tree in the courtyard. Planted in 1830, it's believed to be the oldest pepper tree in California. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for children 5–18. Under five and military are free.

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4832 Home Avenue, City Heights, cityfarmersnursery.com, 619-284-6358

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Go kayaking

Aqua Adventures,1548 Quivira Way, 619-523-9577, aquaadventures.com

La Jolla Sea Cave Kayaks, 2164 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores lajollaseacavekayaks.com, 858-454-0111

Some of San Diego's most beautiful places are reached by water. Think Mission Bay. La Jolla Sea Caves. Aqua Adventures rents kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes from their Quivira Basin location. From there the coves of West Mission Bay are an easy paddle away. Aqua Adventures has a sister company, La Jolla Sea Cave Kayaks, which rents kayaks off the beach in La Jolla Shores, a moderate paddle from the sea caves. Prices range from $16.50 for a 1.5-hour single kayak rental to $66 for a full-day tandem kayak. Ask about Aqua Adventures' Baja Sea Caves kayaking adventures.

Palomar Observatory

35899 Canfield Road, Palomar Mountain, 760-742-2119, astro.caltech.edu/palomar

Sitting at 5500 feet in the Cleveland National Forest on Palomar Mountain is the Palomar Observatory. Tours of the 200-inch Hale telescope, dedicated in 1948, run spring through fall on the weekends from 9am to 4pm. One-hour-long guided tours start at 11am and 1:30pm. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for seniors, and youth 12 and under are free. The drive up the mountain is beautiful year round.

And as impressive as the telescope is, the sight of the glistening white dome against the green pines and clear blue mountain sky is arguably more impressive.

Adventure Water Sports

2211 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, adventurewatersports.com, 858-581-9300

Adventure Water Sports rents paddleboards from two locations, the Dana Hotel on West Mission Bay Drive and Campland on the Bay on Pacific Beach Drive. Campland's rental location has the benefit of easy access to Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh, where the paddler can view a plethora of wildlife, particularly during spring and fall migration seasons. All while getting a killer core workout. Forty bucks for a two-hour paddleboard rental, add another $20 if you want a lesson.

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The Diego Area Rocket Team (DART) launches rockets capable of reaching 1500 feet.

Launch rockets

Fiesta Island, Over the Line Field, Mission Bay, 619-276-6238, www.dartrocketry.org

"Range is clear. Sky is clear. 3...2...1!" Since the '90s, Fiesta Island has been the only public place in San Diego County to legally shoot off model rockets. Forgo the necessary permits and instead join DART (Diego Area Rocket Team) members of all ages at their meet-ups. Expect to see low-powered rockets (motors up to Class M) that are allowed to fly up to 1000 or 1500 feet, depending on the day. DART has to take off June and July but is permitted to use the island an average of twice a month, so check their schedule before schlepping out.

Vineyard Trail Rides

18750 Littlepage Road, Ramona, vineyardtrailrides.com, 951-595-3503

Vineyard Trail Rides offers a 90-minute ride through 100 acres of olive trees, apple orchards, and grapevines on the Milagro Farm Vineyard and Winery located in the budding Ramona Valley wine region. Milagro's winemaker Jim Hart hails from one of the pioneering families in the Temecula wine region. The ride comes with a complimentary bottle of wine and chocolates. After the ride, relax on the patio or in the tasting room and enjoy tastes of Milagro's six reds and four whites. ■

Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15: OLD HOUSE FAIR

Thursday | 13

MEDIA ARTS CENTER CARNIVAL

This Media Arts Center fundraiser includes performances by comedian Mike Vinn, magician Nathan Gibson, and stilt-walking banjo-player Johnny High-Hat. Catering will be provided by True Kitchen Creatives, with silent auction items from La Jolla Marriott, MOPA, San Diego Opera, Coffee and Tea Collective, the Homebrewer, and more. $0–$20.

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

WHERE: Media Arts Center, 2921 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-230-1938; *mediaartscenter.org*

Friday | 14

HIS GIRL FRIDAY

The La Jolla Playhouse presents this John Guare adaptation of Hecht/MacArthur's *The Front Page* and the Howard Hawks movie about ace reporter Hildy Johnson's last day on the job. Christopher Ashley directed. $52–$77.

WHEN: 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-550-1010; *lajollaplayhouse.org*

Saturday | 15

OLD HOUSE FAIR

The 15th annual festival is centered at 30th and Beech streets, with exhibit booths, vendors, live music, kids' crafts, festival food, and "green-living" displays. Historic home tour ($25) includes docent-led tours of five classic homes in South Park and Burlingame. The self-guided walking/biking tours of historic homes are free.

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

WHERE: 30th Street and Beech Street, South Park. 619-233-6679; *theoldhousefair.weebly.com*

Sunday | 16

PROPS FOR POPS

Combine mini-fabric tie shapes, paper, and pens to design a custom Father's Day card to express your affection and creativity. $0–$10.

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

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

Monday | 17

SUPPER CLUB WITH CRAFT & COMMERCE

A five-course foodie extravaganza is led by tasting-room manager and certified cicerone Dave Adams and Craft & Commerce's executive chef Mike Kessler. First course: kanpachi crudo, crispy potato, blood orange tiradito with Saison Diego. Second: spring vegetable curry and roasted corn cake with Citra Session. Third: shrimp and andouille jambalaya, dirty rice with Imperial. Fourth: Double Stout braised short rib, celeriac fondant, grilled corn on the cob with Double Stout. Fifth: eccles cake, roasted fig, stilton with Candela. Ages 21+. $60.

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

WHERE: Green Flash Brewing Co., 6550 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-622-0085; *greenflashbrew.com*

Tuesday | 18

POV DOCUMENTARY: *HOMEGOINGS*

The beauty and grace of African-American funerals are brought to life through the eyes of Harlem funeral director Isaiah Owens.

WHEN: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. 858-581-9934; *sandiego.gov/public-library*

Wednesday | 19

SAN DIEGO SAUSAGE FEST

Ten of the city's meat masters will attempt to cut the competition for rights to the best sausage in town. Chefs will enter their favorite sausage recipes, from chorizo to bratwurst, to present to the public for a winning vote. Also featuring Lost Abbey's "Road to Helles" brew and live entertainment by the Tighten Ups. $10–$30.

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

WHERE: LoungeSix, 616 J Street, Fourth Floor, East Village. 619-531-8744; *sdsausagefest.com*

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Assorted animal parts, henna, and potions for sale in far northwestern China

Kanas, China

By James Michael Dorsey

In the northwestern corner of the country, where a finger of land divides the land from Kazakhstan, Russia, and Mongolia, the traveler will find myth, legend, and a way of life unchanged in a thousand years.

While officially Chinese, the people are primarily Uyghurs, eastern European Muslims interspersed with a fine smattering of nomadic Mongols who roam freely over the three mentioned borders with no regard to nationality or race. The Uyghurs have clashed frequently and violently with the majority Han Chinese over several decades as they cling to their traditional way of life, keep to themselves, and shun the accommodations of their Chinese masters who have always treated them like less than citizens, while the Mongols pay tribute to no one but their tribal leaders, recognizing no higher secular authority.

Uyghur men are identifiable by their long, neatly groomed beards and four-cornered skull caps, while the women wear heavy henna tattoos and cover their entire head with a heavy burlap-like scarf. The Mongols dress a bit more Western, perhaps due to the worldly exposure their wanderings offer them. But it's a bit disconcerting to see a fellow in cowboy hat with a lasso astride a Bactrian camel.

It is a land where established religion has collided head-on with animism, native superstition, and ancient esoteric ritual. Lamas (Tibetan Buddhist priests, not the animal) are more important than government officials, and shamans are an integral part of everyday life. More than anything, it is a land of faith, where ancient ways have taken on the veneer of religious belief.

In the main town of Kanas — a tiny wooden ville snuggled in a lost valley surrounded by snowcapped mountains — rows of neat log cabins, left behind by Soviet-era loggers, line the dirt streets where apothecary shops are filled with animal parts waiting to be ground into active ingredients for curing any physical malady or for use as ceremonial offerings. Coils of sun-dried snakes and lizards twist and turn in the breeze like so many mobiles, while seller stalls offer powdered beetle and dehydrated frogs.

Reindeer are kept in tiny pens, not as work animals or pets, but to produce new antlers, annually, after the old ones are sawed off and shipped to major cities to be sold as aphrodisiacs at exorbitant prices.

Riding over the rolling hills on a camel, you can hear the multiple layered melodies of Tuvan throat singers emanating from the felt yurts that dot the countryside like giant mushrooms. White silk *katas* (prayer scarves) twist in the wind, identifying the cabin of a lama. You might witness a young eagle being trained to hunt rabbits for its owner.

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Inside every home you will find a shrine to Genghis Khan (himself a practicing shaman), usually an artist's portrait surrounded by votive candles and food offerings to a spirit most believe still wanders the valleys.

Because of Kanas' proximity to three other nations, there is a strong military presence that offers the paradoxical sight of jack-booted Chinese soldiers walking alongside felt-booted nomads.

This traveler was fortunate to have been there during a full solar eclipse, and it was more fascinating to watch the people than the eclipse itself. As the moon began to move in front of the sun, people began screaming and cowering. Mothers grabbed their babies and huddled on the ground with them in their arms. Many ran into buildings in full flight. A minor panic spread throughout the village, and as full darkness covered the land there was suddenly absolute silence, as though everyone was waiting for the apocalypse to strike with full force. As the moon passed, many raised their arms to the heavens in what I assume were prayers, and I can only wish I had been with one of the lamas at the time to see his reaction to this natural phenomenon.

Even more than the physical trappings of Kanas, it was the reaction of the people to a completely natural wonder that revealed the mindset of an entire region of China and made me realize how time had stopped there long ago.

The Chinese government kept Kanas off limits to the public for years but now is in the process of filling the valley with prefabricated structures that will soon pass for their version of four-star tourist hotels. The traveler should note, though, that regardless of tourist-friendly advertising, in the more remote areas such as this one, there will be more and more police roadblocks and random searches.

I was constantly harassed by young thugs who wear police badges but, in truth, work for the Communist party, keeping the rural population in line with brutal and sometimes physical repression.

Fascinating as China is, for the solo traveler, it can be a harrowing place.

Other Adventures

maryellen1952: Los Llanos cowboys

milindparelkar: Under the maple — at the Portland Japanese Garden

jeliason: Montmorency Falls, Quebec, Canada

ROAM-O-RAMA

San Diego Outdoors with the Canyoneers

BIG LAGUNA-GATOS SPUR

Pines, oaks, and incense cedar on this six-mile loop of the Gatos Big Laguna Trail Spur

Distance from downtown San Diego: 53 miles. Allow 60 minutes driving time to the Cleveland National Forest. From I-8, exit north on Sunrise Hwy. (SR-1) and go 8.3 miles to Wooded Hill Rd. Turn left and drive about 0.4 mile to the Agua Dulce Trailhead parking lot. A National Forest Adventure Pass is required to park. Facilities.

Hiking length: Six miles. **Difficulty**: Intermediate with an elevation gain/loss of approximately 700 feet. Gatos Spur has a bicycle track. Bring a lot of water (it can get hot between the shady areas), snacks, and sunscreen.

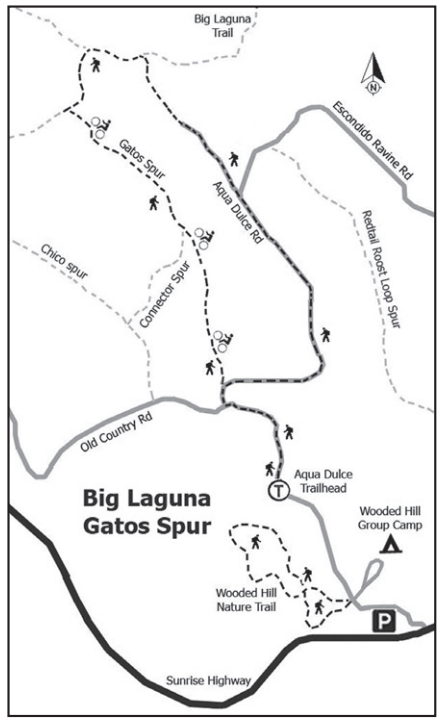
Lupine is one of the many species of flowers found along the trail.

When it becomes too warm to hike in the desert but it's still overcast at the beach, it is time to head to the mountains. Wooded Hill in the Laguna Mountains is a lovely escape, but if you are looking for a longer, less-steep hike, a loop through the Big Laguna Trail spurs hits the perfect note. True to the area named Wooded Hill, this loop trail features large Jeffrey pine, black oak, and incense cedar, providing intermittent shade throughout the loop.

Walk north through the metal gate, continuing down the paved road. After approximately one-quarter mile, you will see a barbed-wire fence with wooden supports to the right of the road. Walk through the opening, turn right at the graveled road, then left as the fire road follows the Agua Creek. Continue taking left turns on trails until getting back to this point, where a right turn and then a left on the Old Country Road brings you back to the start of the trailhead. While on the trail, note the following:

Just past the left fork on Agua Dulce Road, there will be an old, lichen-covered incense cedar, dramatically tall, and a huge pine tree riddled with holes from acorn woodpeckers. Some holes are filled with acorns, where the woodpeckers secure their larders. These are known as granary trees. You will hear and see stellar jays, juncos, nuthatches, crows, ravens, and many other birds among the trees. Through the tree branches you can spot red-tail hawks and turkey vultures soaring overhead.

With the presence of so many old, large *Quercus kelloggii* (black oak trees, more than 200 years old, judging by the size), you can expect to encounter morteros — divots in stone outcroppings where the Kumeyaay Indians used to grind the acorns into flour. The black oak acorns were prized for their relatively low tannin content, requiring less rinsing and processing to prepare for food. About 2.8 miles from the trailhead there are three large rocks; morteros can be seen on the top surface. This shaded area is a good place to stop for lunch.



Native plants found along the wooded trail include checkerbloom, Indian paintbrush, white and yellow yarrows, wild rose, western chokecherry, ceanothus, yellow violets, and stinging nettle. Horkelia, a favored food for Laguna Mountain skipper butterflies, may also be encountered.

After leaving the morteros, the trail crosses fields with many different plants sporting yellow flowers in the spring, including baby yellow stars, goldfields, tidy tips, and the cream puff poppy, which dots the meadow. Fortunately, there is not much poison oak, although if you cannot tell the difference between basket bush (common in this area) and poison oak, it would be prudent to give the "leaves of three" a wide berth.

Just past the barbed-wire fence enclosure, take the left fork onto the Gatos spur, which has technical challenges for bicycles along the trail, including logs to ride either lengthwise or multiple ones laid crosswise.

The trail can be an aromatic experience as well. The bark of the Jeffrey pine has a sweet, butterscotch-like aroma. The cedars carry their own characteristic fragrance. If lupines are in bloom when hiking, note the many varieties along this trail, including the grape-soda lupine (yes, it smells just like grape soda!) and giant lupine. Take care not to get too entranced with the aromas and pay attention to what's ahead and behind you on the trail since mountain bikes and horses share this space.

This loop can also be traveled in the opposite direction by taking the second left once off the Old Country Road. Be on the lookout for bicyclists.

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

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ART

Brotherhood Opening and Closing Receptions A solo exhibition featuring local artist Patric Stillman. Runs through July 13. 619-299-4278. Friday, June 14, 6pm; **free**. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

BYOB Painting Class Includes step-by-step instructions and all supplies needed to complete a painting. Live music, cheese, and glasses provided. No experience needed. Fridays, 7pm; through Friday, June 28, $45. 21 and up. Noric Fine Art Gallery, 7400 El Cajon Boulevard #303. (EL CAJON)

Scott Munzig The tropical seascapes of Maui's Scott Munzig. 619-231-9061. Saturday, June 15, 6am; 21 and up. Luminous Views Gallery, 1815 FIfth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Spirit of Life In conjunction with Kettner Nights, event features a performance by artist J7, as well as works by Lindsay Duff, Anna Kassel, Ginger Louise, Christian Michaels, and Susan Takano. Exhibit runs through July 11. Contact: 619-269-6900 or info@kettnerarts.com. Friday, June 14, 6pm; **free**. Kettner Arts Gallery, 1772 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Jim Bell Local environmentalist Jim Bell, discusses his new book, *Consciousness and Knowledge: Achieving Peace, Prosperity and Life-support Sustainability*. 619-225-1083. Thursday, June 13, 7pm; **free**. Green Store, 4843 B Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Wine and Lecture: Coronado Doctor/Island LIfe in Early 1900s Mary Ellen Cortellini, noted historical researcher and author of three books, will spin a tale of Coronado's days gone by. The lecture promises a glimpse of a period rarely documented by historians. Wine will be served for a donation, as well as water and iced tea. No RSVP required. Kneedler books will be available for purchase and author signings. Contact: info@coronadohistory.org or 619-435-7242. Friday, June 14, 5:30pm; **free**. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Mainly Mozart Festival On June 15th Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg leads the Orchestra from the violin in Piazzolla's Four Seasons in a program that also includes Anthony McGill performing Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and Anne-Marie McDermott at the piano with Mozart's Concert Rondo in D. For tickets call 619-46-MUSIC or visit www.mainlymozart.org. Festival runs through June 22, 2013. Please check mainlymozart.org for locations and details. (SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Breathwork Class (Pranayama Yoga) An evening of Pranayama Yoga. 760-487-1877. Friday, June 14, 6:30pm; $10. The Studio: A Community Education Center, 3125 Tiger Run Court. (CARLSBAD)

Keep Your Child Interested in Piano An hour of insights, tips, tricks, and strategies from teachers who make music fun and challenging. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, June 15, 10am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

Photographing People Participants will learn the basics of photographing people, subjects including how to approach people, backgrounds, and foregrounds, natural light, shadow, and composition. Class will take place at the Little Italy farmers' market. Some experience photographing with your digital camera is recommended. Instructor Sarah Meghan Lee. Two dates available. Info@artacademyofsandiego.com or 619-231-3900. Saturday, June 15, 9:30am; $60. Art Academy of San Diego, 3784 30th Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Rhyme & Verse

What Did I Know about Love

A poem by Maria Mazziotti Gillan

I was twelve. What did I know about love,
about how I would love the boy
who lived next door
for being gentle and kind,
for the way he always acted
as if I were breakable and precious;
someone to be guarded and cared for,
though his father was a drunk
who beat him up, and his mother
was skinny with a cigarette always dangling
from the corner of her mouth.

Where did he learn such tenderness?
What un-smashed corner of himself carried
this sweetness? I think of him sometimes,
the first boy I ever loved, the one
who would be the model of every man
I ever fell for, with his golden hair, wide blue
eyes, clear skin, the long delicate fingers
of his hands, think and remember
how we'd walk home together

from PS 18 down the cracked and broken
sidewalks of 19th Street. One night, his family
moved out. "One step ahead of the bill collectors,"
the neighbors said. I did not see him again,
but I remember the way he'd stop a minute
at my house to watch me head toward
our back stoop, and then he'd turn,
face his own house and hesitate,
gathering himself to go inside.

Maria Mazziotti Gillan is a recipient of the 2011 Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award from *Poets & Writers* and the 2008 American Book Award for her book *All That Lies Between Us* (Guernica Editions). She is the founder/executive director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College in Paterson, NJ, and editor of the *Paterson Literary Review*. She is also director of the creative-writing program and professor of poetry at Binghamton University-SUNY. She has published 16 books, the most recent of which are *The Place I Call Home* (NYQ Books, 2012) and *Writing Poetry to Save Your Life: How to Find the Courage to Tell Your Stories*, published by MiroLand/Guernica, last month. She is also the co-editor of four poetry anthologies. "What Did I Know about Love" is taken from *What We Pass On: Collected Poems 1980–2009*, published by Guernica Editions in 2010, and is reprinted by permission. Visit her website and blog at *mariagillan.com.*

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COMEDY

Brad Wollack Writer and regular roundtable guest on "Chelsea Lately," Brad Wollack is an Emmy nominated television writer and comedian. Friday, June 14, 7:30 & 9:30pm. Saturday, June, 15, 7:30 & 9:30pm. The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Dan Mintz Stand-up comedian from *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and Comedy Central, and currently the voice of Tina on FOX's new animated series *Bob's Burgers*. 619-795-3858. Thursday, June 13, 8pm; $16. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Darren Carter Comedian from *The Tonight Show, Chelsea Lately, Comedy Central Presents, Comics Unleashed,* Showtime, and more. Friday, June 14, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Saturday, June 15, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; $15. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Father's Day Comedy Show Featuring Nick Guerra and Dustin Ybarra. 619-795-3858. Sunday, June 16, 8pm; $10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette Learn Tango Now! Take a first Free class Monday, June 17, at 7pm, or Wednesday, June 19, 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)

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)

Flamenco Dance Show Live show features singer-dancer Oscar Valero, guitarist Juan Moro. Friday, June 14, 8pm; $10. Gran Tapa, 611 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Move as One Dance Instruction With Dan Gibbons. Preparing brides and grooms for their first dance for over 20 years. From picking the music to the final bow. Professional champion customizes your routine to fit you. Wedding dance special (five 50 minute private lessons $300) Sandiegodanceinstructor.com, 858-248-0593. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays; through Sunday, June 30, Art Studio 4, 340 N. Escondido Blvd (ESCONDIDO) or Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Ave. (HILLCREST)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Del Mar Great Books June discussion topic: Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. 858-756-4298. Friday, June 14, 6:45pm; **free**. 18 and up. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Del Mar, 12835 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Summer Literature and Video Series John Lee presents documentary videos for discussion. His major focus is technology, however, this summer course will also be peppered with the arts, culture, history, and music. Contact: 619-223-3193 or church@westminstersd.org. Thursdays, 9:30am; through Thursday, August 22, **free**. 18 and up. Ducks in a row. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3598 Talbot Street. (POINT LOMA)

FOOD & DRINK

Firkin Friday w/ Alpine Brewing On cask: Hoppy Birthday! Friday, June 14, 5pm. Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street, San Diego. (SOUTH PARK)

Father's Day Brunch Join us for a fabulous Father's Day Brunch from 9:30am to 2pm with a special à la carte menu! Make your reservations now. http://www.solare-lounge.com/fathers-day. Sunday, June 16 from 9:30 to 2pm. Solare Ristorante Lounge, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

The Dinner Detective Performers are dressed just like everyone else, leaving all of the guests to suspect who is a part of the show and who is not. At the end of the night, prizes are awarded to the top sleuth who solves the crime. Each ticket typically includes an interrogation reception, a four course meal, the interactive murder mystery show, music, prizes, and more. Saturdays, 6:15pm; through Saturday, December 28, $59-$63. 18 and up. Courtyard San Diego, 530 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Austria: Entertainment and Bratwurst The House of Austria hosts a cultural program that includes Austrian folk dancing, ballroom dancing with dancing to the music of the Strauss, singing, music, cowbell ringing, and a special presentation of songs from Austrian operas. Also featuring bratwurst and leberkase plates with potato salad and sauerkraut, desserts of apple strudel and Sacher torte, and root beer floats. Food available at 11:00am. Entertainment begins at 2:00pm Sunday,

June 16, 11am; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

Big Bite Bacon Fest Featuring over 50 local restaurants and chefs, craft brews, entertainment, and two "bacon inspired dish" contests that offer over $5000 in prize money and the chance to win an invitation to the World Food Championships in Las Vegas. Sunday, June 16, 8am; $55. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Craft Brewery Tours Tour stops at Green Flash, Ballast Point, and Karl Strauss (subject to change). Cost includes transportation, dinner, and beer tastings. 619-232-5040. Thursdays, 4pm; Fridays, 4pm; through Wednesday, July 31, $95. 21 and up. Five Star Tours, 1050 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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

Father's Day Beer Brunch Cruise Includes a two-hour yacht cruise, free-flowing beer, mimosas, and champagne, gourmet brunch buffet, dessert buffet, a narrated tour of scenic San Diego on the sun deck, and a free souvenir pint glass for Dad. Sunday, June 16, 10:30am and 12:30pm; $42-$70. Hornblower Dinner Cruises, 1800 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Father's Day Brunch A Sunday Brunch featuring local Stone Brewery beer-tasting. Sunday, June 16, 10am; $29-$52. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Gatsby at the Del San Ysidro Health Center's fourth annual gala features a hosted wine reception, dinner, live and silent auctions, awards presentation, and dancing to the music of Haute Chili. Proceeds support San Ysidro Health Center. Contact Ana Melgoza, amelgoza@syhc.org or 619.205.6378. Saturday, June 15, 5:30pm; $300–$500. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Graduation Celebration Benefit Featuring dinner and drinks, live music by Pete Johnson and Jus' Blues Baby, Savannah Philyaw, African drumming and dancing, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit U-TOUCH trainees in Uganda. 858-945-3220. Saturday, June 15, 6pm; $15-$35. Home of Deb and Ron Plotkin. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Jack Tempchin: Peaceful Easy Feeling In partnership with South Coast Winery, the museum welcomes San Diego hit songwriter Jack Tempchin for a wine tasting and concert event. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of his most popular song, Jack has partnered with South Coast Winery to develop his own Peaceful Easy Feeling Cabernet Sauvignon. This event pairs his tunes "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and "Slow Dancing" with the velvety, black cherry aromas of this Cabernet Sauvignon produced and bottled locally in Temecula. In addition to a full-length concert, guests will be treated to a complimentary glass of wine and light bites. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Museum's education programs. Saturday, June 15, 6pm; $20–$25. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Rancho San Diego Food Truck Gathering Event supports the Valhalla High School Athletics Department. Thursdays, 5:30pm; through Thursday, April 24, $3-$15. Valhalla High School, 1725 Hillsdale Road. (EL CAJON)

Sakagura Night #2 Taste sake and learn how it's produced from Mr. Hirohisa Kikuchi of Asabiraki, one of the oldest sake breweries. Suijin Junmai Okarakuchi and Honjozo-Namachozo, two of their popular sakes, will be served with special appetizers. Thursday, June 13, 6:30pm; $18. 21 and up. Shimbashi Izakaya, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Oysterfest 2013 Enjoy oysters, beer, music by Mayor Hawthorne, Poolside, Tyrone Wells, Blood Diamonds, Family Wagon, Social Club, and DJ performances by Chris Clouse, Fresh One, Mike Czech, Who, and DJ Artistic during 4th annual event. Oysters from British Columbia along West Coast to Mexico will be available as well as offerings from many SD restaurants. Cooking demos by celebrity chefs, "Shuck and Suck" competition, more. Saturday, June 15, 11am; $25–$100. 21 and up. Embarcadero Marina Park North, 500 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Stylish Wine and Cheese Featuring ten cheeses paired with limited reserve wine. Friday, June 14, 6:30pm; $59. 21 and up. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

That's Hot: The Fleet's Summer Sizzler Event explores the tastes and experiences that make summer in San Diego so sensational. A cash bar features beer, wine, and cocktails. Thursday, June 13, 6:30pm; $15-$20. 21 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Venissimo Cheese Tasting Robert Graff, cheese specialist, takes participants on a tour of Europe focusing on the famous cheese regions. He'll also discuss American cheeses that are now considered world-class, and the differences between goat, sheep, and cow milk cheeses. Event features 10 samples and three glasses of wine. Friday, June 14, 6:30pm; $59. 21 and up. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Whiskey and Cheese Whiskey master Dirt takes participants for a ride down whiskey and bourbon lanes, pairing his favorite with cheeses. Thursday, June 13, 6:30pm; $60. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese, 871 G Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

FOR KIDS

Adobe Brick Making Learn the history of adobe edifices and then make your own mini-bricks and create your own structure. 760-632-9711. Saturdays, 12pm; Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, June 30, **free**. San Dieguito Heritage Museum, 450 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Community Martial Arts Class New martial arts academy offers complimentary child fitness through martial arts class. Contact: 619-654-7709 or aspiremartialarts.ata@gmail.com. Saturday, June 15, 2pm; **free**. Aspire Martial Arts, 2656 Jamacha Rd., ste 104 (EL CAJON)

Props for Pops Combine mini-fabric tie shapes, paper, and pens to design a custom Father's Day card to express your affection and creativity. Thursday, June 13, 10am; Friday, June 14, 10am; Saturday, June 15, 10am; Sunday, June 16, 10am; **free**-$10. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Toddler Time: Ernie's Rain House Sing and dance along to bilingual music and story-telling. Friday, June 14, 10:30am; **free**. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

LECTURES

Farm Tour Day 2013 Get a behind-the-scenes look at how local food and flowers are grown on the fourth annual Farm Tour Day. Guided walking tours led by the farmers themselves will take participants through their unique farming operations and showcase a variety of the region's agricultural specialties. Demonstrations, samples, and other activities for all ages. 9am to 3pm Saturday, June 15, 9am; $10-$25. (VALLEY CENTER, FALLBROOK, AND SAN PASQUAL VALLEY FARMS)

Life, Liberty, and Happiness Through Humanism The Humanist Fellowship of San Diego hosts a lecture by board member, Cy Chadley, who will explain how humanism can provide the framework for humanity to determine its values (be they religious, ethical, social, or political) for liberty and happiness in this life. Saturday, June 15, 10am; **free**. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Oasis Presents: The Lost Town of Bernardo Learn about the rise and fall of the little-known ancestor of Rancho Bernardo: the farming village of Bernardo. This Oasis

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Non-denominational

Contact: *10695 Treena St. San Diego 619-201-7470* sandiegobiblechurch.com

Membership: *200*

Pastor: *Steve Brown*

Age: *57*

Born: *Dayton, Ohio*

Formation: *Phoenix Seminary, AZ*

Years Ordained: *8*

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

Pastor Steve Brown: The most important thing to me is that others understand the Gospel message that we're saved by faith alone and Christ alone through grace. Once they understand that, then I'm rabidly committed to discipleship.

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

PB: Biblical illiteracy is my main concern. We do not teach the congregation or average Christian to read and interpret Scripture with the author's intended meaning so we end up with a whole lot of pastors' meanings instead of going after what the author intended. That's why we have to have good hermeneutics — and that word is important. It's self-policing, so we don't develop our theology or create religion man-style, but allow the Bible to create our theology where it uses the totality of Scripture.

SDR: *Why did you become a minister?*

PB: It wasn't my choice — but it was a gift and a calling. I had a passion and burden to help others to come to know Jesus and grow in their relationship with him.

SDR: *What's the mission of your church?*

PB: The mission of our church is short and sweet — we say that the great commission and a great commitment govern everything we do. We express living out the love of Jesus for all people so we can be a living witness to non-believers and that we can be a hospital for those who have experienced legalism and find they have been in a very judgmental environment.

SDR: *You mention that after three months of dialogue and "courting the Holy Spirit," you recently took up Torrey Pines Christian Church's invitation to share their campus. What change has your church's mission undergone since the move?*

PB: As we have always focused on reaching the lost and unchurched, that led us to seek out other pastors who are like-minded and willing to drop those invisible walls and say that "these are my people." In reality, none of the people in a local church belong to us but to Jesus. When we can understand that and trust the Holy Spirit, it creates a lot of freedom for churches to work together.… It's fun to be outside the box, work together with other churches and not try to do everything yourself. We came to a point where both

"We don't develop our theology or create religion man-style," says pastor Steve Brown (with his wife Linda).

churches were able to trust that this was a "God thing." We hope this is a testimony to the Christian community but also to the non-Christian community who often sees the Christian churches as islands unto themselves.

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

PB: One of two places — heaven or hell. The amazing thing about God is that we don't deserve heaven and he has given us the free gift of eternal life and given each of us the ability to choose where we want to spend eternal life. In other words, God doesn't make that choice for us, but we get to choose whether we want to receive that gift of eternal life through the forgiveness that Jesus offers by his substitutionary death on the cross. If we choose to reject God's plan of salvation for us, then we will get exactly what we want — which is separation from God for eternity.

— Joseph O'Brien

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talk includes newspaper articles and photos and guides attendees through the life and death of this small town, once located south of the North County Fair shopping center, in what is now an empty park. Thursday, June 13, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Solar Open House Learn about solar technology, rebates, and incentives; speak with a local homeowner about the experience going solar; view a live operating solar system; and have your questions answered by one of our soalr experts. Saturday, June 15, 10am; 1563 Whitsett Dr. (EL CAJON)

OUTDOORS

Beach Cleanup at Carlsbad Beach Fest Coastkeeper will be hosting a beach cleanup during the Beach Fest event, providing supplies for the cleanup, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own reusable gloves and buckets. Saturday, June 15, 10am; From Frazee Beach at Pine Avenue to Tamarack Beach at Tamarack Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Father's Day Walk in Florida Canyon Native-plant steward Alan Bennett will introduce some of the native plants common to the chaparral and coastal sage scrub plant alliances (using common plant names). The walk will include two parts. The initial part will be an easy forty-five minute walk circulating the garden's easy loop trail. The second part includes a moderate hike of about 1/2 mile and a total distance of one and a half miles. Attendees are encouraged to wear long-sleeved shirts, hats, sunblock, and close-toed shoes. Contact: Alan Bennett, 619-955-3275 or alanbennett@hotmail.com. Sunday, June 16, 9am; **free**. California Native Plant Demonstration Garden II, 2201 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

History/Mini Tour Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of Marron Adobe This historic Marron Adobe and the land surrounding it is identified as one of

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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 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (760) 757-3651, x161.
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the 12 most endangered sites in San Diego County. Mini tour includes a short walk in the valley to Buena Vista Creek, a grounds tour of the historic adobe, and special exhibits that highlight the cultural, historic and natural resources of this area. 760-724-3887. Saturday, June 15, 10am; **free**. Buena Vista Creek Ecological Preserve, at the end of Haymar Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Interpretive Nature Walk Docent, writer, and artist Donna Walker leads a nature walk among the watershed community's native plants and wildlife. Learn about the history and culture of the indigenous people who lived in this area during prehistoric times. Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, June 23, **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Native v. Non-Native Experience the drama of competition in the plant world as opposing forces vie for a position in our open spaces. A trail guide will assist participants in identifying natives and non-natives. Visitor Center. Saturday, June 15, 9:30am; Sunday, June 16, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Summer Twilight Walk Experience nocturnal world of Mission Trails Regional Park as dusk sets in and transitions into night on a trail guide-led walk. Bring jacket and flashlight. Meet at Bushy Hill parking lot, across from Campground Entry Station. Saturday, June 15, 7:15pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Old Mission is Turning 215! Open house and grand re-opening of the historic church. To celebrate, the Franciscan Friars invite the community to a free and family-friendly event: Private gardens and retreat center open to the public; ladybug release, 10am; free museum and behind-the-scenes tours; free entertainment; BBQ and bake sale; Mission plant sale; gift-shop specials. 760-757-3651. www.sanluisrey.org. Saturday, June 15, 10am–3pm Old Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

S.H.A.F.T. We have a most excellent show in store for your entertainment. A crew known as S.H.A.F.T. (Super Happy Awesome Fun Times!) is bringing together electronic musical marvels. The Lineup includes Dirty Pierre, Just Gage, Lisa Ubiquitous, and Duckberry Crunch Xplosion. Sarah Cranberry will be playing violin and KarateXPlosion will be on percussion, over the electronic beats. Come dance with us; all proceeds will go toward raising money for shade for Burning Man. $5 before 10pm, $10 after 10pm. Friday, June 14. Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Blvd. (MIDTOWN)

Summertime Love! Simply the Best Singles, an upscale singles organization for singles age 40-60ish seeking relationships, marriage, and more, invites you to a dance/mixer with DJ JAMES, Saturday, June 22, 7:30-11:30pm. Classy dress (no jeans/shorts). Arrive at 7:30 to speed date! Dance price $15 prepay, $20 door, parking $5. Register at www.SimplyTheBestSingles.com or call 818-577-6877. Saturday, June 22, 7:30 to 11:30 pm. San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

1000 Family Rummage Sale Everything you can imagine, and more. Saturday, June 15, 7am; **free**. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Access to Independence Non-Profit Fundraiser Guests will have access to the award-winning "AccessAbility exhibit" created by the Boston Children's Museum featuring hands-on activities and real, personal stories that inspire visitors of all ages. Contact: 619-293-3500 x238. Thursday, June 13, 6pm; $75. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Father's Day Fest and Walk The starting point begins at the festival site. At the half way point, participants will stop to honor fathers at the Fort Rosecrans Miramar National Cemetery by placing a rose on each father's grave who served in the armed services. Event activities include live entertainment across one stage, games, speed stack competition, gunny sack race, the "man cave," face-painting, and more. Contact: 866-991-3747 or pr@fathersdayfestival.net. Saturday, June 15, 8am; **free**. Nobel Athletic Fields and Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Flag Day Military groups, families, and guests will gather at the Mormon Battalion Historic Site for a program to honor all military units, starting with a flag-retiring ceremony and featuring performances by the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Brass Band and Color Guard. Guest speaker and historian, Randy Madsen, will also give a ten-minute presentation about the history of the military. A cake-cutting ceremony will follow the event. Reservations requested. 619-298-3317 or saffleck@live.com. Friday, June 14, 4:45pm; **free**. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Health Care Provider Wellness Conference Learn about the impact employee health can have on your organization's long-term success. Join executives and worksite wellness champions as they examine the ROI of employee health programs and strategies for cultivating a successful culture promoting better health, increased productivity and lower costs. Contact: Karen Ochoa, kochoa@hasc.org or 213-538-0765. Thursday, June 13, 6:30am; Friday, June 14, 6:30am; Westin San Diego, 400 West Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Hubbell/ Ilan-Lael Foundation Open House The studio and home tour will explore the eight structures on over 40 acres of land, serving as the home of James and Anne Hubbell. The one-day tour will also unveil the new ninth building, the residence of the Ilan-Lael Foundation, a structure that will be used for classes, art displays, and lectures. 760-763-3427. Sunday, June 16, 11am; **free**-$50. Ilan Lael, 930 Orchard Lane. (SANTA YSABEL)

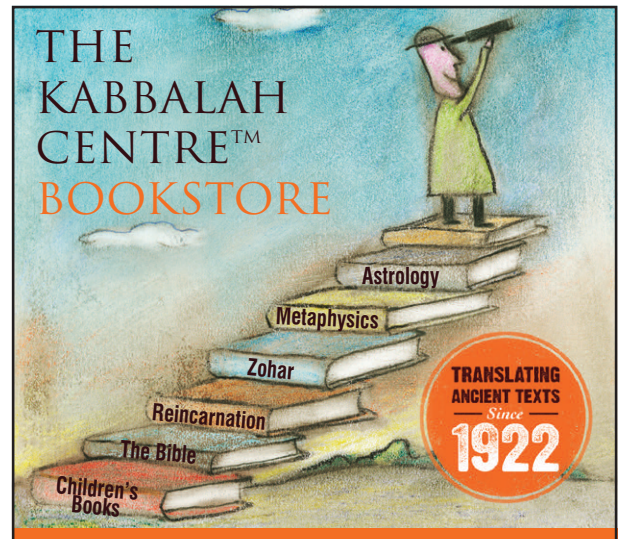
Media Arts Center Carnival Performances by: comedian Mike Vinn, magician Nathan Gibson, and stilt-walking by Johnny High-Hat. Catering by True Kitchen Creatives. Silent auction items from: La Jolla Marriott, MOPA, San Diego Opera, Coffee and Tea Collective, The Homebrewer, and more. Thursday, June 13, 6pm; **free**-$20. Media Arts Center, 2921 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Miniature Show and Sale San Diego Miniature Crafters host the annual event with exhibits, sales, workshops, classes for crafters, artists, collectors of dollhouse-size miniatures. Contact: Florence, 858-454-4959. Saturday, June 15, 10am; Sunday, June 16, 11am; $4-$7. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Old House Fair The 15th annual festival is centered at 30th Street and Beech St., with exhibit booths, vendors, live music, kids' crafts, festival food, "green-living" displays. Historic home tour ($25) includes docent-led tours of five classic homes in South Park and Burlingame. Self-guided walking/biking tours of historic homes (free). 619-233-6679. Saturday, June 15, 10am; **free**-$25. 30th Street and Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Shoot to Cure HD Teams of ten select five of their ten guests to make as many free-throws as possible in three minutes. As the party grows, beverages are consumed, the crowds gather around, and crazy things happen. Guests are treated to food and drinks from more than 20 San Diego eateries, tickets to the Padres game that evening, and a commemorative T-shirt. Contact: Stephanie, salband@hdsa.org. Saturday, June 15, 2pm; **free**-$125. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Sobreruedas en el Barrio A resident-led neighborhood market in the Greater Logan Heights Community. Inspired by the concept of Mexican street markets, the Sobreruedas will feature more than 30 vendors with a wide array of items from assortments of Latin-American foods, clothing, jewelry, handmade arts/crafts, home decor, and more. Each month has a different theme featuring free workshops & community resources. Free parking is available at Imperial Hall at 3055 Imperial Avenue. Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, April 7, **free**. 30th St., Between Imperial Avenue and K Street. (GRANT HILL)



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Rich little number

I lift one from his plate. It's great, sweet, a little hot.… I go for one of the $3 "outrageous" tacos instead.

TIN FORK

ED BEDFORD

Bai tío? It's a Thai phrase. Sounds like *bye tee-oh*. Been picking up a few of these from Thai friends.

To *bai tío* means to go out and have fun, screw around, don't do anything, like, responsible. Love it.

And, this could be one of those days! Finished a job this morning, did some chores, and now it's past 4:30 p.m. That's it. Taking the rest of the day off. Got exactly $30 lining my pocket. Carla's working, can't be interrupted. So, what the heck: *Bai tío!*

Only rule? The *bai tío* rule: got to spend every penny.

I get off the bus at 12th and Imperial. Whip into the A-Mart, grab a $1.25 coffee, a country-fried-chicken cheeseburger (like a burger, only with a chicken patty, not beef) for $5, add a fruit salad for $3.99, and head over to a narrow counter that looks out over the trolley tracks. This counter is where the trolley drivers and security guards hang out, write their reports, eat lunch.

Ten minutes' walking time later, here I am up at Fifth and K. Figured I might stop off somewhere for happy hour. I mean, it's five o'clock somewhere? Hey, it's five o'clock *here*: Transit Center's clock tower is donging right now.

I take a quick survey of happy-hour possibles. Look in at Lou and Mickey's, the Chicago seafood-and-steak house. But you have to sit in the out-of-the-sun narrow sidewalk seats if you want the happy-hour specials, not their beautiful big flowery patio facing the convention center. Next door, in the Hilton Gaslamp? Nada. Rockin' Baja Lobster, at Fifth and K? Good happy hour, but they separate the happy-hour customers here, too. You have to sit inside at the bar. Second-class citizens? Nuh-uh. I wanna be where the action is.

Last place I try is Toscana Café and Wine Bar, across from Rockin' Baja. Irena, the Russian girl at the welcome podium, says to sit where you like, happy hour's on (it's daily, 3:00–6:00 p.m.). *and* they have Stone Arrogant Bastard draft for four bucks.

I sit down at one of the red-brown marble-topped tables in the patio. Chairs are woven black metal with orange cushions. Scarlet geraniums burst out of boxes on the windowsill. Classy.

For happy hour, you get a choice of some of the dinner appetizers at half-price. Bruschetta's normally $9.95, so that'd be $5. A white-bean Mediterranean dip with veggies and grilled garlic crostini is also $5. Prosciutto-wrapped mozzarella's normal price is $15.95. So, figure $8.

But the one I go for is the sausage plate. "Slices of grilled Italian sausage and chicken-applewood sausage served on a bed of baby arugula tossed with olive oil and lemon." Costs $6 during happy hour. Tim the waiter comes by and I order it up, plus the A. Bastard, natch.

The sausages when they come look like skinned cats' tails, long, thin sausages sliced lengthwise. But they're herby, light, totally delicious. The salad's got some sweet vinegar in it, which gives a nice boost to the sausage flavors. Arrogant Bastard goes great, too, with its hoppiness against the slightly sweet package of the herby sausages and sweet-sauced arugula.

Bonus: Tim brings me three toasted crostini with dark, sweet balsamic vinegar squirted over them to round out the salad-sausage combination. No charge.

I sit, chomp, slurp, listen to the sound system playing "The Lady Is a Tramp."

But the greatest pleasure comes when the setting sun suddenly angles up K Street from the bay and floods the whole patio in golden light. The red geraniums are electric. And it only hits our patio. Folks on the street notice it and come in to be part of it.

Nine bucks plus tax I've spent here. Add in the $11 from A-Mart. Twenty down, ten to go.

I cross K. Crowd at Rockin' Baja Lobster seems to be having fun…even at the bar where the happy-hour customers are corralled. Oh well, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. I head in.

The sausages looked like skinned cats' tails but were delicious.

Irena the hostess says sit where you like during Toscana's happy hour.

Place is covered in Baja murals, Baja memorabilia, lotsa signs: "If you're drinking to forget, please pay in advance"; "Same Day Service"; "Drink till he's Cute."

I get a Bud Light ($4)…big taste comedown from the Arrogant Bastard. Then I find out I could've had Dos Equis Amber or Tecate for the same price. Dang.

Travis, guy on the next stool, is working on a plate of Gnarly Nachos ($7); he's added chicken for an extra two bucks. Plus, he's got some "Sweet and Spicy" calamari ($7). In a, like, soup plate with a handle.

"Try the calamari," Travis offers. "It's really good."

I lift one from his plate. It's great, sweet, a little hot. But seven bucks…I go for one of the $3 "outrageous" tacos instead. And, hey, it's Taco Tuesday, so $2.

The tacos do have outrageous names, like "Taco Chingones" (don't even ask). But I'd rather have Surf-and-Turf. It seems like only a second before the chef's putting it down in front of me, steaming hot.

It's a rich little number. Carne asada chunks, two big juicy shrimp, plus avocado, cheese, red onion, cilantro, tomato, and a stripe of mayo-ish sauce, all crowded aboard two corn tortillas that look as if they've been grilled. Oozy-delicious.

Oh, man. Now I'm truly feeling belly-stretched. But still got a couple of bucks left.

I head back out onto Fifth.

That's when Carlos Cerecero comes by with his guitar. He's dressed like a gypsy troubadour, a red bandanna tied around his brow. He's doing the café rounds.

"I've been singing on this street since 1953, when I was ten," he says. "It used to have 300 nightclubs in the Stingaree. Now it's…changed."

I haul out my last two Washingtons.

"Do you know 'Malagueña Salerosa'?"

"'La Malagueña'? Of course."

He belts out a beautiful version of the story of the salty lady from Malaga. It's always the first one I ask for when I go to Tijuana, a Mexican song about this poor guy trying to seduce a fine Spanish lady. The song's not just saucy, but haunting, plus the guitar work's pretty darned difficult. When it's done well, that's a good day.

This is a good day.

Perfect, actually. The whole afternoon.

Makes me remember another phrase my Thai buddies taught me: *sanuk di*.

"That was fun!" ■

(@SDReader_EdBed)

The Place: *Toscana Café & Wine Bar, 238 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp at K Street, 619-231-5788*
Happy Hour Prices: *Bruschetta appetizer, $5; white bean Mediterranean dip (with veggies and grilled garlic crostini), $5; Toscana sausage plate (with grilled Italian sausage, chicken-applewood sausage, arugula salad), $6; standard, non-happy-hour prices more (e.g. prosciutto-wrapped mozzarella appetizer, $15.95)*
Happy Hours: *3:00–6:00 p.m., daily*

The Place: *Rockin' Baja Lobster, 310 Fifth Avenue, 619-234-6333, at K Street*
Prices: *Happy-hour Gnarly Nachos, $7 (with chicken, $2 extra); calamari, $7; Surf-and-Turf taco, $3 ($2 on Taco Tuesdays)*
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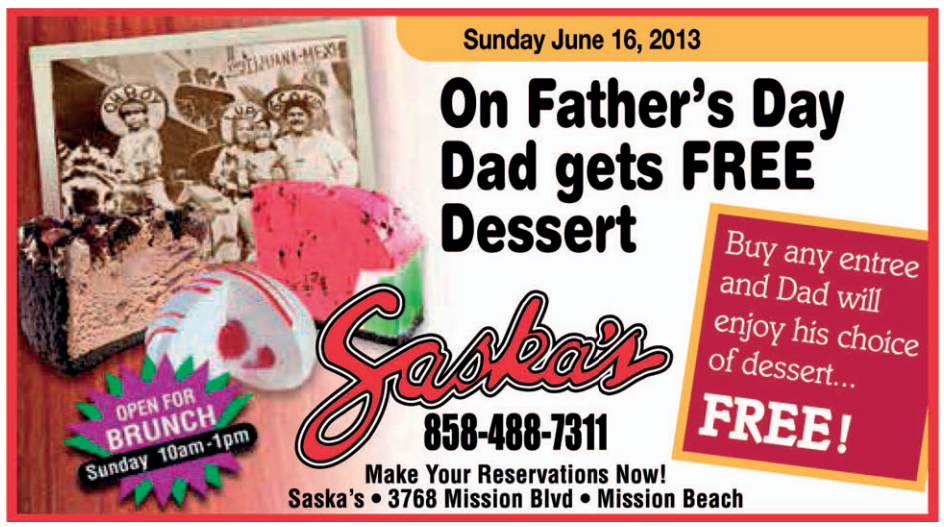

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FEAST!

Moonshine, brats, and duck confit

Salt and Cleaver has been open for a little while, but I hadn't had a chance to go check it out until now. The extensive remodel on the building's interior put a lot of distance between the new restaurant and the old Cote Sud. According to the website, Salt and Cleaver is supposed to be modeled after 1860s industrial Chicago. That seems oddly specific, but it did come out looking good in there; much more a romantic dream of industry than an Upton Sinclair slaughterhouse nightmare. It helps that they were playing great music.

At first, the cynics say, "Hey. Cool. How is this not just the Linkery in Hillcrest?"

And to some extent they are correct. Salt and Cleaver resembles the Linkery if you paint a picture in broad strokes. The devil, as they say, is in the details.

"The delight at Salt and Cleaver," says Ian Pike, "is how the sausages are dressed up."

The delight at Salt and Cleaver is how the sausages are dressed up. Take the Duck. Duck.Pig ($12), for instance. The duck and pork sausage was good, but the application of frisée and orange supremes sealed the deal. The little bites of duck confit didn't hurt, either.

On their IPA Bratwurst ($9) it was the snappy sauerkraut, pungent mustard, flavorful roasted peppers, and chewy pretzel bun that gave the sausage its robust character.

Cucumber fries ($4) were an excellent, and novel, side dish of long, thin spears of cucumber tossed in spices and a light oil. Served with a tangy tzatziki sauce, the cool snap of the cucumbers was a good balance for the rich sausages. Regular french fries ($4) were hot, crispy, and fried hard with a double-dip in the hot fryer.

With a glut of beers on tap and a full bar, Salt and Cleaver won't be leaving anyone thirsty. I tried a mule drink made with a California moonshine (a different brand than the Kill Devil moonshine I mused over a while back). My first instinct? It tasted like vodka. This merits further investigation.

Salt and Cleaver was not cheap. A couple drinks and sausages for two pushed the bill up past 60 bucks, which seemed like a splurge on brats and moonshine. A fine line separates a Wisconsin, backwoods barbecue and a happening new Hillcrest restaurant.

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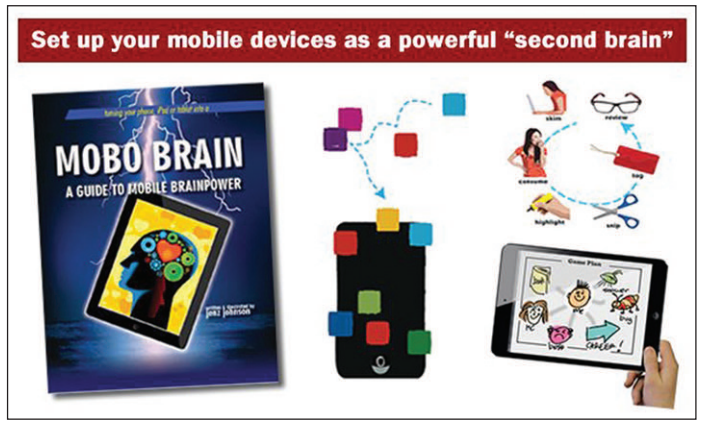
by Ian Pike

Technology at the dinner table

In this vast and untamed American future, just about everybody carries a mobile device.

While most of us have been subjected to impromptu tirades about smartphone etiquette ("not at the dinner table/7/Eleven checkout/live concert/in public ever") at the behest of yesteryear nicks who are still learning to cope with the modern world's obsessive love/hate relationship with technology, local author Jenz Johnson posits that it is time to move forward and embrace our pocket 'puters as allies.

In his latest book, *Mobo Brain*, Johnson suggests we digest information along with our entrées by committing the ultimate techno-taboo: playing with our phones during dinner.



Mobo Brain author Jenz Johnson says go ahead, play with your phone at dinner.

Following suit with Albert Einstein's assertion that one should "never memorize something you can look up," Johnson presents a handful of scenarios in which bringing your smartphone to supper is not only appropriate, but advantageous.

Students, for example, can use meals as study time by saving test materials to a mobile device along with virtual clippings of books, articles, and personal notebooks.

For non-students who want to spice up dinner conversation, Johnson advises:

"If you know the group of friends with whom you are dining is likely to fall into a debate about politics, you can save pieces of articles, charts and quotes to back up your points of view. If you know you'll be talking sports, you can use your mobile brain to do more than just settle arguments as to which quarterback had the most touchdown passes — anyone could Google that — you can delve deeper into arcane knowledge and save the most salient bits on your phone to rip apart over dessert."

He goes on to show how to use a smartphone or tablet to data dump just about everything — recipes, task lists, project notes — and gives pointers on optimizing time spent in lines by reviewing and revising lists or studying.

But before you discard Johnson's pro-phone philosophy as anti-social, quixotic, or just plain rude, check out his online guide to smartphone etiquette, which outlines a new protocol for integrating technology into our daily lives.

Underlying his vision of a pro-mobile world is the belief that technology should be used to augment the conversation at the table, not escape from it.

by Chad Deal

Prepping for a Pig Out

It's always fun hanging with chefs. I've had the pleasure of interviewing many in my day, but the most enjoyable gastronome interminglings I've experienced have been during after-work chef meet-ups. One-on-one interviews are friendly enough, but mostly business-like. Get a bunch of chefs together off-the-clock and you're guaranteed plenty of shop talk, ball-busting, laughter, and beer.

The last pro culinarian assembly I attended happened last week at Carnitas' Snack Shack. Owner and pork-loving chef Hanis Cavin was hosting an early planning meeting with seven of his contemporaries going by the collective nickname the Crazy Eight (originally, it was the Elite Eight, but apparently lunacy won out over highbrowism), for an event taking place in October at the Handlery Hotel (950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley).

It's unusual for chefs to plan this far in advance for an event, but this one, dubbed the Heavenly Hog Fall Pig-Out, is an ambitious one. Conceived by the Handlery's Karl Prohaska, innovator of events including the Mission Valley Craft Beer Food Festival and the Five Chef Societe Dinner, it's intended to serve as the ultimate pairing dinner. And though the octet spent the evening downing ales from Green Flash, Societe, and Ballast Point, many intend to go beyond beer for the Pig-Out.

According to Prohaska, anything goes, where beverages are concerned — rare beers, esoteric wines, small-batch spirits. The only mandate is that they must go perfectly with each chef's dish. All of those plates will center around the use of a particular cut of pork. In addition to potent potables, the chefs are aiming to use as many different parts from Heritage Pork hogs as possible. The most exciting moment in the meeting came when each chef pulled

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an index card to figure out what cut they'd be working with. The following is how it all shook out.

Karl Prohaska, the Handlery Hotel: shoulder/butt

Kyle Bergman, Ritual Tavern: belly

Tommy Fraioli, Sea Rocket Bistro: loin

Olivier Bioteau, Farm House Café: ribs

Rich Sweeney, R Gang Eatery Southpaw Social Club: trotters/shanks

Matt Richman, Table 926: head

Anthony Sinsay, Burlap: wild card (his pick, likely offal)

Hanis Cavin, Carnitas' Snack Shack: skin/fat

Not everybody's figured out their dishes, but one thing's for certain: Cavin's skin and/or fat-based dish will be a dessert. Intrigued? If so, tickets for the Pig-Out are available online. The event will take place on October 11 at the Handlery's outdoor garden.

by Brandon Hernández

Worldly birds

At the end of a narrow walkway tucked between two shops on Girard Avenue in La Jolla is a sweet little gem of a restaurant called Finch's Bistro and Wine Bar.

I discovered Finch's a few months ago, during a tasting event. I'd expected it to be a simple French bistro, so I was surprised when I found the diverse flavor origins listed beside what was an eclectic selection of dishes. France, Japan, Rome, Portofino, South Africa were represented by mushroom pâté, ahi poke wanton, stuffed squash blossoms, shrimp, and "bobotie."

My favorite thing about tasting menus is the opportunity they provide to experience many flavors in one sitting. The first dish carried small bites, each of them delectable — the mushroom pâté was served on a slice of country bread with chives, balsamic reduction, and truffle oil (which, fortunately, wasn't strong; truffles aren't my favorite); the mini ahi poke wanton was a harmonious blend of ahi sashimi, Asian slaw, mango, cilantro, onion, teriyaki glaze, and avocado; and the squash blossoms were crusted with panko crumbs, filled with herb goat cheese, and placed atop a lightly sweet and savory tomato coulis.

The next plate featured the contrasting "shrimp Portofino" (a grilled jumbo shrimp served on crisped slices of Yukon gold

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potato, over which some lemon garlic sauce was drizzled) and the foreign sounding "bobotie." My man, David, had heard of the traditional South African dish, but this was the first time he'd had a chance to try it, and the first I'd heard of it. We voiced our curiosity as to why such an exotic item was on the menu and learned that one of the owners was from South Africa. A sort of casserole, the bobotie is traditionally spiced minced meat with an egg-based topping — this one was spiced ground lamb with peas, carrots, and bechamel sauce, served with jasmine rice with raisins and mango chutney.

David loved his bobotie so much, I felt obligated to give him the rest of mine. I was saving room for dessert, particularly the "chocolate French toast sandwich," which was well worth the wait. I have no images of dessert because it disappeared before I remembered my camera.

Because we so enjoyed the tasting, David and I returned a few weeks later to try out the dinner menu. I wish I had been warned about the portion size — unlike the delightfully dainty-tasting dinner, the serving sizes on a normal night were more fit for Big Bird than Mr. Finch. For example, when I ordered the squash-blossom appetizer, rather than the two I expected, I received *four* of the cheese-filled, panko-crusted treats. Whereas the one squash blossom from the tasting night had been served on a spoonful of tomato coulis, the appetizer portion came with an entire bowl of it. It was as tasty as I'd remembered, but overwhelming. After one, it just becomes heavy.

David was excited to get the bobotie again, but he suffered the same fate — the portion was huge. I ended up taking the most of my entrée home. I ordered the "meat and potatoes," or "naturally raised Angus filet mignon," which was served atop broccolini, grilled tomato, and "Finch's scalloped potatoes." The potatoes were incredibly rich — they were smothered in a creamy cheese sauce. I'd filled up on the squash blossoms, so I only made it a few bites into the entrée, which was as generous a portion as the appetizers.

We had plenty of leftovers for lunch the next day. Next time, we plan to bring friends, so we can sample not just more of the menu items, but also more of the interesting wines on offer (such as the Esk Valley sauvignon blanc from New Zealand, which had a surprising and pleasant jalapeño note).

by Barbarella Fokos

New menu at Imig's Bar and Kitchen

Imig's Kitchen and Bar at the Lafayette Hotel (2232 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-780-0358) has been steadily goofing with their menu since I first went there last fall. For a while, they served a modified bistro menu of smaller plates and reserved entrées. It was a little all over the place and stronger as a happy-hour distraction than as a dinner destination. Sadly, long gone were the eggplant fries that captivated my attention and for which I returned at one point, only to have my hopes crushed.

Now, it looks like Imig's has changed their game yet again with a new menu. It's (significantly) more expensive, but much more of a proper dinner menu at the same time.

Small plates and starters have crept up in price to the $7–$13 range, which takes them further from the domain of bar snacks. Steamed clams in a sofrito sauce, grilled shrimp with Humboldt Fog cheese, and portobello mushroom polenta are almost meals in their own right.

The selection of entrées had greater focus and involvement, which came at a higher price. Some dishes — like the individual "pot roast" or the grilled skirt steak with succotash, collards, and pan gravy — edged up against the $20 mark just without breaking it. "Old school" meatloaf ($15.50) received a generous amount of zesty, housemade ketchup and gravy made with red ale. A brief encounter with a saute pan gave the slices of meatloaf a delightful crispiness. Potatoes and carrots on the side were appropriately old-school.

The zealously named "4-hour beer-braised pork shoulder" ($16) tasted more of alternating melting and crispy fat than beer. The huge hunks of pork lay surrounded by sweet potatoes and fried plantains with some fresh arugula composing a raft above the thick, sweet sauce.

There were definitely some soul-food influences on the new menu: the collards and succotash on the steak and the sweet, almost candied flavors in the pork shoulder. But Imig's new menu — with pot roast, chicken and dumplings, and meatloaf — really pays homage to mid-century American cooking more than anything else. Considering the location in the Lafayette Hotel, with the pictures of early-Hollywood types on the walls, it fits.

by Ian Pike

French, Italian and Carla

Seeing we're in Coronado and we've spent, like, $35 for burgers…it's now around seven and Carla suddenly says, "Let's go get you a French and Italian at the Del. Just in time for sunset."

"The…the Del?"

"Look, we just paid out $35 for burgers. Danny's, right? You got paid Friday, right? Let's make $35 the limit. Have some style, Bedford. Think Great Gatsby! French and Italian…"

French and Italian's a cocktail my bro has always ordered with great bluster. I've even come to like it. A lot, when I can get it.

"Okay," I say.

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Lord. Haven't been here for four years, must be. That time I lucked out and found José Palma, who's a legend among barmen. Not many cocktails he doesn't know. And, yes, he knew what a French and Italian was. And, miracle! There he is, right behind the bar. I have three words.

"French and Italian?"

It takes him a moment. "Of course," he says.

"And ginger ale," says Carla. "Thanks for asking," she hisses to me.

"Sweetheart, I was just about to…got caught up in the French and Italian thing…"

"Of course," José says again and disappears back inside to the main bar.

"You'll pay, of course," Carla says as we sit down under a heater. "We are going to have a snack."

Man, I'm gonna be eaten alive. A snack here is like a three-course dinner at Denny's, cost-wise.

But here is the surprising thing. Hidden among the $40 steaks, is a little line of "sides," $7 each. Fork-crushed potatoes, green asparagus, sautéed snap peas, roasted mushrooms, and charred Brussels sprouts, my new go-to side.

"Can we just have a side?" I ask the waitress.

"Of course," she says.

"With bread?"

"We can get you bread."

Result: I have this little triangle of heaven to sip — warm, aromatic, with sweet red vermouth (Italian), dry white vermouth (French), and a splash of gin and a slice of lemon to add tang. Carla's ginger ale looks pretty cool with the setting sun's rays shining through, too.

José — not José Palma — brings our plates.

My sprouts, with little baguettes and butter, are crunchy, carbony, beautiful. Quite a lot on the oval plate.

Plus, Carla's 'shrooms mix well with them. They're lush and garlicky. Bit of thyme in there, too.

We eat like parolees who know they've gotta get back to the real world.

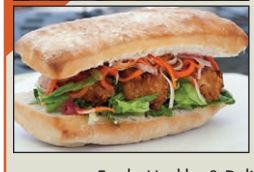
But here, kids play on the lawn, a whole ring of people sit like us, looking out to ol' Huey, sinking off Point Loma.

We take bets on what the bill's going to be.

"Thirty-five dollars," says Carla, and you know what? She's right on the button. Have to tip, of course, so make that $40 when all's said and done.

"Think of it this way," she says. "It's like Danny's, right? We're just missing the french fries."

by Ed Bedford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Heart the song. In February, San Diego–based Slacker, a streaming music service, underwent a redesign and relaunch that they say netted them six million new listeners. This month, the company plans to introduce a digital tool they call "the Engagement Quotient," which will fine-tune listener data to give fans, artists, and labels a real-time view of trends.

Jack Isquith is Slacker's senior vice president of content programming and strategic development. He says that within Slacker's 13-million-song library are billions of user data points. He thinks he can use those data points to fine-tune the internet station in a way that conventional broadcast-radio programmers cannot.

"I found [the data] was much more robust than I thought it would be." There are at least seven events in any listener transaction, he explains. "Starting the song, letting it complete, 'hearting' the song (something akin to the Facebook 'like' button), saving the song, and then there's an entire range of negative actions." Isquith says a listener may ban a song, ban an artist, or they might quit Slacker entirely in a fit of disdain. "It happens. What if, for example, we play a Billy Joel song at the wrong time and a Billy Joel hater hears it? We may lose them forever."

Slacker's senior VP Jack Isquith has no problem playing Tim McGraw and Justin Timberlake on the same station.

Slacker was founded in 2006 in Rancho Bernardo. The service offers customizable curated channels, news, and sports talk, and both free and subscription-based streaming. Isquith says all the traditional pop-music charts are likewise based on reported sales or spins that say nothing about how engaged a listener may or may not be. "We're just trying to lead the conversation with more talk about listener engagement and less talk about spins as a way of measuring."

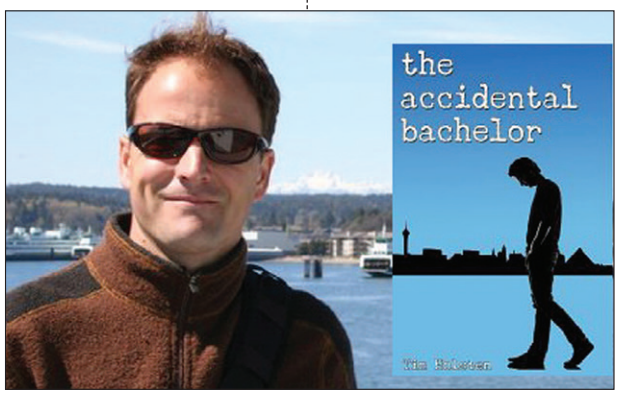
Slacker will publish Slacker EQ Top 40 charts on their blog. The data are revealing unexpected results: "For example, we're seeing country artists performing as well as Rihanna." Naturally, a Slacker EQ Top 40 channel is in the works, but for all of the research metrics that have gone into it, the station's music direction sounds a lot like the Boss Radio of old.

"The science says we can play Tim McGraw and Justin Timberlake on the same station. We're going to do just that," Isquith says, "and hope it works out."

— Dave Good

Perfect vessel. "It's a San Diego–based humor novel, but it's also a huge tribute to music, specifically the 1980s," says Encinitas author Tim Holsten, whose book *Accidental Bachelor* includes area locales and personalities such as the Kraken in Cardiff, '80s one-hit wonders the Monroes ("What Do All the People Know"), and famous former El Cajon neighbor Lester Bangs.

"The basic premise is a single guy in his 30s, trying to find purpose in his life. I use North County San Diego as a character itself: watching cover bands at the Kraken, the geography, the surf breaks, and trends like too many Tommy Bahama shirts."



Author Tim Holsten cleaned out his brain clutter, put it in a book.

Thanks to having a "brain cluttered with pop-culture trivia," Holsten (an avid runner and Special Olympics coach) peppers the story with local events, such as the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and opening day at Del Mar, along with references geared to appeal to the classic-rock crowd. "My familiarity with '80s bands like the Monroes stems from a ridiculous amount of pop culture I absorbed. Completely useless information, aside from destroying other couples in the entertainment category of Trivial Pursuit, until I decided to write the book. That provided the perfect vessel to use all this stored information in an entertaining way."

One character speaks primarily in quotes from the locally shot ode to crew-cut testosterone, *Top Gun*. "The characters' formative years were the '80s, so the decade is extensively referenced in the story," he says. "This is done mostly through song lyrics. And often additional little-known factoids are mentioned, like how the song 'Mr. Roboto' caused the breakup of Styx."

Segments taking place at the Kraken resulted from somewhat surreptitious first-hand research, as Holsten has never met the bar's operators. "The Kraken is near where the main character, Finn, lives and works. I wanted to work it and other Cardiff landmarks — like the Pannikin, Pipes Café, and Yogi's [Beach Bar] — into the story. A couple of scenes take place there, one with a ZZ Top cover band and the other a funeral....

"When I was doing my book research, I walked in there one packed Saturday afternoon with a pad of paper and a pencil. The bartender saw my pad of paper, gave me the stink eye, and asked me, because I'm more clean-cut than their average patron, to 'Check the Kraken off your list.'"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Something in the air. This year's San Diego U.S. Air Guitar competition has taken shape, for the first time, as a grassroots affair.

Jason Farnan (aka Lieutenant Facemelter, the 2010 and 2012 San Diego air-guitar champion) is taking the reins as both the event's host and promoter. The major change is that the San Diego stop is now one of many "qualifiers," which will be set up by, in most cases, local veterans of the air-guitar circuit. In the past, one winner from each city on the tour won a free trip to the finals. This year, two contestants from each city will qualify.

"This certainly creates an advantage for potential competitors," Farnan says. "And since last year's regional winners get a free pass to semifinals [Farnan included], it also opens up an opportunity for newcomers to win a city that might normally be won by a seasoned veteran."

Farnan says the changes will also allow the promoters in

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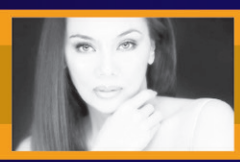

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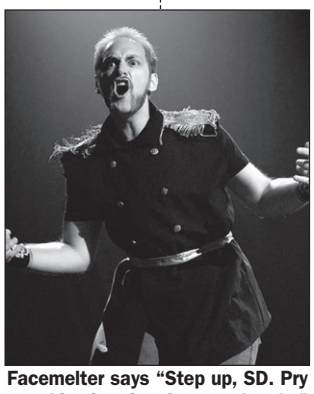
each city to tailor each event to their particular tastes.

"The great thing about the new format is that U.S. Air Guitar is allowing locals to license their own shows and run them in any way they want. This gives us a real grassroots approach, as it allows us to work with any sponsors we can get, advertise in any format we can find, and run the show in our own, unique way to draw more people in." For example, Steve Weinberger, local author of the book *No Air Guitar Allowed*, has "generously offered up a few books to give away at the show. I thought it was a pretty fun collaboration to have a book with that title be given away at the air-guitar competition."



Facemelter says "Step up, SD. Pry this air guitar from my hands."

Since Farnan will be busy hosting the show, San Diego is wide open for new talent to conquer the evening.

What is it about getting onstage and sacrificing all your dignity in the service of a rock song?

"The art of air guitar is all about loving a song so much you can't help but wish you were a part of it," Farnan explains.

The U.S. Air Guitar San Diego qualifier takes place at the Casbah on Saturday, June 29.

— Dryw Keltz

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Home turf. "Most of the songs off my first solo record are inspired by a seven-and-a-half month trip to Central and South America," says Encinitas-based singer/songwriter Tolan Shaw, frontman for 2009 SDMA Best New Artist winners the New Archaic. Having won Best Songwriter at the 2011 San Diego County Fair in Del Mar, Shaw became somewhat of a world traveler by working with Semester at Sea, which took him through South Africa, India, China, and Japan, ultimately visiting around a dozen countries and over 70 cities. He followed that up by touring Latin America with his fiancé Sarah, teaching English classes by day, while writing material for his self-titled solo album at night.

The 24-year-old says the lyrics on his CD were "inspired by that life-changing journey... represents where I'm at in life — unsure which direction to take but focused on staying in the moment and letting things be as they will. The instrumentation and songwriting is inspired by '60s and '70s R&B and soul. My friend and ex-bandmate from the New Archaic, Joe Harrison, helped arrange the horn parts, and the horn section from his local Afrobeat group, In Motion Collective, played on the tracks."

Tolan Shaw's first solo record is a travelogue of sorts.

The album cover features a performance pic shot at Lestat's. "I'm using the gramophone as a logo and branding shtick for a few reasons. I came across three old gramophones at a rummage sale that I use onstage as a cool visual. They're old-school looking and kinda match the inspiration and vibe of the music. Plus, since the instrumentation includes a four-piece horn section, the horn of the gramophone is a good representation of that."

Shaw has booked two release parties for the CD, with the first taking place June 27 at the Belly Up in Solana Beach. "This one will be a big production with a full band, including a horn section and gospel backing singers Voices of Prayze, who have sung with Jason Mraz and James Morrison."

An all-ages edition happens in Normal Heights on July 12 at Lestat's. "That's my home turf. The show will be a mix of solo acoustic and electric band music." And lest anyone feel ripped off after the more elaborate Solana Beach shindig, "The gospel singers will be included."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

THE THERMALS AT CASBAH

Thursday 13

Portland pop-punk trio the **Thermals** will heat up Casbah with their sound-bit brand of socio-politiking. Hutch Harris *still* has one of the coolest names in rock, even if his band has succumbed to numbed production and time-stamped, formulaic jobiness (write-record-tour-repeat) without a hint of conflagration. C'mon, Thermals, conflagrate! Earlier efforts *Fuckin' A* and *The Body, the Blood, the Machine* suggested a band loaded for bear that since has opted for pot shots at its own generation with three-minute, four-chord regurgitation. I can say these things because the Thermals are bulletproof smart and better than the product. And they absolutely *cook* onstage. With Fullerton's garage-rawk *Mellow Cruisers* **Audacity** (King Tuff), local fuzz ponks **Octa#Grape**, and "the band not the man" **Dan Padilla**, these'd be the sets to see Thursday night, SD.... Otherwise, you got Wesley Eisold's dark-wave **Cold Cave** at the Void with sonic experimentalist **Boyd Rice**... Texas death-metal by **Devour the Unborn** darkens the Tower with **Gutsaw**...and "acid-blues" group **Requiem for the Rockets** lands at Tin Can Ale House after **La Font** (L.A.) and **Muscle Beech** [*sic*].

Friday 14

Singer/songer/guitarist and one-time Plimsoul **Peter Case** plays NoPark hot spot Bar Pink Friday night. Mr. Case is half of that '70s new-pop duo with Paul Collins that gave the world the Nerves, the Breakaways, and the Beat. These days Case plays the solo-folkie circuit with indie-cred intact. The material is rich and comes with Grammy guarantees (*Let Us Now Praise Sleepy John*). Bootcut boogie band **Deep Ellum** and Twin Cities trio **Gasoline Silver** ("subterranean wordplay scored with electro-psych panoramas and biker-movie guitars") open the show.... Best of the rest: from the UK, '80s new-wave acts **Bow Wow Wow** and **Gene Loves Jezebel** will be at Bay Park bar Brick by Brick... soul-jazz sextet **Greyboy Allstars** check into Casbah for two nights of comfort groove...alt-rock up-and-comers **Real Things Are Good** will be "opaquing masses of reverb and poetic frequency" at the Tin Can Ale House after **Pocket Rockets** and **Bloodflowers**...Brooklyn bands **Small Black** and **Heavenly Beat** split a chillwave bill at Soda Bar... hard-rocking Langelenos **Lords of Altamont** will take down the Shakedown with **Devereaux** and the **Embalmers**...and "come whether you whine or grind," 2 Tone ska revivalist Dave Wakeling and his **English Beat** will be at Belly Up for two nights, Friday and Saturday.

PETER CASE AT BAR PINK

INDIAN JEWELRY AT THE VOID

Saturday 15

Anyone else mosey the stretch of sidewalk between Soda Bar and the Void two, three, sometimes seven times in a night? Yeahmetoo. This Saturday smells like one of those nights, as the Void's got touring Texans the **Well**, a Sabbath-slanted psych-rock trio that's probably a lot better live than their websounds, and **Indian Jewelry**, an experimental noise-rock troupe "known for its vision music and seizure-inducing stage show." Indian Jewelry comes from that culty Houston collective Swarm of Angels and also tours/records under the name Electric Fuck All. Hm. Between the two sonic acid baths, you got SanFran folk-pop band **Owl Paws** as palate cleanser. *Which one of these things doesn't go with the others?* ...So, you see, lots of potential to bounce from that lineup to Soda Bar, where **Burning of Rome**'s heady, hooky jams will headline sets after **Howls**, **Water Liars**, and **Ed Ghost Tucker**, all of the trad, tried, and true blues-rock persuasion and all Crawler-approved, if that means anything to ya.... Honorable mentions include folktronica femme fatale **Beth Orton**, who will play the all-ages Irenic behind her latest crit hit *Sugaring Season*...the Shakedown's "grand reopening" offers a freebie that features hardcore locals **Nihilist**, those drunken punkin' idiots **D.P.I.**, **Red Devil Squadron**, and **Great Electric Quest**...L.A.'s staunchly independent hip-hop hit **Nipsey Hussle** has the mic at Porter's Pub (get to *iHussle.com* for Nip's newest mixes)...and classic-rock-radio staple **Steve Miller Band** will pour some "Wild Mountain Honey" on the Fair at Del Mar, which will, as it is wont to do, deep fry it and put it on a stick!

Sunday 16

Odd-pop duo Johns Flansburgh and Linnell, aka **They Might Be Giants**, will be at Belly Up Sunday night. With 16 studio records to their credit, a couple Grammys, and an unprecedented creative streak that includes some of the best children's music ever — they call it "music for the entire family" — it's hard to recommend anything but this USDA-certified go-to show. TMBGs are pure entertainers with rock in their pocket. New York City subway buskers **Moon Hooch**, on their first national tour, open the show and according to tour reports have been "blowing people away with their sassy sax beats".... Else: Goner recording artists and Ty Segal–produced **Ex-Cult** set up at Soda Bar with like-minded locals **Octa#Grape**, **Shiva Trash**, and **Kids in Heat**...Mexitronica band **Lorelle Meets the Obsolete** plays Til-Two after borderland goth-pop bands **Dancing Strangers** and **Voice Actor**...and Casbah's got **Free Energy**, a Philly-based, '70s style pop-rock act touring in support of this year's *Love Sign*, which I really wanted to like but couldn't help hearing Cheap Trick without the, y'know, *Trick*. Local barroom rockers **Just Like Jenna** up first.

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS AT BELLY UP

Monday 17

The blues-rock troubadour and "musician's musician" **Patrick Sweany** plays from his latest, *That Old Southern Drag*, at the Soda Bar. Fans and cohorts include Black Key Dan Auerbach and Jorma Kaukonen of Hot Tuna and Jefferson Airplane. **Loose Snakes** slither in first.... The Tin Can's Monday-night Country Club has that country-fried crooner/guitarist **Bill Cardinal** this week...while Casbah's Anti-Monday team sets up this month's resident alt-pop act the **Steelwells** with boy-girl garage-rock band the **New Kinetics**.

Tuesday 18

Progressive country player **Junior Brown** takes the stage at Belly Up Tuesday night. Brown's known for his signature "guit-steel" double-neck guitar and his one-man-band approach to neotraditional country that rips licks from surf, Tex-Mex, blues, and swing for one stringy smorgasbord of song. Our own acoustic-blues and roots player **Ben Powell** will set it up.... 91X's Loudspeaker hosts "soulful electropop" duo he typed with his eyes crossed **Dr. Seahorse** at the Griffin, along with alt-rock six-piece **Hampton Beats** and electro-funk bros known as **Pal&Drome**, Josh and Zach Wheeler.... Alt-country pinup **Rhett Miller** (Old 97's) plays Casbah behind last year's *The Dreamer*. Where'd the British accent come from?

JUNIOR BROWN AT BELLY UP

Wednesday 19

Humpnight hits like this: **Holy Grail**'s at Soda Bar with **Anti-Mortem** and **Eukaryst** for a night of furious, four-on-the-floor thrash metal.... **Beach Party**, **Golden Beaches**, **Jeans Wilder**, and **Buddy Banter** fill a summertime indie-pop bill (with some June-gloom undertones — I'm looking at you, Jeans Wilder) at the Griffin in Bay Park.... And one-hit wonders **Big Country** and **Mike Peters** of the Alarm share the stage at Belly Up after our own alt-pop throwbacks **Stripes & Lines**. Now bring on the f!!!ing sun, San Diego, or a I swear I'm moving to Borrego. You guys notice that Casa del Zorro's reopened — and affordable? We gotta get some shows going on out there! Somebody look into that and report back here.

— Barnaby Monk

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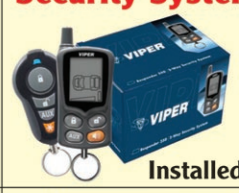

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DAVE GOOD

Brett Ellis is a rock-and-roll guitar player cut from the same cloth as the charismatic blues-rockers from the late 1960s and '70s. Born in Texas, raised in San Diego, he meets me at his Stealth Recording Studios in La Mesa, where he recorded *Monkey Brain* and a string of personal projects to follow. He got his first guitar at the age of 13; five years later, he says he knew he could make music his livelihood. Brett Ellis has since worked with or opened for Eric Johnson, Edgar Winter, Foghat, Sammy Hagar, Glen Hughes, Uli Jon Roth, Carl Palmer, King's X, Bad Company, and Pat Travers.

I'VE SEEN OLD PROMO SHOTS OF YOU ONSTAGE AT STRAITA HEAD SOUND IN LA MESA. WERE YOU PART OF THE '80S SCENE THAT PRODUCED JAKE E. LEE AND ASSASSIN AND MICKEY RATT?

"Mickey Ratt and Jake E. Lee were there before I hit the scene, but my band Twin Wire was on the same bill with Assassin on more than a few occasions."

THE '80S SEEMED LIKE THE GOLDEN ERA OF HOMEGROWN ROCK GUITAR — WARREN DI MARTINI, CRAIG GOLDY — WAS IT SOMETHING IN THE WATER?

"It was a golden era worldwide, quite simply, because of Edward Van Halen. Personally, I found the '80s to be artistically shallow and dreadful on the fashion side."

THE SPANDEX, TEASED HAIR, AND MAKEUP THING...WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF ALL THAT?

"I couldn't understand it then, and I understand it even less now, but something tells me if chicks didn't dig it, it would've never escalated to the embarrassing level it did. And that's a riddle I don't have an answer to."

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE DEMISE OF STRAITA HEAD?

"Graduated from Musicians Institute, performed in the band Ellis, studied classical guitar in the style of Fernando Sor, taught guitar at Albert's Music City, and performed at the Tommy Bolin tribute festival with Glenn Hughes, formerly of Deep Purple. I also wrote and recorded the song 'Big Sky' with Glenn.

THE MUSIC YOU MAKE NOW IS ROCK WITH A HARD EDGE AND WITH BLUES REFERENCES OVER JAZZ STRUCTURES.

"In 2003, I became obsessed with forging my own distinct voice as a guitar player. I spent countless hours developing less predictable melodic sequences and more advanced harmonic note choices. I wanted to keep what I had developed as a rock player and fuse that with bebop lines."

IS THERE ANY BRETT ELLIS ON RECORD FROM THAT PERIOD?

"Yes. I recorded my first solo record, *Pain*, during these studies, and by the time I'd finished that record I had developed what I considered my own distinct style as a player — but with plenty of room for improvement."

THAT'S A LOT OF FOCUS ON THE GUITAR. YOU ALSO SING PRETTY WELL.

"After *Pain*, the lyricist in me, along with the growing need to express myself vocally, could no longer be denied. So I wrote and recorded a bluesy concept record called *Musical Diary of the Hopeless Romantic*."

PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE RUSSELL

"I found the '80s to be artistically shallow," says guitarist Brett Ellis, "and dreadful on the fashion side."

HOW WAS IT RECEIVED?

"To my astonishment, that record was received more favorably by my peers than *Pain*, so I knew it was time to develop my own style as a singer/lyricist and fuse that with my newly refined voice on guitar. I proceeded to write and record my next record, *Guiltlessly Free*. That's when I arrived at what I can say is my own style and voice as a songwriter/singer/player."

WHAT VISION DID YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BRETT ELLIS BAND?

"After *Guiltlessly Free*, I knew it was time to start performing, so I assembled my dream rhythm section with Rick Nash on bass and Calvin Lakin on the drums to create what I consider a first-rate power trio."

DO THEY INSPIRE YOU TO PLAY BETTER?

"Without question. I was so inspired by the way the three of us sound together that I wrote and recorded *Monkey Brains* and our new release, *Zero*, in short order. We're finishing up an all-blues album entitled *Blues Is Everything*."

BLUES?

"At my core, I'm a bluesman. No matter how crazy things may get musically, I want people to have a clear perspective that that is the root of it all."

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST GUITAR?

"A nylon string called a Kingsmate."

FOR THE GEAR HEADS READING THIS, WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING NOW?

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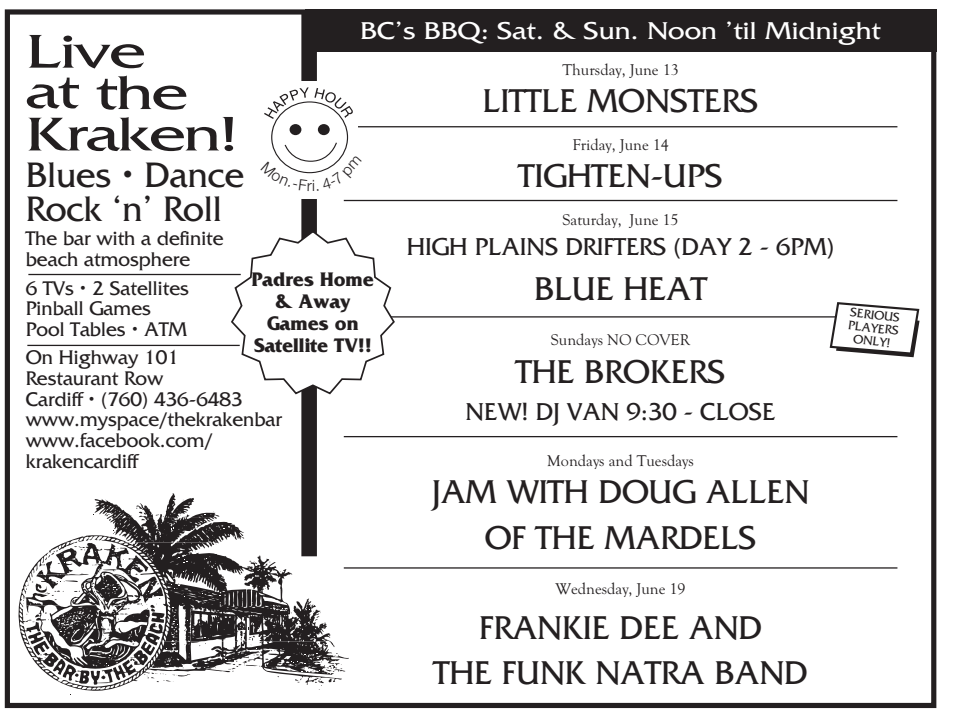

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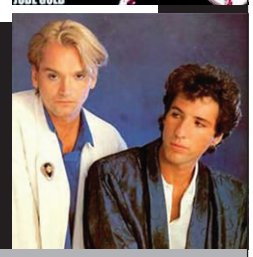

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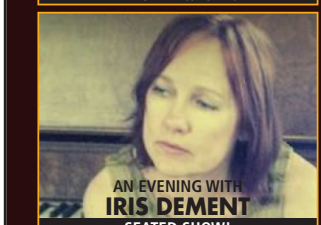

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7/5 Pato Banton
7/6 80's Heat Presents - Summer Heat Dance Party!
7/7 Earl Thomas & Friends Raise the Roof Concert for the Blues Hall of Fame
7/9 Midnite - "Lion Out of Zion" Tour
7/10 Palms
7/12 Tainted Love
7/14 Candye Kane - Special Dance Floor Show!
7/16 Caravan Palace
7/18 & 7/19 Katchafire / J Boog - Polynesian Underground Presents
7/21 Rogue Wave
7/23 Henry Kapono & Band Live in Concert
7/24 BoDeans
7/25 Johnny Winter
7/26 Living on a Prayer (Bon Jovi Tribute) / Thunder Road (Bruce Tribute)
7/28 Peter Murphy Celebrates 35yrs of Bauhaus - performing solely Bauhaus material
7/30 Jeff Bridges and His Abiders
7/31 Albert Lee
8/1 The Pimps of Joytime
8/2 Son Volt
8/3 Blackalicious
8/5 The Heavy w/ The Silent Comedy
8/6 & 7 Xavier Rudd
8/9 & 10 Kenny Loggins
8/13 Plain White T's
8/15 Souls of Mischief - Still Infinity 20th Anniversary Tour perf. classic album 93 'til Infinity in its entirety w/ live band
8/16 Les Claypool's Duo De Twang
8/17 Anuhea - Polynesian Underground presents
8/18 The Livers of Steel Tour feat: Reckless Kelly, Micky and the Motorcars, Wade Bowen
8/23 Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires
8/24 Dick Dale
8/26 Andrew Stockdale (of Wolfmother)
8/30 Nicki Bluhm and the Gramblers
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9/3 John Hiatt
9/7 Don Carlos
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98 Bottles:
Friday, 8pm — Connie James. $15-$17.
Sunday, 5pm — Brandon Primus & Daneen Wilburn. $10-$12.

Anfiteatro de Viento at Colectivo Gastronómico, Ensenada:
Saturday, 1pm — Buenasolasfest. $8-$12.

Belly Up:
Thursday, 8pm — The Green. $21-$36.
Friday, *Saturday* — English Beat.
Sunday, 8pm — They Might Be Giants and Moon Hooch. $27-$48.
Tuesday, 8pm — Junior Brown.
Wednesday, 7pm — Big Country.

Del Mar Fairgrounds:
Thursday, 1pm — Little Anthony & the Imperials. **Free.**
Thursday, 5:30pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. **Free.**
Thursday, 9pm — John Waite. **Free.**
Thursday, 6pm — Emblem 3.
Friday, 9pm — Steven Ybarra. **Free.**
Friday, 10am — Switchfoot.
Friday, 3pm — Singer Songwriter Contest. **Free.**
Friday, 6pm — Circle 7.
Saturday, 10am — Steve Miller Band.
Sunday, 10am — La Arrolladora Banda El Limon.
Tuesday, 9pm — Berlin featuring Terri Nunn. **Free.**
Tuesday, 10am — Caifanes.
Wednesday, 5:30pm — Cowboy Jack. **Free.**
Wednesday, 10am — Third Day.
Wednesday, 9pm — Abbey Road and Jumping Jack Flash. **Free.**

Gran Tapa:
Thursday, noon — Carlos Velasco. Flamenco and Latin guitar and vocals; 6pm — Dusty Brough Guitar & Friends. Flamenco, bossa, and gypsy jazz.
Friday, 6pm — Juan Moro. Flamenco guitar dinner music; 8pm — Flamenco Dance Show. Live show features singer-dancer Oscar Valero, guitarist Juan Moro. $10.
Saturday, 5:30pm — Latin Magic. Latin dance music with guitar and vocals.
Sunday, 5pm — Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio. Opera Latina Romantica.
Tuesday, 6pm — Tomcat Courtney. Born in 1929, Tomcat Courtney performs original down-home blues.
Wednesday, noon — Carlos Velasco. Flamenco and Latin Guitar and Vocals; 5pm — Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio. Opera Latina Romantica.

House of Blues:
Thursday, 7pm — Battle for Vans Warped Tour Finals. $10-$20.
Friday, 8:30pm — DSB: A Tribute to Journey. $10-$30.
Friday, 7:30pm — The Front Bottoms and Weatherbox. $12-$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Zomboy. $17-$30.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Robert Earl Keen. $17-$50.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Monday, 7pm — Robin Henkel Band with horns. **Free.**

Humphreys by the Bay:
Monday, 7pm — Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue. $50-$100.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Doobie Brothers and Berkley Hart.

Molly Malone's:
Friday, 9pm — Skynyrds Innyrds. **Free.**

O'Harley's Brewhouse and Pizzeria:
Friday, 9pm — West of 5. **Free.**

Pala Casino:
Tuesday, 1pm — Help: Beatles tribute.

Pine Hills Lodge:
Sunday, 10am — Cowboy Jack. Ducks in a row. **Free.**

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Friday, 7pm — David Lindley. and Chip Franklin from KOGO.
Saturday, 7pm — Dead Man's Party. Oingo Boingo Tribute.

Ruby Room:
Saturday, 9pm — Whizard, Osal8, Eric Yo. **Free.**

Sleep Train Amphitheatre:
Sunday, 7pm — Pitbull and Ke$ha.
Wednesday, 11am — Vans Warped Tour 2013. $23-$45.

Soda Bar:
Friday, 8pm — Small Black and Heavenly Beat.
Saturday, 8pm — The Burning of Rome and the Howls.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Ex-Cult.
Monday, 8pm — Patrick Sweany and Loose Snakes.
Tuesday, 8pm — Foriegn Film,

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Social Club, of North Park, has invented a new genre they call "pull."

"It's a really bad name," says John Levan. He fronts the band, writes most of the lyrics, and sings most of the songs. "I like the idea that music pulls everybody together," he says, "but it's kinda tough to say. It doesn't roll off the tongue." Social Club came about in 2011. "I moved to San Diego a while back from the East Coast and I didn't have any connections. I found a band online — Boombox Renaissance, a hip-hop group. All due respect, they're a great group, but I knew that wasn't my main focus." When Levan left Boombox Renaissance, he took bassist James Spratley with him. Soon after, they got a drummer, Jeffrey Litzman, and Thea Tochihara came aboard on keys. An EP was released. A label deal with Pacific Records was consummated. The only job left was to push "pull."

SOCIAL CLUB

So far, the push is paying off; it's been a good 2013 for the band. *Gamma Rays* came out early this year; then, Social Club won MOFILM's Take Your Band to Texas video competition and got a slot in music-industry showcase South by Southwest.

A lot of the success, Levan thinks, is because Social Club does have a social club. "We like to interact with people and make it more than a show — a party," he says. "Get 'em involved somehow." We talk about the near-useless simplicity that marketing on social media is fast becoming, an arena where he says appearances don't mean a thing. "You can get a ton of people to 'like' you on Facebook," Levan says, "but sometimes people use media as a substitute for getting out and actually doing it." He laughs, but it is a wry laugh. "Every now and then, you gotta get up and go to an actual show."

SOCIAL CLUB: Oysterfest, Embarcadero Marina Park North, Saturday, June 15, noon to 7 p.m., 21+, $25

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SATURDAY, 6.15 — ECHO MINOTT — REVIVAL, MAITLAND ROOTS SOUND SYSTEM
SUNDAY, 6.16 — SUNNY RUDE
TUESDAY, 6.18 — DR. SEAHORSE — THE HAMPTON BEATS, PAL&DROME
WEDNESDAY, 6.19 — BEACH PARTY — GOLDEN BEACHES, JEANS WILDER, BUDDY BANTER
THURSDAY, 6.20 — KELSEA RAE LITTLE — A FINE SURPRISE, BLUE-EYED SON
SATURDAY, 6.22 — THE HOWLIN BROTHERS — THREE CHORD JUSTICE, THE COYOTE BANDITS
TUESDAY, 6.25 — BLACKTOP ROYALTY — AMERIKAN BEAR, QUEEN CAVEAT
THURSDAY, 6.27 — JESSICA HERNANDEZ AND THE DELTAS — THE GALLERY, ANTHONY PERRY
FRIDAY, 6.28 — DEAD WINTER CARPENTERS — HOMESICK HITCHERS
SATURDAY, 6.29 — AM & SHAWN LEE — CHICANO BATMAN
SUNDAY, 6.30 — FRANKMUSIK — RIDE THE UNIVERSE, WE ARE SIRENS
THURSDAY, 7.11 — NICO VEGA — CRASH KINGS
FRIDAY, 7.12 — B-SIDE PLAYERS
MONDAY, 7.15 — CHUCK MEAD — SARA PETITE
WEDNESDAY, 7.17 — THE HAPPY HOLLOWS — NIGHTMARE AIR
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Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:
Saturday, 7pm — Stacey & the Stimulators. **Free.**

VFW Post #3788:
Friday, 8:30pm — Ward James. $5.
Saturday, 7pm — Calico Ridge. $10.

Veterans' Museum and Memorial Center:
Friday, 6pm — Westwind Brass Flag Day Concert. $20-$25.

Void:
Sunday, 6pm — Skrapez, Generik, JE Double F. $5.

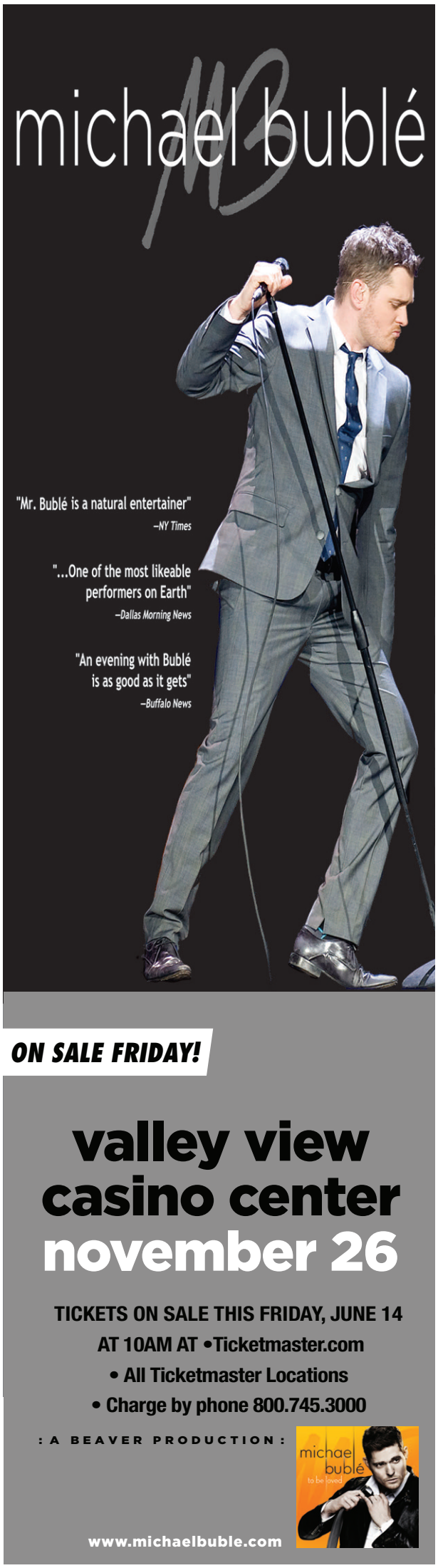
CLASSICAL MUSIC

Pacific Camerata The vocal ensemble Pacific Camerata presents "d'España," a program focusing on vocal music from Renaissance Spain. The concert will feature Cristóbal de Morales' lovely Misa "Aspice Domine," based on the composer's own motet of that name, and will include motets by Francisco Guerrero and Tomás Luis de Victoria. Also on the program will be a number of colorful secular songs, such as "Hoy comamos y bebamos" ("Today let's eat and drink!"). Sunday, June 16, 7:30pm; $10-$15. St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 1050 Thomas Avenue.

UPCOMING SHOWS

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
June 20, *June 27*, *July 4*, *July 11* — Jammin' Z90 Throwback Thursday.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.
June 29 — Sunday Hustle.



EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Sugaring Season
Beth Orton
By Andrew Hamlin

Childlike wonder just short of childish indulgence

"Alive, alive, alive, alive/ Alive, alive, alive, alive-o/ Alive-o," she finishes. And if that sounds too simple, remember, it's shorn of her melody. Remember, too, that after Boston, after Waco (again), after Washington D.C., after whatever happened on your personal watch (I lost a good friend, and a friend to everybody), hey, we can be grateful for small favors. Like life.

No electronics on this album (another shearing), but I'll take Evyind Kang on violin and viola any day, not to mention Marc Ribot and Beth Orton's other funky friends making...okay, not funk, but chamber-pop marching along sometimes on Brian Blade's martial-marching beats. Orton's voice always struck me as Joan Baez with the almost-hurtful purity sanded down just that crucial hair; here, she gets to chase herself up and down, singing, *Hello, how are you, I am everywhere, I am everything*. Childlike wonder stopping short of childish indulgence. A gentle pantheism.

And while I adored her electronics, the organic vibe reflected back and forth between words and tunes seems less smooth, more of a purposeful push. Worthy purpose: "You want to learn the trick to turn/ What's not so pretty/ Into something more beautiful/ It's the same place/ That I learned to turn/ What could be sorrow/ Into some kind of mercy." The thankfulness for life comes at the end of the album. The above comes from roughly the first third. So, the problems of living precede the thankfulness. But, then (again), that's life.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Rolling Stones!
By Johnny Caito

After 50 years, the Stones still deliver satisfaction.

The Rolling Stones continue to defy the odds with their ability to turn back the hands of time. After 50 years, they continue to fill arenas, ignite crowds, and deliver satisfaction night after night.

Mick Jagger was relentless as he swaggered around the tongue-shaped stage at Staples Center fueled with nonstop energy throughout the 23-song set. Alongside Jagger was the "human riff," Keith Richards, the guitarist who dreamed the opening salvo of "Satisfaction" and so many other indelible Stones songs. Using his famous open-G tuning, he launched into one famous riff after another. For two and a half hours the band (including Ronnie Wood and Charlie Watts) unleashed an arsenal of rock classics, including "Gimme Shelter," "Paint It Black," "Brown Sugar," and "Jumping Jack Flash."

While the majority of the set leaned on their classics, two rarities were sprinkled in: a deep cut from the 1968 *Beggars Banquet* album, "Factory Girl," and the title track from 1980's *Emotional Rescue*.

The high point came as Mick Taylor joined them for a three-guitar onslaught during a blistering, hypnotizing version of "Midnight Rambler."

Concert: The Rolling Stones
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June 27 — Vagabond Opera.
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July 7 — West of 5.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
June 20 — Sea Wolf.
June 21, *June 22* — Donavon Frankenreiter.
June 23 — Isis Dement.
June 24 — Marshall Tucker Band.
June 25, *June 26* — Damian Marley & Stephen Marley.
June 27 — Mat McHugh & Separitista Soundsystem.
June 28 — Dead Feather Moon and Blackout Party.
June 29 — The Ultimate Stones.
June 30 — The Pettybreakers.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
June 22 — Trailerpark Rockstar, the Blitz Brothers.
June 29 — Hell on Heels Burlesque Revue.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
June 20 — The Touchies CD release.
June 22 — Wildcat! Wildcat!
June 28 — Schitzophonics and Bog Log III.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161.
June 20 — Chubby Checker.
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June 22 — Big Time Rush and Victoria Justice.
June 23 — Grupo Intocable.
June 25 — Bad Company.
June 25 — Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute.
June 26 — Bridgit Mendler.
June 26 — Little Texas.
June 27 — Hotel California: Eagles tribute.
June 27 — Train.
June 27 — The Osmond Brothers.
June 28 — Kendrick Lamar.
June 29 — Steven Ybarra.
June 29 — Mary Mary and Dottie Peoples.
June 29 — Circle 7.
June 30 — Julion Alvarez.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
June 21 — Zone 4.
June 22 — Rhythm Red.
June 28, *June 29* — FX5.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown San Diego.
June 27 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
June 28, *June 29* — Music of the Rolling Stones.
July 4, *July 5*, *July 6* — Star Spangled Pops with Bill Conti.
July 12, *July 13* — Music of the Bee Gees.
July 14 — Pops Goes Classical: Passport to the World.
July 18 — Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy.
July 19, *July 20* — En Vogue.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-277-8888.
June 30 — Dia de San Juan Salsa Y Bachata Festival.

Golden Acorn Casino: 1800 Golden Acorn Way, Campo, 866-794-6244.
June 29 — The Pine Creek Posse Band.

La Gran Tapa: 611 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-234-8272.
June 20 — Dusty Brough Guitar & Friends.
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June 29 — Latin Magic.
June 30 — Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
June 20 — Blue-Eyed Son.
June 22 — The Howlin' Brothers.
June 25 — Frankmusik.
June 29 — AM and Shawn Lee.
June 30 — Frankmusik.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.
June 22 — Which One's Pink?
June 27 — Rachael Yamagata and Sanders Bohlke.
June 29 — LBLG All Access.

Humphreys by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
June 27 — Erykah Badu.
June 28 — Chris Mann.
July 2 — Everclear, Live, Filter, Sponge.
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The Irenic: 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335.
June 28 — The Soft Pack and Heavy Hawaii.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
June 20 — Ramekega.
June 30 — Robin Henkel Band with horns.

Lux Art Institute: 1550 South El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-436-6611.
June 22 — Robin Henkel.

MaGee's Tavern: 125 South Main St., Fallbrook, 760-731-6478.
July 13 — Outta Sync.

Market Creek Plaza: 310 Euclid Ave., Logan Heights, 619-527-6161.
July 6 — Jazz at the Creek: Jackiem Joyner, more.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
June 21 — Outta Line.
June 28 — Safety Orange.
July 5 — Stone the Giant.
July 12 — Regulators.

Mother's Saloon: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-221-8100.
June 21 — Superunloader.

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.
June 20 — Great American Songbook jazz tribute.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
June 21 — Zooey Deschanel & M. Ward (She & Him).
June 28 — Victoria Justice.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., Del Cerro, 619-582-6699.
June 28 — Ristband.
July 20 — Outta Sync.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-

4828.
June 21 — Clyde Carson.
June 22 — Rappin' 4-Tay.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
June 21 — Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers.
June 29 — Gary Hoey, RDG, the Taz Taylor Band.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
July 6 — Elektrofied.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.
June 25, *June 26*, *June 27*, *June 28*, *June 29*, *June 30*, *June 30* — Africa Umoja: the Spirit Of Togetherness.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-4014.
June 23 — Blue Rockit.
June 30 — Bayou Brothers.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
June 22 — The Rocketz and Wreckin Katz.
June 27 — The Sleepwalkers and Copper Gamins.
June 30 — Oryx.

Sleep Train Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
July 19 — Wiz Khalifa, A$AP Rocky, B.o.B.
July 20 — Slightly Stoopid and Atmosphere.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
June 20 — Bart Mendoza & True Stories.
June 21 — Deadly Birds and Neighbors to the North.
June 21 — Whitey Morgan & the 78s.
June 23 — Hooded Fang.
June 26 — Brendan B and the Breaks.
June 27 — Prince Rama.
June 28 — Big Business.
June 29 — Homeless Sexuals, Devits, Black Fag.
June 30 — Mister Lies and Giraffage.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
July 15 — Black Flag.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
June 28 — Tiger Milk Imports.

Trolley Barn Park: 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida St., University Heights.
July 5 — Rodello's Machine.
July 12 — Stoney B Blues Band.
July 19 — Theo & the Zydeco Patrol.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: 873 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.
June 20 — Pan Am.
June 21 — Afro Jazziacs.
June 22 — Tomcat Courtney; Fish out of Water.
June 23 — Sounds Like Four; Middle-Earth.
June 24 — Pan Am.
June 25 — Afro Jazziacs.
June 26 — Tomcat Courtney.
June 27 — Pan Am.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
July 5 — Fleetwood Mac.

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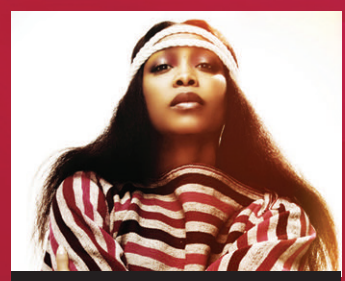
MICHAEL MCDONALD/ BOZ SCAGGS
TUESDAY, JUNE 18

THE DOOBIE BROTHERS
with special guest **Berkley Hart**
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

JOAN RIVERS
FRIDAY, JUNE 21



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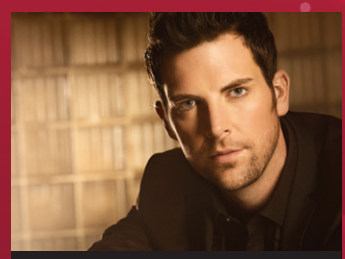

CHRIS MANN
(FROM NBC -TV THE VOICE)
FRIDAY, JUNE 28

SUMMERLAND TOUR 2013
ALTERNATIVE GUITARS
TUESDAY, JULY 2

AMERICA
FRIDAY, JULY 5

JUNE

Tuesday, June 18 • 7:30
Michael McDonald/Boz Scaggs

Wednesday, June 19 • 7:30
Doobie Brothers
with special guest **Berkley Hart**

Friday, June 21 • 8:00
Joan Rivers

Thursday, June 27 • 8:00
Erykah Badu

Friday, June 28 • 8:00
Chris Mann (from NBC-TV The Voice)

JULY

Tuesday, July 2 • 7:00
Summerland Tour 2013 - Alternative Guitars
Starring Everclear, Live, Filter and Sponge

Friday, July 5 • 7:30
America

Saturday, July 6 • 6:30 & 8:30
Jim Gaffigan (8:30 Show SOLD OUT)

Sunday, July 7 • 6:30
Under The Sun Tour 2013
featuring Sugar Ray, Smash Mouth, Gin Blossoms, Vertical Horizon and Fastball

Wednesday, July 10 • 7:00
Railroad Earth/Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers

Thursday, July 11 • 7:30 SOLD OUT
Huey Lewis & the News "Sports" 30th Anniversary Tour

Sunday, July 14 • 7:30
An Evening with YES

Monday, July 15 • 8:00
Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion Radio Romance Tour 2013

Sunday, July 21 • 7:30
Bill Cosby

Tuesday, July 23 • 7:30
Jonny Lang/Robert Randolph & The Family Band

Friday, July 26 • 8:00
The Fab Four - The Ultimate Tribute

Tuesday, July 30 • 7:00
Rock 'N' Blues Fest
featuring Ten Years After, Edgar Winter Band, Canned Heat, Rick Derringer and Pat Travers

Wednesday, July 31 • 8:00
Gipsy Kings

AUGUST

Thursday, August 1 • 8:00
Chicago

Saturday, August 3 • 7:30
Chris Isaak

Sunday, August 4 • 8:00
Bill Maher

Wednesday, August 7 • 7:30 SOLD OUT
Willie Nelson & Family
with special guest **Lily Meola**

Thursday, August 8 • 7:00
Los Lonely Boys/Los Lobos/ Alejandro Escovedo

Friday, August 9 • 7:30
Brandi Carlile
with special guest **Ivan & Alyosha**

Saturday, August 10 • 8:00
D'Angelo

Wednesday, August 14 • 8:00
Lyle Lovett & His Large Band

Thursday, August 15 • 8:00
Straight No Chaser-Summer of Influence Tour

Friday, August 16 • 7:30
Dave Koz & Friends Summer Horns Tour 2013
with special guests **Mindi Abair, Gerald Albright & Richard Elliot**

Wednesday, August 21 • 7:30 SOLD OUT
Steely Dan
with special guest **Deep Blue Ocean Trio**

Friday, August 23 • 7:00
George Thorogood & the Destroyers/Buddy Guy

Saturday, August 24 • 7:30
Toad The Wet Sprocket
with special guest **Grant Lee Buffalo**

Wednesday, August 28 • 6:30
Regeneration Tour 2013
featuring Erasure's Andy Bell, Howard Jones & Men Without Hats

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 8 • 7:30
Melissa Etheridge Live

Friday, September 13 • 7:30
Carly Rae Jepsen
with special guest **Hot Chelle Rae**

Saturday, September 14 • 7:00
Tower of Power/ Average White Band

Thursday, September 19 • 7:30
Lynyrd Skynyrd

Friday, September 20 • 8:00
Diana Krall - Glad Rag Doll World Tour

Saturday, September 21 • 8:00
Lila Downs

Friday, September 27 • 7:30
Air Supply

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 2 • 7:30
Jesse Cook

Friday, October 11 • 7:30
Keali'i Reichel

Thursday, October 30 • 7:30
The Moody Blues

Friday, October 31 • 7:30
Two Door Cinema Club
with special guests **St. Lucia & Peace**

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McGregor's Grill and Ale House: *Daily*, 4-7pm & 10pm-2am: $3 16-oz. domestic drafts, $4.50 select craft beers; $4 chardonnay; $5 merlot & cabernet sauvignon; $4.75 quarter-pound burger with fries; $1.95 fish, carnitas, grilled chicken tacos.

ALPINE

Donato's Italian Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 glass Bud Light, $6 pitcher; $3.50 house wine.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado Restaurant: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: $4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

BANKERS HILL

Avenue 5: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $3 select beers, $2 off select wines by the glass, specialty cocktails, $2 off "bar stuff" menu.

Azuki Sushi Lounge: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: $3 Sapporo draft, $5 large sake, wine, grapefruit passion, wild hibiscus, purple rain, $3 garlic edamame, $3 shishito, $4 seaweed salad, $5 vegetable fries, $6 spicy albacore tataki.

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

BAY PARK

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

BONITA

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

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

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

CARLSBAD

The Alley: *Daily*, 11am-7pm: $2.75 wells, domestics.

On the Tracks Brewery and Tasting Room: *Thursday*, 5-7pm: Ladies, $3 pints.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: *Daily*, 10am-8pm: $2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; $2.75 and $3.75 wells.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-2pm: $3 house microbrews.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $5 draught beers, $6 well drinks, $2 off any wine by the glass, $8 signature cocktails.

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

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: *Daily*, 4-6pm: $2 off drinks. 1/2-off seasonal spreads and pizzas. Excludes special events and promotional nights.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 beer, $3.99 margaritas.

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

CITY HEIGHTS

Nate's Garden Grill: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm; $1 off all beer & wine.

The Tower Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 wells and import drafts.

The Void: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $1 off pints. *Sunday*, All night: $3 drafts.

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $.50 off all drinks.

Bullpen Bar and Grill: *Monday-Tuesday*, 2-6pm: Drink specials. $5 double cheeseburger, chili-cheese dog, hot wings, carne asada fries, crab cakes, potato skins. 10pm-close: $3 you-call-its, $5 Patrón, cognac, specialty drinks.) *Wednesday-Friday*, 2-6pm: Drink specials. $5 double cheeseburger, chili-cheese dog, hot wings, carne asada fries, crab cakes, potato skins.

COLLEGE AREA

Casa Machado: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3.75 margaritas, well drinks and domestic beer. Free nachos and quesadillas (with purchase).

Marie Callender's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1.95 draft, $2.50 well, $3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only).

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $3 beer, $3.50 Gekkeikan sake, $4 wells, wine, $5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. $5.75 calamari, pot stickers. $5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

Brigantine: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: $4 Brig brew, Dos Equis. $4.75 margarita, $5.50 chardonnay, $6 merlots, $1 off featured wine. Discounted tacos, shrimp, oysters.

Village Pizzeria: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9pm-close: $3.50 drafts, $5 wine by the glass. $2 off artichoke hearts and mozzarella sticks.

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

DEL CERRO

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

DEL MAR

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

Bully's Del Mar: *Monday-Tuesday, Sunday*, 3-7pm: Great prices on appetizers, beer wine and cocktails. 10pm-close: Extended happy hour. $3 prime rib taco. Bar and patio only. *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7pm: Great prices on appetizers, beer wine and cocktails. 10pm-close: Extended happy hour. Bar and patio only. *Friday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: Great prices on appetizers, beer wine and cocktails. Bar and patio only.

Cafe Secret: *Wednesday*, all day: 1/2-off bottle of wine. All night: Buy one ceviche, second one 1/2 price.

Zel's Del Mar: *Daily*, 4-6:30pm: $1 off drafts & premium drinks, $2 off wines by glass, $3.50 wells. $4 fried calamari, $5 fish tacos, $10 burger & beer.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3 draft, Anthony's white wine; $4 wells, $5 calls. $2.75 fish tacos, $3 lettuce wraps, $4.50 tostado.

Asti Ristorante: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $5 martinis, cocktails, house wine, imported beers. $4.50 domestic beers, $6 stuffed portobello, $8.50 calamari, $4.50 bruschetta, $7 caprese, $6.50 antipasto misto.

Athens Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30 pm: $3 Mythos Greek beer, $4 Belgian beer, $5 house wines. $5 spanakopita, stuffed grape leaves, gyros sampler.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: discounted signature cocktails, wine, beer.

Bice: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $5 house wine, wells. $5 lobster pizza, tuna tartare.

Blue Point: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails; $4 draft, $5 featured wine by the glass. $1 oysters & jumbo shrimp, $6 calamari.

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

The Counter: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 off draft beer and wine, $2 mini cheeseburgers, 1/2 off starters, $2 off specialty drinks and adult shakes.

Currant: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-close: $3 domestic & $4 imported beer, $5 wells, red/white wine, specialty cocktails. 1/2-off select menu items.

Dobson's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $4 margaritas, $5 well drinks and house wine.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $1 off wine; 40% off bar menu.

Dussini Loft Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: $1 off drafts, house wines and wells. Food specials.

Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4.50 20-oz. drafts, house wine, well liquor. $1 off nachos, quesadilla, onion soup.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: *Daily*, 11am-5pm: $3.25 bottled imports, $5 20-oz drafts. $2.50 homemade chips, $4.50 stuffed mushrooms.

La Fiesta: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: $3 draft & domestic bottles, margaritas; $4 mojitos.

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

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: *Monday, Wednesday*, All day: $3.50 drafts, bottles; $4 wells; $5 Patrón & Don Julio shots. *Friday-Sunday*, 9-11pm: $3.50 drafts, bottles; $4 wells; $5 Patrón & Don Julio shots.

Gaijin Noodle + Sake House: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all starters; $5 sake bombs; $5 hot sake carafe; $3 Sapporo drafts; $2 off glasses of wine.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, house wine, wells; $4 house margaritas.

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House of Blues: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $3 wines, $3 wells, $4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patricks Gaslamp Pub: *Daily*, 10am-8pm;11pm-close: domestics from $2.50, wells from $3.25.

Red Light District: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $4 wells, $5 wine. $4 buttermilk fried chicken, oysters.

Sevilla: *Daily*, 5-7pm: tapas starting at $3; half-off select menu items; $4 glasses of sangria; $14 sangria pitchers.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: *Daily*, 4-8pm: $3 bottled beer; $4 drafts, wells; $5 cosmopolitans, margaritas. 1/2-price wings, calamari, chicken tenders.

Yard House: *Monday-Wednesday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: $3.50 domestic pints; $6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Thursday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3.50 domestic pints; $6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Sunday*, 10pm-close: $3.50 domestic pints; $6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: (Except during Padres games or special events) Drink specials. Signature pizza samples.

Monkey Paw: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local draughts and drinks.

Toast Enoteca & Cucina: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Half-price appetizers; $3 drafts; $5 wine. *Sunday*, All day: Half-price appetizers; $3 drafts; $5 wine.

EASTLAKE

Chili's: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 3pm-close: $1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese. *Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $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.

El Callejon Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-7pm: $2.50 16-oz. domestic drafts, $3 imported; $3.75 house margaritas, wells. $2.95 fish taco, $3.75 quesadilla, $4.75 flautas.

Cap'n Kenos: *Daily*, 6am-midnight: $2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestic pints, $3 well cocktails, $4 beer of the month. $2 off all appetizers.

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

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Monday*, 11:30am-close: Happy Hour all night, drink specials. *Tuesday*, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. $1 off all featured tacos. *Wednesday*, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. 1/2-off wine bottles. *Thursday*, 3:30-7pm: $2 off specialty drinks. *Friday, Sunday*, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. *Saturday*, 11:30am-7pm: Drink specials.

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: $6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; $4.50 wells. *Saturday*, noon-5pm: $6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; $4.50 wells.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Tuesday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials. *Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials; sushi happy hour: 1/2 off select rolls.

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: $1 off beer/wine/spirits. $5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Black Angus Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3.50 select bottles, select 16 oz. draft, all well drinks. $4.50 margaritas, martinis, select wines. $3.50 onion rings, three-cheese garlic bread. $4.50 potato skins, fried zucchini, chicken tenders. $5.50 wings, grilled artichoke, steak quesadilla, shrimp cocktail.

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

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: *Daily*, 2:30-5pm: $1.99 margaritas, $3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, $4 mojitos and sangria. $6 ceviche, fish tacos; $5 nachos, spicy wings, shrimp cocktail, chicken strips/fries; $4 jalapeño poppers.

C-Level: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: $4 brews, $5 specialty drinks, $5 appetizers.

HILLCREST

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Saturday*, 2-6pm: $4 select appetizers and quesadillas. $4 Casa Margarita, $4 Well Drinks, Sangria, House Wine, House Shots. $4 Bottle and Draft Beers. *Sunday*, 10am-2pm: All-You-Can-Eat Mexican Brunch Buffet, $4 Bloody Mary's, Bottomless Mimosas, Champagne, Sangria.

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.

Wine Steals: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4 for 8 different glasses of wine. $2 select pizza slices. *Saturday*, 4-6pm: $10 wine tasting of 10 wines. *Sunday*, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, $10 for 6 half glasses wine.

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

JAMUL

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

KEARNY MESA

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2 Premium Drafts, $4.25 Premium Well drinks, $5 Appetizers, $3 Bourbon Slushy

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off sake, drafts. $1 edamame, $2 garlic edamame. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11:30am-4pm: 1/2-off sake, drafts. $1 edamame, $2 garlic edamame.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $5 glass of wine. *Saturday-Sunday*, 3-6pm: Discounted champagne. $13 bottomless mimosas and bellinis.

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.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Daily*, 10pm-2am: $1 off all beer, $2 off all wine; $5 wells.

Crab Catcher: *Daily*, 3-9pm: $3 margaritas, domestic beer, premium wine by the glass, champagne. 1/2-off selected menu items.

Eddie V's: *Daily*, 4-7pm: All libations $2 off.

Edo Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, all day: Buy one sake, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls.

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.

Nine-Ten: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: Half-off bar bites.

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks.

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.

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whaling Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails, wines by glass, drafts. 1/2-off Spanish torta, chicken tandoori kebab.

Whisknladle: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 25% off all bottles of wine; $20 pitcher of sangria. 5pm-close: $3.50 Catalan shrimp, marinated olives, salted almonds.

LA MESA

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Discounted margaritas, beer, cocktails. Complimentary appetizer buffet.

Centifonti's Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: $3 well drinks, $3 beers. $1 off appetizers.

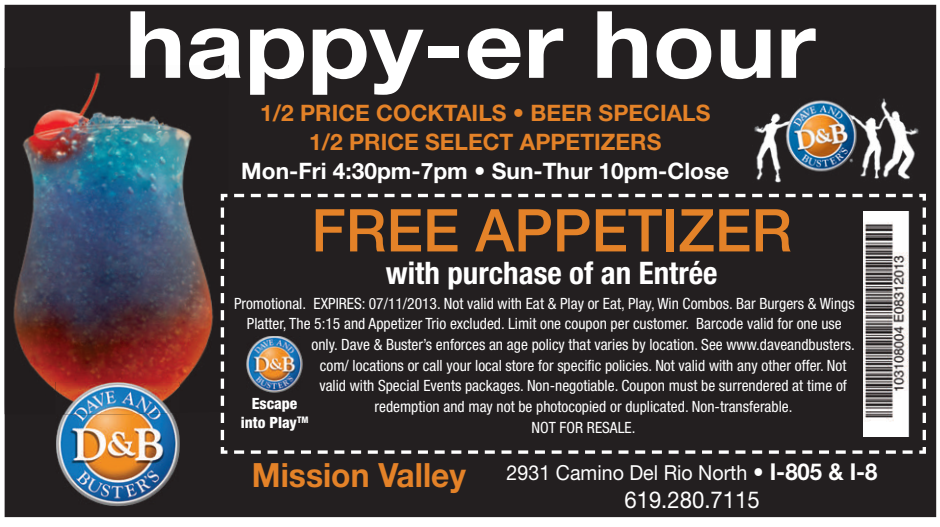
Charcoal House: *Daily*, 3-7pm: $2 domestics, $3 premiums, 25% off appetizers, $1 off wells/wine.

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.)

The Go Lounge: *Monday, Wednesday-Saturday*, 2-7pm: $3 draft beers, Smirnoff shots, glasses of wine, and well drinks. $2 Jack shot with beer purchase. *Tuesday*, 2-7pm: $3 draft beers, Smirnoff shots, glasses of wine, and well drinks. $2 Jack shot with beer purchase. 9-11pm: $2 you-call-its.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday*, 3-7pm & 9pm-close: $1 off drafts, glasses of wine, mixed drinks; $3 off bottles of wine. *Friday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: $1 off drafts, glasses of wine, mixed drinks; $3 off bottles of wine.

Manny's Cocktails: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2.75 domestic bottles, $3 well drinks. *Saturday*, all day: Jäger blasters, $5.50. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: Two large domestic drafts, $4.



Mr. G's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, Noon-7pm: $3.25 wells, $3 Domestic Pints, $3 Premium Pints.

Parkway Bar: *Monday*, 4-7pm: $3 beer, wine, cocktails. All day for vets and active duty military personnel. *Tuesday*, all day: $2 domestic beer. 4-7pm: $3 beer, wine, cocktails. *Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: $3 beer, wine, cocktails.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: $2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: $1.50 12-oz. drafts, $6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $.50 off all drinks $4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: $1 off bloody marys.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2 domestic drafts. $1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: $1 drafts. $1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Daily*, 2-6pm: $3 pints; $9 Bud & Coors Light pitchers; $2.50 bottled beer, $2 PBR, $12 select pitchers. $2 pulled pork or beef brisket sliders, $4.95 1/2-sandwich & side, $3.95 pulled pork fries.

The New Morena Club | M1319: *Daily*, 2-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

LITTLE ITALY

El Camino: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light. 1/2-off quesadilla & nacho plates. *Sunday*, 10am-4pm: $1 mimosas.

Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: $3 house wine, $3.50 drafts, wells, $6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $8 pitchers, $2.50 French fries, $4.50 chicken wings.

Desi's Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: $3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: $3 drafts.

The Shakedown Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 2-8pm: $2.50 domestic drafts, $3 tall boys, wells, $3.50 Jack & Cokes. 5-7pm: $1.50 tacos, $2 burgers. *Sunday*, 5-7pm: $1.50 tacos, $2 burgers.

MIRA MESA

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.

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: $3 wells. Half-off all other drinks.

Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop: *Monday-Thursday*, 2:30-5pm: $2.50 for Tecate & koozie.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken: *Daily*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off all beer and wine. $1 off box of salad rolls, egg rolls two for $5, $2 Thai ice tea.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: 20-oz. Imperial pints $4.95, well drinks $3.75, $1 off all bottled beer & house wine. *Sunday*, all day: 20-oz. Imperial pint of Fuller's London Pride $4.95.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: $3 drafts, wells, $1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: $5 mules. $15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Daily*, 4-7pm: margaritas.

Bully's East: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $2.50 domestic, draft; $3.50 wells, $5 wine. Food specials.

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

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: *Daily*, 2-7pm: $2.25 Bud drafts; $3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: $2 domestic beer, $3 import and local beer, $5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: $.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Proprietor's Reserve Wine Pub: *Saturday-Sunday*, Noon-4pm: Half-off all open wines.

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

HAPPY HOUR

cocktails. All day: $3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, $3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock and PBR. *Saturday*, All day: $3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, $3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock and PBR. *Sunday*, All day: $15 bottomless mimosas, $22 with brunch entrée, $5 bloody marys.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, $3.50 wells, $5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Sabuku Sushi: *Daily*, 4-6pm; $5 Shiso Crazee, $5 Buku Bites, $5 Buku Nachos, $7 Twice Baked Mussels, $7 Seared Ahi Tacos. $5 Large 20+oz Asahi or Sapporo, $5 Rock Sake's, $7 All cocktails & wines (by the glass)

OCEAN BEACH

Mother's Saloon: *Monday*, 3-7pm: $1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: $3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: $2.75 well; $1 off drafts. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: $1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: $3 Fireball shots; $1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: $2.75 well; $1 off drafts. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: $5 Rolling Rock and shot; $1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: $2.75 well; $1 off drafts. *Thursday*, 9pm-close: $3 you-call-its; $1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: $2.75 well; $1 off drafts. *Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; $2.75 well. 11pm-close: $2.75 well; $1 off drafts. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11pm-close: $2.75 well; $1 off drafts.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $3 domestics, wells; $4 premiums, glass of wine; specialty cocktails from $3.50-$8, 50% off select appetizers.

OLD TOWN

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. $2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); $2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: $1.50 drafts, $2 wells, shots, $2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: $12-$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: $3 wells, drafts. $3 off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $3 craft beers, $4 cask wines. $3 & $4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

POINT LOMA

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm; $5 Tapas, $3 Beers, $5 Select Wine, $6 Select Cocktails. *Sunday*, 4-7pm; $5 Tapas, $3 Beers, $5 Select Wine, $6 Select Cocktails.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: $1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $8 pitchers, $3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $1 off all beer; $3 Corona or glass of wine. $1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Half-off appetizers, $1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $4 draft beers and well drinks. $5 red and white house wine. $8 margaritas. Food specials.

ROLANDO

Effin's Pub & Grill: *Monday*, noon-10pm: $4 Jack Daniel's, Southern Comfort, Tuaca, Finlandia. *Tuesday*, noon-11pm: 1/2-off cocktails, beer. *Wednesday*, noon-close: $1 off whiskey. *Thursday*, 5:30-11pm: $5 Patrón, Jäger. *Friday*, noon-close: $10 Long Island pitcher. *Saturday*, 5pm-11pm: $3 Bud, Bud Light, Absolut, Malibu. *Sunday*, 10am-2pm: $9 Bud and Bud Light pitchers, $10 mimosa pitcher.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Tuesday*, All Day: $1 Taco Tuesday. *Wednesday*, All Day: 50¢ Wings Wednesday. *Thursday*, All Day: $1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: $3 domestic. $3.50-$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: $3 domestic. $3.50-$4 wells.

SANTA YSABEL

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: *Monday*, Mojito Monday: $4 Irish Mojito. *Tuesday*, Tropical Tuesday: $4 Tropical Dream. *Wednesday*, Wicked Wednesday: $5.50 Speedy Gonzalez. *Thursday*, Thirsty Thursday: $2 bottled domestics. *Friday*, Fiesta Friday: $4 classic margarita. *Saturday*, Sweet Saturday: $5 pineapple-Midori martini. *Sunday*, Sunset Sunday: $4 Amaretto Sunset.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $1 off all drinks. $5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

La Bastide: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $6 drink specials, $7 appetizer specials.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.75 domestic beers, $3.25 well drinks.

SHELTER ISLAND

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-6pm: $1 off drinks; 1/2 off appetizers.

Fiddler's Green Restaurant: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $4 house wine and house beer, $5 well drinks and margaritas.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2.50 domestic, $3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3.50 wells, $3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. $.95 oysters, $4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, $4.95 mahi mahi sliders. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: $3.50 wells, $3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. $.95 oysters, $4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, $4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

The Saddle Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 off drinks and drafts.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $4 pints, $3.50 bottled beer, $5 22oz, $5 polish beer, $4 house wines, $2 off cocktails.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: $4 pints, flights, house wine, and well drinks. $5 wings, hummus, calamari, chili lime sweet potato fries and spinach dip.

WineSellar and Brasserie: *Tuesday, Thursday-Friday*, 4-6pm: Small plates $2-$6; house wine $6/glass. *Wednesday*, 4-6pm: Small plates $2-$6; house wine $6/glass. 5-7pm: Wine tasting.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 local draft beer, $3 well drinks, $2 off wines by the glass, street food specials.

Hamilton's Tavern: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local drafts.

South Park Abbey: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 wells, beer specials.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $1 off all cocktails, pints. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-8pm: $1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: $1 off all liquor/wine/any tall domestic draft. 50% off all starters. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-close: $1 off all liquor/wine/any tall domestic draft. 50% off all starters.

Fannie's Nightclub: *Daily*, 4-6pm: $.50 off all drinks.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: $2.50 wells, domestic drafts, $3.25 house wine.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Daily*, 11am-7pm $3 Menu; 4pm-7pm $1 off all beer.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: $2.50 bottled beers, $3.50 wine by the glass, $3.50 Ouzo Aperitif.

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: *Monday-Wednesday, Sunday*, 3-6pm (bar only): $4 margaritas. Mambo beers for the price of a pint. *Thursday-Saturday*, 3-6pm, 9pm-close (bar only): $4 margaritas. Mambo beers for the price of a pint.

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: $8 martinis and signature cocktails, $7 wine by the glass, complimentary steak sandwiches.

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Cheers: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: $5 tall wells all day. Drink specials all night. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: $1 mimosas, $2 bloody mary's.

Small Bar: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local draughts and drinks.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 domestic. $3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic, imports, $2.75 margaritas, $3 wells, microbrews, $4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: $1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.

Vista Entertainment Center: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-6pm: $2 domestic and $3 premium drafts; $3 wells.

Anything for a story

No matter what these proto-fascists do, even the cleansing of farce can't redeem them.

THEATER
JEFF SMITH

Ben Hecht was a writer's writer. He won the first Academy Award for a screenplay (*Underworld*, 1927). He rewrote the first nine reels of *Gone with the Wind* in seven days. He wrote 35 books and scripted/doctored 70–90 movies. As a journalist in Chicago, he "haunted streets, whorehouses, police stations, courtrooms, theater stages, jails, saloons, slums, madhouses, fires, murders, riots, banquet halls and bookshops." In 1928, Hecht and Charles MacArthur lambasted yellow journalism in *The Front Page* (1928).

That play's most striking feature, still, is astonishingly sharp and funny street dialogue. The authors keep the whole stage alive with a fluid score of tones and moods. There are times when the rapid exchanges have the syncopation and improvisations of jazz. In fact, you could call *The Front Page* THE Jazz Age comedy.

Howard Hawks made it a movie — *His Girl Friday* (1940), which Hecht cowrote with Charles Lederer (who also penned *The Thing From Another World*, in 1952, another feast of dialogue). The biggest change: they converted the male lead, Hildy Johnson, into a woman. In both versions, we see little of the world outside except for the gallows, where Earl Williams, alleged Communist, will soon be hanged. He shot an African-American policeman and has been railroaded to the noose. The reporters say he's guilty. Their publishers tell them so and measure the "truth" in papers sold. Earl is the kind of "celebrity criminal" decried in Bob Fosse's *Chicago*, which pays irate homage to the original.

The only reporter who might ask the tough questions ran off. Hildy Johnson, alpha female and one of America's best journalists, has had it with her editor/ex-husband, Walter Burns, an alpha-to-the-centauri male who will do anything to get a story. Hildy returns, engaged to a momma's boy. She flips the press room, and Chicago, upside-down, and rakes the muck from both.

John Guare's adaptation resets the play to August 31, 1939, the day Germany staged a fake attack on itself, blamed Poland, and invaded the next morning. In effect, Guare perches an ominous cloud — the darkest of the 20th Century — over an erstwhile "screwball comedy." In a way, the choice recalls G.B. Shaw's *Heartbreak House*, where an aristocratic family cavorts and bumbles on the eve of World War I. But the world-changing event weighs heavily on Friday's characters. It makes Hildy's harrowing of corrupt Chicago journalism seem almost insignificant compared to Hitler's vow to harrow the world with Panzer strikes, V-2 rockets, and genocide.

Guare inserts revealing attitudes about the upcoming war: most of the reporters are pro-Hitler. Though true historically, it yanks them from the confines of a comedy. The background often competes for center stage. No matter what these proto-fascists do, even the cleansing of farce can't redeem them.

This is John Guare, however, whose plays don't get produced enough in San Diego (*Landscape of the Body*, *House of Blue Leaves*, *Six Degrees of Separation*). What he does brilliantly — though maybe too brilliantly for today's tweeted attention spans — is write dialogue that crackles like strings of firecrackers. Though he's less successful at moving people on and off stage (a mob will conveniently disappear while the next scene's people magically arrive in the same instant). The script matches Hecht and Lederer's knack for making clipped speeches reveal character and propel scenes forward.

Except for a majority of speeches spoken on the same blaring level, director Christopher Ashley's staging shows an appreciation for the period and flare of the piece. As do Paul Tazewell's appropriately bulky, squared-off costumes, Mark Bennett's original music and sound, and David Lander's lightbulb-era lighting.

Robert Brill's micro-realistic set, the glassed-in pressroom, is as intricate as the dialogue. An added touch: it mirrors the corruption it contains. It's so aged and grimy you can almost smell the mold. The playhouse named Brill — former scenic genius for Sledgehammer Theatre — its 2013–2014 Artist-in-Residence.

Also in the "It's About Time" category: Ashley cast many local actors! And they deliver: Kevin Koppman-Gue, Mike Sears, Dale Morris, Steve Gunderson (wonderful as Pinkus, the timid nobody who refuses to cave in), Jonathan McMurtry (a hoot as a lost priest), and James Saba (recently named new head of SD Junior Theatre — he's perfect for that post).

Mary Beth Peil makes Mrs. Baldwin the mother-in-law from hell (she's convinced that Jane Austen ruined civilization). Donald Sage Mackay's Bruce Baldwin gets caught in a trap. To be funny, he must be a right-wing wimp, which Baldwin does quite well.

But what could Hildy possibly see in him? Even when emotionally distraught or on the rebound? The persistent question detracts from Jenn Lyon's otherwise top-notch Hildy. She's brassy, dead certain, and disillusioned. And blind?

As Walter Burns, Douglas Sills hauls large portions of the play on his back. Even though the character is one-note insistent, Sills makes Burns's desperate banter a verbal tour de force.

The script wants to be one, too. It starts with a home run (the original play and film). But Guare tries to make it do so many things — like touching all the bases at once — it's a forced tour de force. ■

PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN BERNE

John Guare's tour de farce,* His Girl Friday*, converts the male lead, Hildy Johnson, into a woman.

His Girl Friday, *adapted by John Guare*
La Jolla Playhouse, *2910 La Jolla Village Drive*
Directed by Christopher Ashley; *cast: Douglas Sills, Jenn Lyon, Steve Gunderson, Jonathan McMurtry, Bill Christ, Kevin Koppman-Gue, Evan D'Angeles, William Hill, Bethany Anne Lind, George McDaniel, Matt McGrath, James Saba, Mary Beth Peil, Victor Morris, Dale Morris, Mike Sears, Donald Sage Mackay; scenic design, Robert Brill; costumes, Paul Tazewell; lighting, David Lander; original music and sound, Mark Bennett*
Playing through June 30; *Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 858-550-1010*

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Dinner Detective
Performers are dressed just like everyone else, leaving all of the guests to suspect who is a part of the show and who is not. At the end of the night, prizes are awarded to the top sleuth who solves the crime. Each ticket typically includes an interrogation reception, a four-course meal, the interactive murder-mystery show, music, prizes, and more. COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-446-3000. 6:15PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

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,

Reader STREET TEAM

Reader open house!

In full swing

Colorful food from Puesto

Bag toss tournament

Our neighbors at Fit Blender

More food from Solare

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SAN DIEGO Reader OPEN HOUSE

Next week!

Finally, we opened our doors to our friends and clients to show off our new digs. You can check out a larger gallery on Facebook, of course. We'd like to thank Puesto, Solare, Sapporo, and Chris Brake Photography for their services and for making this event awesome. Get ready for Oysterfest this weekend! Get your discounted tickets by scanning that Qr code and we'll see you there!

OYSTER FEST JUNE 15 2013 MARINA EMBARCADERO NORTH

GATES: 11AM • SHOW: NOON-7:30

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 twice. *Worth a try.*

4:30PM TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, & FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 7.

Becoming Cuba

Melinda Lopez's world-premiere drama is overlong: in length and ambition. It's an epic set in Cuba during the revolt against Spain (1897–'98) and tries to cover all angles from a pharmacy in Havana. Adela runs the pharmacy, to which come a cross-section of the island, and its history, including cameos by a conquistador. The NCRT production fills in the large tapestry where it can — thanks to performances by Catalina Maynard, Steven Lone, and Richard Baird — and the script has patches of good writing. But the scenes and tones make hyper leaps and the ratio of excessive information vs. scant activity weighs everything down. In an effort to cover everything, the play stumbles over itself.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 23.

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Extraordinary Chambers

Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company presents David Wiener's drama about an American couple who travels to Cambodia and become "personally entangled with Khmer Rouge victims and survivors."

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 30.

Fiddler on the Roof

One of the best shows Lamb's Players has ever done. Ever! Robert Smyth and Deborah Gilmour Smyth have co-directed this feast for the eyes and ears, including non-traditional elements (Mike Buckley's set could be a painting by Marc Chagall; the back-up band plays Klezmer instruments). Sam Zeller heads a strong cast as Tevye, an impish Job who watches his family, and his world, collapse around him. From individual voices to choral effects, the production's a treat throughout. And when the script calls for an over-the-roof image, as in Tevye's Dream," the show delivers. **Critic's Pick.**

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 28.

Godspell

Ocean Beach Playhouse presents the modern-day musical retelling of the New Testament parables from the Gospel According to Matthew.

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Harlem Today

Liberty Hall Theater hosts a collection of original vignettes; consisting of acting, singing and dancing. "The show contains suggestive material."

LIBERTY HALL THEATER AT PARADISE VILLAGE, 2700 E. 4TH ST., NATIONAL CITY. 6:30PM THURSDAY, 6:30PM SATURDAY, 2:30PM SUNDAY.

His Girl Friday

The La Jolla Playhouse presents John Guare's adaptation of Hecht/McArthur's *The Front Page* and the Howard Hawks movie about Hildy Johnson, ace-reporter's last day on the job. Christopher Ashley directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 30.

Les Miserables

California Youth Conservatory Theatre presents this epic musical based on Victor Hugo's novel. Thomas O'Leary directs.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 7PM THURSDAY, 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

MIXTAPE, The Greatest Hits of the '80s

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." miXtape is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, miXtape is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times) 619-437-0600.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JULY 28.

Moonlight and Magnolias

Three weeks into the filming of *Gone With the Wind* producer David O. Selznick hired director Victor Fleming and famed script-doctor Ben Hecht to write a completely new script — in five days, locked in Selznick's office at MGM. Hecht was working on a Marx brothers movie at the time. Ron Hutchinson turns the event into a Marx brothers marathon farce. The comedy calls for increasingly broad strokes. Director Matt Thompson and his cast (Jim Chovick, Jonathan Sachs, Cris O'Bryon, Susan Clauson) break all the rules of "proper" acting but, no mean feat, they do it consistently. Hutchinson may tell only half the story truly. it's the other, loopier half that makes this an often funny show. *Worth a try.*

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 23.

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.

Room 105: The Highs and Lows of Janis Joplin

For one evening only, Grammy-nominated recording artist Sophie B. Hawkins stars in this critically acclaimed musical.

SYCUAN CASINO, 5469 CASINO WAY, EL CAJON. 619-445-6002. 8PM SATURDAY.

Shakespeare's R&J

Joe Calarco sets his play in a repressive, all-male boarding school where the students aren't just brainwashed, they're brain-dried by rules and regulations. The only way they can express their spring awakenings — including for each other — is by performing Shakespeare's verboten tragedy. Calarco's text(s) pushes actors to extremes: both physical and verbal. Cygnet's opening night had the theatricality down pat. Director George Ye moved his four actors with speed and grace. But the acting varied. Lines got delivered at a Morse Code clip. Scenes were stronger at the beginning than the end. The quartet showed signs that they would settle in. And Dave Thomas Brown and John Evans Reese, in multiple roles, were already there. *Worth a try.*

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 16.

Spamalot

Welk Resort Theatre hosts a Broadway Theatre production of the Tony Award–winning musical, based on *Monty Python and the Holy Grail.* Randall Hickman directs.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 1PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 23.

Steal Heaven

As part of the Lipinksy Family Jewish Arts Festival, for one evening only Herbert Siguenza performs his solo piece about political activist Abbie Hoffman, "nestled in a Jewish home for the aged and plotting the course of America's future."

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Circus and variety acts with a twist. A different show every Saturday night throughout June and July. Some adult language and content.

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The Divine Sister

Diversionary 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.

Growl and grumble

Look! Up on the screen! It's absurd! It's inane! It's *Snyder's Man!*

Zack Snyder sucker-punches Richard Lester's *Superman II* to date Hollywood's final say on how to film a comic book. Credit the man of steal and screenwriters David S. Goyer and Christopher Nolan with adding a couple of new wrinkles to the designedly faded red cape of Krypton's favorite son.

MOVIES

By now, the tale of an otherworldly father fighting to spare his super-tot from cataclysmic uncertainty — all the while scratching an itch to propagate his race — has been sown deep in the furrows of America's collective consciousness. Rather than commencing an adventure — preferably ones not involving a school bus in peril or bad-mannered oafs getting their long-awaited comeuppance — we open on Krypton with Jor-El (Russell Crowe) once again preparing to act as his son's prerecorded "How To" manual from beyond.

Henry Cavill is the first Superman to have a membership at Krypton's 24 Hour Fitness and Amy Adams is Lois, the latest in a long line of Lanes. As evidenced in their *Dark Knight* trilogy, the team of Goyer and Nolan never were big on romance. Lois is wise to Clark's secret ID almost from the get-go. The dynamic screenwriting duo effectively kneecap the mystery and romance in favor of a Lois who acts more like Superman's agent than his love interest.

Snyder tries to keep it fresh by juggling the chronology of the familiar opening passages. Never before have we experienced what it must be like for young Kent to come to grips with new-found powers of super-hearing and x-ray vision. In this director's universe, that translates into doubling the imagery and rattling the camera.

General Zod failed to connect with fanboys when first he graced the pages of *Adventure Comics* back in 1961. It wasn't until 1978, when Warner Bros. introduced the character to movie audiences, that his reputation began to rise. As one of the last surviving Kryptonians, Terence Stamp endowed the good General with haughty elegance; his purring arrogance suggesting a blueblood living every day of his indomitable life as if it were his first.

***Man of Steel*: General Zod gets a look at some of Zack Snyder's earlier directing work.**

As this year's Zod, Michael Shannon comes off looking uncomfortable beneath the Marc Antony shingling and u-shaped Penn Jillette chin-bristles. With Snyder to guide him, Shannon pitches his performance at two levels: growl and grumble. Zod's underlings, Ursa and Non, consummately realized in the Lester version by Sarah Douglas and Jack O'Halloran, are reduced to background ornamentation.

The achromatic design is a calculated ploy on the part of the writers to re-create the recipe for success found in their blackened servings of Caped Crusader. Turns out it's not that easy being invincible; for once, we have a Superman whose greatest enemies are boredom and his own indestructibility. In place of hanging a left down this

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avenue of pursuit, Snyder hit a brick wall by staging an endless (and paradoxical) third act battle to the death between CG immortals.

With Diane Lane, Kevin Costner, a ubiquitous Christopher Meloni, and Laurence Fishburne as the first black Perry White. Can I get a "Great Caesar's ghost"?

— *Scott Marks*

INTERVIEW WITH *THE EAST* DIRECTOR AND COWRITER ZAL BATMANGLIJ

The East tells the story of Sarah (cowriter Brit Marling), a rising star at a private espionage agency who gets assigned to infiltrate the domestic organization that gives the film its name. The group does punishment-fits-the-crime work; during the opening credits, they flood the home of an oil exec with the same crude that his company spilled all over a coastline.

Matthew Lickona: This is the second film you've made in collaboration with Brit Marling, after *Sound of My Voice*. Tell me about working together.

Zal Batmanglij: Brit and I met as undergraduates at Georgetown — she was a freshman and I was a junior. Creative ambitions were not at the top of most people's lists — people wanted to be bankers or lawyers or whatever. My best friend Mike Cahill and I made two short films together, and we submitted them to the first-ever Georgetown film festival, and we won. Brit came up and asked if she could work with us. We've been making movies, by hook or by crook, ever since.

ML: Any details on those hooks and crooks?

ZB: I went to graduate school for directing at AFI in L.A., and I wanted to be a director. Brit wanted to be an actress. But it's hard to break into both of those things. So we taught ourselves to write; it took about four years. Four years in, we wrote *Sound of My Voice*, and very quickly after that, we wrote *The East*. They're both about people trying to get in — which was exactly what we were trying to do.

ML: What were you trying to do with *The East*?

ZB: We were really inspired by the thrillers of the '70s, things like *The Parallax View* and *All the President's Men*. We wanted to do something similar, something that made you think, but was also kind of thrilling. The film was inspired by a journey we'd taken in 2009 through "the underworld of America." We lived with different anarchist squats, anarchist farms, freegan collectives, direct action groups...

ML: Why did the cult element come in?

ZB: I don't like to call *The East* a cult. We explored cults in *Sound of My Voice*. I think cults have an underlying spiritual quality. I think *The East* is political.

ML: But it feels culty at the outset, what with the talk of how the leader is waking people up, and the people wearing masks around the fire, and the humiliating initiation ritual... Of course, just a few minutes later, people are taking a vote about what to do, so it does get political.

ZB: That shift was on purpose. When we first entered into these groups, it was a shock — it felt so alien. We felt so other. We wanted both Sarah and the audience to feel that and then acclimate. We were trying to dramatize acclimation.

ML: Speaking of things getting political, *The East* is a political action group, but the motivations for their particular actions are highly personal. It brings things closer to the form of a revenge story.

ZB: A revenge story is a lot more exciting and emotional.

ML: But it clouds the question of justice when it comes to these things they're doing.

AB: It does. That's the world we live in. I think the political is personal and the personal is political. You've got gay people leading the charge for gay rights. Straight allies are important, but I think everything that's truly effective politically comes from a place of personal experience.

ML: And since the trees can't rise up for themselves, you have these environmentalists...

ZB: It's funny that we don't see ourselves as part of the environment. We're organic matter, born and bred of this earth.

ML: Still, human drama feels closer to us than environmental drama.

ZB: So, you've just answered your question about why we made things personal. We wanted to make something more resonant for people. I think people are feeling frustrated these days. All the things in the movie are based on reality — the drug company is real. The drug is real — there really is an antibiotic on the market that can cause people to end up in wheelchairs.

ML: About that drug. Somebody in the film asks, "How did they even let this stuff on the market?" It's almost as if *The East* should be going after the government for approving it.

ZB: I don't think the government is that powerful anymore. The drug companies fund the studies; the FDA funds very few on its own. The drug is approved based on a study done by the drug company. If it takes six weeks for side effects to kick in, they're not going to include that.

ML: Okay, let's talk about the scene where *The East* plays spin the bottle. I confess, I wrote in my notes, "Hippie-dippie." It really took things out of the political realm you mentioned. It was touching and sweet, but it was also...

ZB: Twee? One of the things that fascinated me on the road, especially among the anarchists, was their desire for everything to be militant and hardcore. I think they'll have a similar concern. But I'm fascinated by the soft. It's very dangerous, because when you remove irony — and I'm really against irony — it can border on twee. But that scene is one of the few things that we actually experienced on the road. When you remove watching movies, reading the newspaper, smart phones, the internet, and music, after about six weeks, if you play a game of spin the bottle, it's so exciting and intimate and thrilling. A kiss from a stranger was like *What It Was All About*. What's funny is that when we tested the movie, that was our lowest testing scene, and it was also our highest testing scene.

— *Matthew Lickona*

INTERVIEW WITH *THE EAST* STAR AND COWRITER BRIT MARLING

Matthew Lickona: Tell me about Sarah's naivete

Brit Marling: I thought of her as a thoroughbred racehorse. She's very well trained, and she gets a lot of pleasure out of just running the race. But she just sees what's directly in front of her — the goal of winning. And then somebody rips the blinders off, and she becomes aware that she's running a race, that people are betting and making money off of it, and she's just running in circles. She sees the pasture beyond the fence, and the question is, "Can you jump the fence and find a new way to live?"

ML: But even after the blinders come off, she's making speeches about how the food she finds in a dumpster is good food, and that's evidence that the system is broken. Stores have to throw food away so that customers don't buy it and get sick. There's a law, and the law is there because somebody got sick and sued.

BM: That's the great problem. None of it is wrong, exactly; it's just also not right. The first time I went dumpster diving, I was, like, "This is ridiculous." But then you get all this packaged bread and peanut butter and bananas and apples. I would eat three vegan meals a day out of a dumpster at the squat that were as good as anything I've ever eaten out of a Whole Foods. I understand the law being there to protect people from getting sick, but you feel like there's a glitch in the matrix. Everything feels a little bit off, and how do you solve the problem without unraveling the whole system? It's hard.

ML: This gets at the difficulty of making an environmental movie. Things keep coming back to humanity being its own enemy because it has desires it can't control. How do you make a movie in which humanity is the villain?

BM: I think it's the difficulty of the time we're living in. It's all gray. There's no single antagonist. You can't even point at the corporation and say, "This is all bad." There's also good. Think of the drugs that have been developed to prolong the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. But there's a complicated thing that happens when profit — making more money next quarter than this quarter — is the mechanism driving society and culture. A lot of great things happen, but there are a lot of casualties. This may not be true at all, but I feel like knowledge is the mechanism for cure — looking at things and talking about solutions, as opposed to not looking. And I feel like modern culture is designed to keep you from looking. Zal and I certainly don't feel like we know any of the answers to the problems. But if we don't even ask the questions, that seems to be the greatest danger.

— *Matthew Lickona*

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MOVIE LISTINGS

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42 — Television veteran Chadwick Boseman gives a fine, canny performance as Jackie Robinson, the man who broke Major League Baseball's color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. Well, except for when he talks to his wife and infant son: then, writer-director Brian Helgeland's script drives him into speechmaking about the interior life he is otherwise allowed to convey through expression and action. And sometimes, through *inaction*: as Dodgers owner Branch Rickey tells him, success will require Robinson to be like Jesus and turn the other cheek. (Harrison Ford's growly-jowly performance as Rickey does nothing

to obscure an excellent character: a man whose motivations include greed, devotion to the game, and a genuine strain of Christianity.) The story isn't much more than a hit parade of "Shut up, racist" moments — Alan Tudyk's opposing manager just oozes with venomous talk — but its blunt force is enough to get the job done. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

After Earth — The single star is because the setup is fine — almost great, even. Estranged father and son (Will and Jaden Smith) survive a crash landing on a hostile planet. Dad's injured, and so it's the son who must retrieve an emergency beacon from a distant chunk of wreckage. Technology will keep them in contact, and allow Dad to see what son sees. Time is against them, along with everything else. The elder Smith assumes an affecting stoicism; he's a hero because he doesn't feel fear, but he doesn't appear to feel much else, either. So much for the good stuff. The rest is absurd emotional outbursts from the unready younger Smith, absurd anthropology (fear is not, in fact, a choice; the response to fear is a choice), absurd anthropomorphism (Mama bird!), absurd expositional visions, and *Signs*-style alien hijinks from director M. Night Shyamalan. A dimly shot, poorly scored misfire. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Before Midnight — Late in the proceedings of this, the third installment of Richard Linklater's relationship gabfest, Jesse (Ethan Hawke) gets a mid-argument chance to make a list of his beloved Celine's (July Delpy) flaws. "Well, for starters, you're fucking crazy," he begins — and gets no further. But sometimes, a one-item list is enough. It's Celine's insanity — or at least, her panic over losing herself to the roles of supportive lover and loving mother — that prevents *Before Midnight* from becoming a detailed, scenic, static portrait of midlife. Aging and raging, she's the motor that makes this a movie. It's been nine years since last we saw the couple; now, they're finishing a summer vacation in Greece. Jesse has just sent his son back to his ex-wife in the States, and he (understandably) wants to be closer to the boy. But Celine has just been offered a job in France. Cue the verbal fireworks. 2013. — M.L. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Call — Academy Award-winning former Bond girl Halle Berry wagers her reputation on a shameless "teen-in-trunk" exploitation drama, playing a veteran LAPD 911 operator plagued with guilt after her accidental redial alerts a killer to the victim's whereabouts. Naturally, she gets a second shot at the same killer, and as implausible as it may sound, once the kidnapper deposits victim number two (Abigail Breslin) inside his torture shack, Jordan kicks the crummy dust of Command Central off her shoes and gets in on the action. For you drooling pervs in the audience, 16-year-old Little Miss Sunshine spends the third act clad in nothing more than jeans and a turquoise pushup bra. I was willing to laugh at *The Call* right up until the finale, when the exhausted victims miraculously find the strength to become victimizers and turn on their assailant. As pandering as it is ghastly. 2013. — S.M. ● (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

The East — Sarah (star and cowriter Brit Marling) is a rising star at a private espionage agency who gets assigned to infiltrate the titular domestic protest organization. The East does punishment-fits-the-crime work: flooding the home of an oil exec with the same crude that his company spilled all over a coastline, etc. But deep cover work has a way of clouding perspective, especially when the targets are painfully earnest (Ellen Page) and brutally handsome (Alexander Skarsgård). Marling, together with director and cowriter Zal Batmanglij, works hard to give us a world where the waters are not only polluted, but also muddy — the bad guys don't set out to do bad things, and the good guys are driven as much by revenge as a thirst for justice. The laudable point is that things are complicated, and only at the very end do things venture into the realm of (organic) popcorn fantasy. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

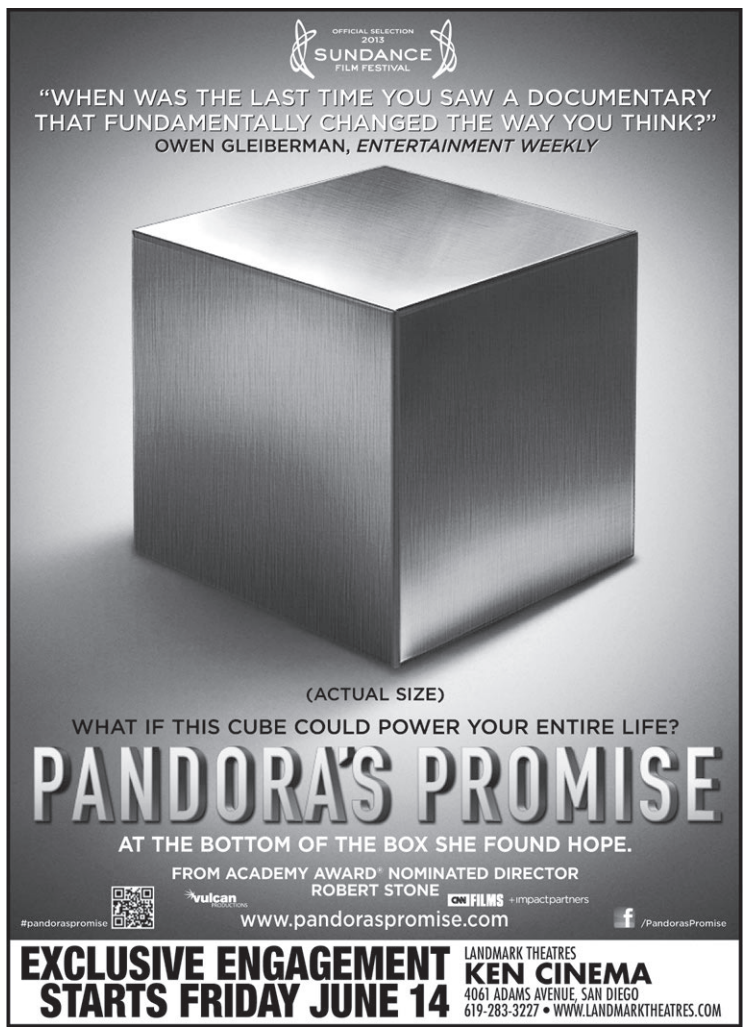
Epic — As Pixar gets digested by Disney, Blue Sky Studios steps up and takes its shot at the title for innovative animated storytelling. (The CG animation itself is pretty innovative as well, particularly when it comes to water, sunlight, and facial expressions.) The biggest success is at the level of 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)

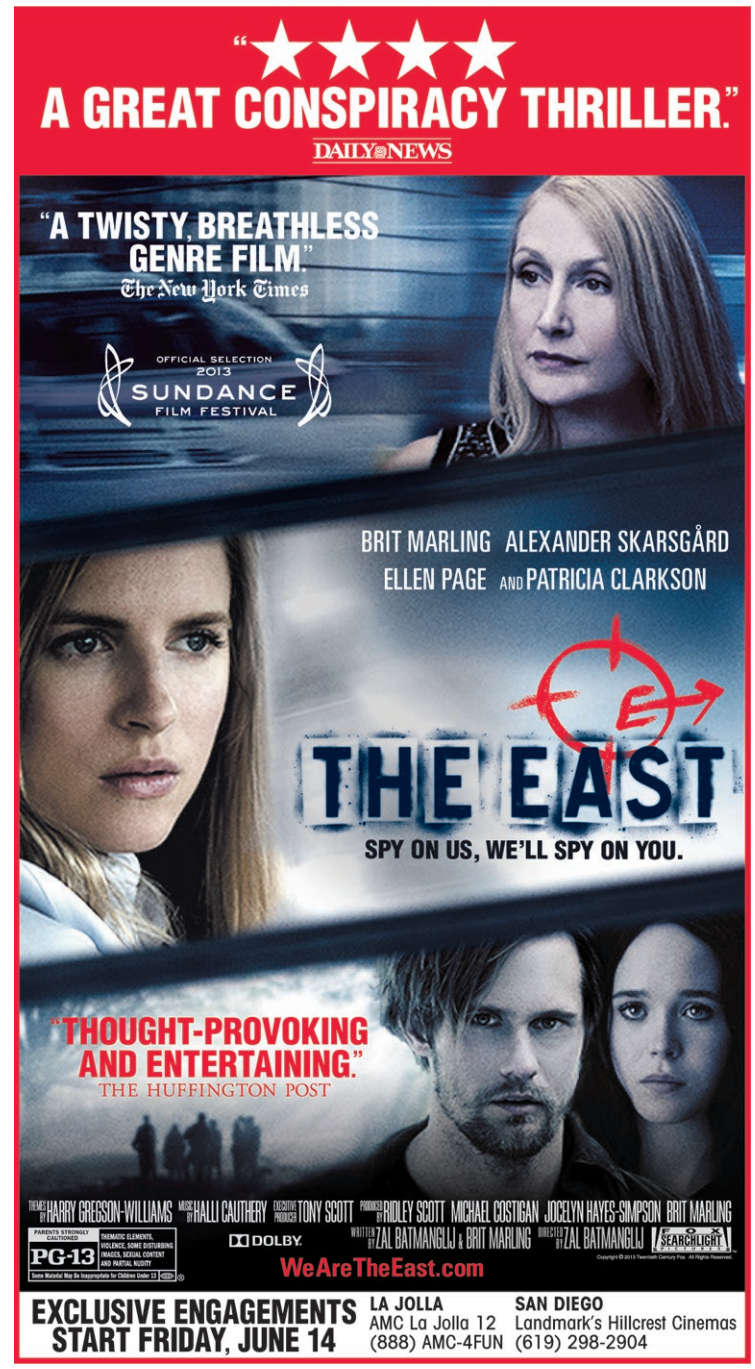
Evil Dead — An overexplained nightmare: explanations are what this remake has in place of the anarchic whimsy of the original. Why are the pretty young people going to hang out at a creepy cabin in the woods? Because they're trying to help their friend quit drugs, and this is her childhood getaway. (Drugs are also why they don't believe she's possessed, at least, not at first.) Why do various awful things happen to them (especially the women)? Because there are corresponding pictures in this here book bound in human skin. There's an apocalyptic prophecy in there too, because everybody loves raised stakes. Oh, and also directions for stopping the badness. Fans of the original will nod with recognition (if not necessarily delight), and fans of intense, graphic violence will get their fill. Director Fede Alvarez famously eschewed CGI, and the gore is indeed lovingly handcrafted. There isn't much more to say. 2013. ★ (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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 (for better and for worse) our generation's Katherine Hepburn? Adore or despise, she is a force of nature, something to be reckoned with. Here, she makes vaguely misanthropic director Noah Baumbach put down his torturer's tools in favor of something positively humane. (Maybe it helped that she co-wrote 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 thresher that separates the wheat from the chaff. The black-and-white images of the city, the pathology of bad relationships, and Gerwig's awkward glamor will surely recall Woody Allen's *Manhattan*, but then, there are worse things to recall. 2013. — M.L. ★★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 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 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)

Greetings from Tim Buckley — Canonized singer-songwriter Jeff Buckley (Penn Badgely) agrees to perform at a tribute to a man he despises: his equally cultish folk singer father, Tim. (Dad OD'd when he was 28, and his son's drowning at age 30 was ruled an accident.) We follow Jeff as he spends the week before the concert muttering, moping, and, of course, falling in love, but who can resist the adorable Imogen Poots? Meant to endear, Badgley's melodic, Jim Carrey–inspired meltdown in a record store broke the needle clear off the Cringe-O-Meter. A third act — consisting of zip-zoom coverage of wall-to-wall concert footage — made me eager to hop off the tour bus. Those unfamiliar with the estranged duo's discographies (my hand is raised) are not likely to walk away from director Daniel Algrant's meanderingly sentimental mumblecore biopic any the wiser. With William Sadler and Norbert Leo Butz. 2012. — S.M. ★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

The Hangover Part III — For those who exited *The Hangover Part II* feeling their time and money well spent, this is the hair of the dog that bit you. The rest of humanity might consider a rabies vaccination before entering. This time, franchise creator Todd Phillips does away with the customary Mike Tyson cameo, 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)

Hotel for Dogs — Fanciful, tasteful children's film, from the Lois Duncan book, about two foster kids who secretly transform a derelict hotel into a shelter for stray dogs (the homeless housing the homeless), and more than a shelter, a veritable amusement park. Nicely individualized dogs; tolerable kids; touches of real imagination in script and direction (Thor Freudenthahl in his feature debut); general geniality. With Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Don Cheadle, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon. 2009. ★★ (DIGIPLEX TEMECULA TOWER CINEMAS)

The Internship — Is the structure — Bad News Bears try to win the Internalympics at Google and so get jobs — hackneyed? Yes. Is the comedy spotty? Yes. Is the pacing a mess, with several sort-of funny bits dragging on waaaaay too long? Yes, yes, yes. But viewers of a certain age may find their hearts softening when they stop to consider just how personal a film this is for story author/co-screenwriter/star Vince Vaughn. He middle-aged motor-mouth charmer who can sell product (including himself) like nobody's business, but when the industry (or comedic taste) shifts, he's left at sea. What to do? Spin a tale about how awful the economy is, how painful it is to realize that you don't know how to imagine a better future for yourself, and how great it would feel to overcome that. Co-starring, significantly, Vaughn's *Wedding Crashers* co-star Owen Wilson. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Iron Man 3 — A hot mess. *Iron Man 3* does what a third installment tends to do: revisit the themes of the first (personal failings giving rise to public disasters), make everything bigger and more complicated, and then deliver some kind of grand resolution. And while director Shane Black brings a manic energy to the franchise that more than matches star Robert Downey Jr.'s twitchy performance, it's not enough to overcome the lumbering bloat. Black is aiming to leave you dazzled, satisfied, and maybe just a little wiser; you're more likely to leave punch-drunk, exhausted, and maybe just a little puzzled. Lots of stuff happens in the film's world, but all that matters is what's going on inside Tony Stark: an existential crisis following a near-death experience in The Avengers. Everything else exists to help him get his groove back. Hooray for narcissism. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Ben Kingsley, and Don Cheadle. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Kings of Summer — Two best friends, both in permanent disconnect from their parents, and an ethnic-looking, slightly addlepated urchin positioned to grace t-shirts as this summer's huggable answer to *Napoleon Dynamite*'s Pedro, flee home to spend the summer cobbling together a dilapidated cabin in the woods. More Sundance-sanctioned tripe that never should have left Colorado. From its flat lighting to its stereotypical sitcom authority figures, this *Summer* reeks of television. As frustrated teen Joe Toy, newcomer Nick Robinson basically reprises his role as the harangued son on the current pass of Cox Cable TV commercials. The only thing flimsier than the narrative structure of this Walden's Kiddie Pond are the sawdust and spirit gum beards the boys sprout to show a passage of time. This marks the first feature for *Funny or Die* veteran Jordan Vogt-Roberts. With Gabriel Basso, Moises Arias, and the new Wilford Brimley, Nick Offerman. 2013. — S.M. ● (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Kon-Tiki — Five fair-haired Norwegians and a bald Swedish ethnographer spend 100 days and 5000 miles charting the Pacific on a balsa wood raft to prove right adventurer Thor Heyerdal's (Pål Sverre Hagen) theory that South Americans, not Asians, populated Polynesia. Roadblocks to perfection: a second-act encounter with a shark bordered on Asian splatter, and instead of feeling around for an ending, directorial duo Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg might just as easily have put an "Amen" on it with the exquisite, cosmic passage-of-time sequence that marked day 101. Minor gripes aside, this sweeping, well-crafted epic, based on Heyerdal's best-seller, is quick to the helm both on land and sea. Production designer Karl Júlíusson's detailed period recreation of Brooklyn in the '40s and DP Geir Hartly Andreassen's sense of natural light give the finished product a polish that would have quadrupled the film's relatively paltry $16 million budget had it been shot in the WB water tank. — S.M. ★★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST; READING GASLAMP)

Love Is All You Need — A Danish cancer patient (Trine Dyrholm) catches her husband diddling a co-worker two days before they're set to leave for their daughter's Italian wedding. In the eyes of the audience, that frees her up to undertake an affair with her kid's future father-in-law (Pierce Brosnan). A supposedly heartwarming comedy that spends most of its running time garnering uncomfortable laughs off the misfortune of others. Originally titled *The Bald Hairdresser*, this marks the first time in film history that a cancer patient's wig is played as a running gag. (Dyrholm would have been better off asking the Make-a-Wish Foundation for a script.) Ultimately, all you need is Brosnan. Admittedly, as the widowed businessman who wants nothing more than to be by himself, his presence acts as a further reminder of *Mamma Mia*. But without musical numbers to clothesline him, Brosnan does remarkably well, especially in light of the sentimental roadblocks director and co-scenarist Susanne Bier place in his path. 2012. — S.M. ★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Man of Steel — Reviewed this issue. 2013. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Mud — Writer-director Jeff Nichols (Take Shelter) treats 14-year-old Ellis and his friend Neckbone to a cornucopia of boyhood pleasures: walkie-talkies, taking an outboard up the river, a deserted island, a boat in a tree, old girlie mags, dirt bikes, chainsaws, fistfights, girlfriends, and looming over it all, a desperate outlaw in need of help. Matthew McConaughey is at his most Paul Newmany as the titular Mud, a lovesick killer who drawls out superstitious lore through teeth clenched round a cigarette. His plight is tragic, but the real story belongs to Ellis, a young man trying to believe in love despite considerable evidence to the contrary. Not just the romantic kind (though certainly that). The familial kind. The fraternal kind. Refreshing to see Southern folks portrayed as people, rather than trash or mystics. Go-to Southern gal Reese Witherspoon fizzles as the beloved, but the rest of the cast is perfect. 2012. — M.L. ★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

SEEN ON DVD

Exit Through the Gift Shop

SOROYA ROWLEY
Theatre Maker

I'm still not sure if the documentary *Exit Through the Gift Shop* is a hoax or not. But regardless of its authenticity, it is a fascinating look at the work of Banksy and other street artists that have grown in the public eye from vandals to fine artists whose work is sold for thousands of dollars.

Tideland, by Terry Gilliam, is a movie that satisfies my appetite for both fantasy and horror. The story is told from the perspective of a little girl whose heroin-addict parents leave her to raise herself. She finds friendship and love in the most bizarre places. The cinematography is beautiful, and the film leaves you with plenty to think about.

EXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP (USA/England) 2011, Oscilloscope Laboratories
List price: $39.99

TIDELAND (UK/Canada) 2005, ThinkFilm
List price: $14.98

Angels in America

JUSTIN WARREN MARTIN
Actor/Circle Circle dot dot company member

HBO's miniseries *Angels in America* is a DVD I watch a minimum of twice a year. The cast and production dream-team take on the epic play by Tony Kushner and deliver a masterpiece. The mini-series was presented in two parts, as was the original play. It's fine to watch each part separately, but I prefer to plow through all six hours at once.

Rent: Filmed Live on Broadway is a DVD I'm so very thankful for. The musical *Rent* meant so much to me as a kid. I camped out in front of the La Jolla Playhouse for tickets when it ran here in San Diego. When the film version was released it didn't, to me, capture what I loved about the show. But when this live version was released I was glad I could own documentation of the original Broadway staging on its closing night.

ANGELS IN AMERICA (USA) 2004, HBO
List price: $19.97

RENT: FILMED LIVE ON BROADWAY (USA) 2008, Sony
List price: $14.99

Sordid Lives

J.D. BURKE
Writer and filmmaker

Compliance is a disturbing indie that revisits themes of obedience and brutality from the world-famous Milgram experiment. Riveting and eminently filmic exploration of the question "how far will people go when they are convinced they are right?" The film is intense, compelling, brilliant, and, above all, shocking because of its troubling basis in true events. Had a profound and divisive effect on audiences. A controversial but overlooked examination of modern "civilization."

Sordid Lives is a wild, irreverent, and hilarious redneck romp through the lives and dramas of one "white trash" family grieving the death of their matriarch, who tripped over the wooden leg of her illicit lover (a funny turn by Beau Bridges.) Great, over-the-top performances by Delta Burke, Olivia Newton John, and Bonnie Bedelia, as well as a clash-of-the-crazies tete-a-tete between Rosemary Alexander and Leslie Jordan. Hilarious DVD commentary.

COMPLIANCE (USA) 2012, Magnolia
List price: $26.98

SORDID LIVES (USA) 2001, 20th Century Fox
List price: $9.98

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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
Before Midnight (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; **Don Giovanni: Live from La Scala** (Not Rated) Sun (2:00p.m.); **Epic** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:10, 12:20, 2:40) 4:55, 7:20, 9:35; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:05, 7:10, 9:55; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:20, 1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:50 Sun (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:35, 10:20; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:55, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10 Sun (10:55) 7:30, 10:10; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:05, 1:05, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55 Sun (10:05, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55; **The Internship** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **The Purge** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:15, 3:25) 5:30, 7:40, 9:40; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:50) 4:30, 7:45, 10:15

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
After Earth (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; **Before Midnight** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Don Giovanni: Live from La Scala** (Not Rated) Sun (2:00p.m.); **Epic** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:25, 1:15) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55 Sun (10:25) 7:05, 9:55; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:10p.m.; **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:45, 12:50, 1:50) 4:55, 7:00, 8:00, 11:05 Sun (10:45, 12:50, 1:50) 4:55, 7:00, 8:00; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (3:55) 10:05; **Mud** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:35, 10:25; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:45) 5:20, 8:05, 10:40; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 1:25) 4:15, 7:25, 10:15; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:30; **The Internship** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **The Purge** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:25; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:45, 10:20

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
42 (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; **Don Giovanni: Live from La Scala** (Not Rated) Sun (2:00p.m.); **Hey Bartender** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:10, 8:20, 10:30; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:20; **Iron Man 3 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun; **Kon-Tiki** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45 Sun (11:05) 5:45; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:05, 11:25, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:55, 10:50; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 8:05p.m.; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:05, 12:55, 3:50) 6:40, 9:30; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sun (10:10, 12:25, 2:45) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50; **The Internship** (PG-13) Fri (10:55, 1:00, 1:40) 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sat-Sun (10:55, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **The Purge** (R) Fri-Sun (10:00, 11:00, 12:05, 1:10, 2:10, 3:15) 4:15, 5:25, 6:25, 7:30, 8:30, 9:35, 10:35; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun (10:15, 11:40, 12:40, 2:05, 3:10) 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40; **Wish You Were Here** (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Call theater for program information.

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Pandora's Promise (NR) Fri: (2:30), (4:45), 7:00, 9:00, Sat & Sun: (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:00, Mon – Thu: (4:45), 7:00, 9:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "( )" ; **The Painting** (NR) Opens Friday, June 21

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236
Man Of Steel (PG-13) Fri: (1:00), 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (10:00), 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Mon –Thu: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00; **Before Midnight** (R) Fri: (1:20), 4:20, 7:20, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (10:20), 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55, Mon – Thu: (1:20), (4:20), 7:20, 9:55; **Fill The Void** (PG) Fri: (1:15), 4:15 7:15, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (10:45), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45, Mon –Thu: (1:15), (4:15), 7:15, 9:45; **Love Is All You Need** (R) Fri –Thu: (1:10), 7:10; **Fill The Void** (PG) Fri & Mon –Thu: (4:10), 9:50, Sat & Sun: (10:10), 4:10, 9:50, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "( )"; **Much Ado About Nothing** (PG-13) Tentatively Opens Friday, June 21

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Man of Steel (PG-13) Fri-Sun 4:30, 11:30 Fri (9:30) 10:00, 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00 Sat-Sun (9:30) 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00) 1:00, 8:00 Fri (11:30, 3:00) 6:30, 10:00 Sat-Sun (11:30) 3:00, 6:30, 10:00; **Man of Steel: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; **Man of Steel: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:05p.m.

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
After Earth (PG-13) Fri (11:30, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 Sat 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 Sun (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Before Midnight** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; **Epic** (PG) Fri-Sun (1:50) 7:10; **Epic in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:10) 4:30, 9:45; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:05, 12:55, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55; **Jules Massenet's Manon From the Berlin Staasoper** (Not Rated) Sat (12:30p.m.); **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri (10:00, 12:00, 1:30, 3:30) 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15 Sat-Sun (10:00, 12:00, 1:30, 3:30) 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:30) 6:00, 9:15; **Mud** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:10, 1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **My Little Pony: Equestria Girls** (Not Rated) Sat-Sun (10:00a.m.); **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; **The Smurfs** (PG) Fri (10:00a.m.); **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:35) 7:25; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55) 4:55, 10:30; **The Internship** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:35; **The Purge** (R) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:35, 2:50) 5:05, 7:25, 9:50; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50, 10:45

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
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PACIFIC BEACH

Full Moon Drive-In
1500 Felspar Street (888-211-0404)
Epic (PG) Fri 6/14/13 (8:35pm), Sat 6/15/13 (8:35pm), Sun 6/16/13 (8:35pm),**The Internship** (PG-13) Fri 6/14/13 (10:30pm), Sat 6/15/13 (10:30pm), Sun 6/16/13 (10:30pm)

SAN DIEGO

ArcLight La Jolla
4425 La Jolla Village Drive Suite H60 (858-768-7770)
Alien: The Director's Cut (R) Sun 4:30p.m.; **Before Midnight** (R) Fri-Sun 8:50, 11:45, 1:05, 3:50, 6:10, 9:50; **Epic** (PG) Fri 8:05, 12:20 Sat-Sun 7:25, 12:20; **Epic in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:35a.m.; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:45p.m.; **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 6:15, 8:30, 9:15 Fri 8:00, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9:15, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00, 11:15, 11:30, 12:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 2:15, 2:30, 2:45, 3:15, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 5:45, 6:30 Fri 7:15, 7:30, 8:00, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 11:45,; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 7:45, 9:00, 10:45, 12:00, 1:45, 3:00, 4:45, 6:00, 7:45, 9:00, 12:00 Fri-Sat 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, 1:00 Sun 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 Sun 7:45, 9:00, 10:45, 12:00, 1:45, 3:00, 6:00, 7:45, 9:00, 11:45; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri 10:05, 2:05, 4:50, 7:10, 10:15, 12:40 Sat 7:40, 10:05, 2:05, 4:50, 7:10, 10:15, 12:40 Sun 7:40, 10:05, 2:05, 4:50, 7:10, 10:15; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 10:50, 12:45 Sun 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 10:50; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:05a.m.; **The Great Gatsby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 5:15p.m.; **The Great Gatsby in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:45a.m.; **The Internship** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 8:10, 10:40, 2:25, 4:40, 8:25, 11:05, 12:05 Sun 8:10, 10:40, 2:25, 4:40, 8:25, 11:05

Digiplex Mission Valley
7510 Hazard Center Dr #100 (619-685-2841)
Divorce Invitation (Not Rated) Fri 4:30p.m. Sun (12:30p.m.); **Jules Massenet's Manon From the Berlin Staasoper** (Not Rated) Sat (12:30p.m.); **My Little Pony: Equestria Girls** (Not Rated) Sun (10:00a.m.)

Digital Gym Cinema
2921 El Cajon Boulevard ((619) 230-1938)
Becoming Traviata (Traviata et nous) (Not Rated) Sat 12:00p.m. Sun 12:00, 2:30; **Greetings from Tim Buck ley** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 Sun 5:00, 7:30; **Gut** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat 10:00p.m.

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The East (PG-13) Fri: (1:40), 4:20, 7:00, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:35; **The Kings Of Summer** (R) Fri: (2:20), 5:00, 7:40, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:35), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00, Mon – Thu: (2:20), (5:00), 7:40, 10:00; **Shadow Dancer** (R) Fri: (2:05), 4:45, 7:25, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:25), 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50, Mon – Thu: (2:05), (4:45), 7:25, 9:50; **Before Midnight** (R) Fri: (1:50), 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:40; **Frances Ha** (R) Fri: (2:30), 5:10, 7:50, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:45), 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 9:55, Mon – Thu: (2:30), (5:10), 7:50*, 9:55, * No 7:50 PM Show Monday, 06/17/13, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "( )"; **Dirty Wars** (NR) Opens Friday, June 21; **Much Ado About Nothing** (PG-13) Opens Friday, June 21

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
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EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Man of Steel (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35) 2:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:45, 10:45; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:25) 7:30; **Man of Steel: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:55, 7:00, 10:15; **Man of Steel: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 3:10p.m.; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
After Earth (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:40; **Epic** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:15, 12:35, 2:55) 5:15, 7:35, 9:55; **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:00, 11:35, 1:00, 2:40) 4:05, 5:45, 7:05, 8:45, 10:10, 11:45 Sun (10:00, 11:35, 1:00, 2:40) 4:05, 5:45, 7:05, 8:45, 10:10; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:45) 4:50, 7:50, 10:50; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35; **The Internship** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:55) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **The Purge** (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:35, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sat (11:40, 2:05) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 11:55 Sun (11:40, 2:05) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Divorce Invitation (Not Rated) Fri 4:30p.m.; **Jules Massenet's Manon From the Berlin Staasoper** (Not Rated) Sat (12:30p.m.); **My Little Pony: Equestria Girls** (Not Rated) Sun (10:00a.m.)

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
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Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Pain & Gain (R) Fri - Thu: (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Oblivion** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; 42 (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (11:15 AM), (2:10), 5:15, 8:15; **Scary Movie V** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (1:45), 7:00; **Evil Dead** (R) Fri - Thu: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **G.I. Joe: Retaliation** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (11:00 AM), 4:15, 9:15; **The Croods** (PG) Fri - Thu: (11:00 AM), (1:30), (4:00), 6:45, 9:30; **Olympus Has Fallen** (R) Fri - Thu: (11:30 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Call** (R) Fri - Thu: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri - Thu: (12:00), (3:00), 6:00, 9:00; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri - Thu: (11:25 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Divorce Invitation (Not Rated) Fri 4:30p.m.; **Jules Massenet's Manon From the Berlin Staasoper** (Not Rated) Sat (12:30p.m.); **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:55; **The Smurfs** (PG) Fri (9:30a.m.)

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village
River Village Shopping Center - 5256 Mission Road (760-945-8784)
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NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
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VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

UltraStar La Costa
6941 El Camino Real (760-603-8638)
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Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
After Earth (PG-13) Sun (10:20, 12:35, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; **Epic** (PG) Sun (10:30, 12:45, 3:05); **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Internship** (PG-13) Sun (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50

DEL MAR

Cinépolis Del Mar
12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)
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ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
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OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
After Earth (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:35, 1:00, 4:10, 7:05, 9:30; **Before Midnight** (R) Fri-Sun 10:45, 1:30, 4:05, 7:15, 9:50; **Epic** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **Fast and Furious 6** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:05, 3:45, 7:05, 10:00; **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:30, 12:00, 3:30, 5:30, 7:00, 10:25; **Man of Steel 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 11:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00) 6:00, 6:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:30, 3:40, 7:20, 10:15; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:25, 4:15, 7:15, 10:20; **The Hangover Part III** (R) Fri-Sun 11:50, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **The Internship** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:05, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **The Purge** (R) Fri-Sun 11:05, 12:10, 1:30, 2:40, 4:00, 4:55, 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun 11:15, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

Calendar
MOVIES

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. ★★ (REGAL OCEANSIDE; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

Olympus Has Fallen — "Why can't you simply put your critical faculties on hold long enough to sit back and enjoy the damn movie?" The question comes up — particularly in the summer months — more times than I care to remember. *Olympus Has Fallen* is the answer to discerning action fan's prayers: an armrest-squeezing, seat-shifting blockbuster that never lets up. North Korean terrorists hold the White House hostage, and it's up to Gerard Butler, a disgraced former Secret Service man once assigned to presidential guard duty, to get back inside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue the hard way and reset the course of history. On the surface, it represents everything contemptible about contemporary cinema — a propagandistic, effects-driven cavalcade of carnage that probably boasts a higher body count than all of George Romero's "living dead" safaris combined — but damn if (for a change) this wasn't an effectively constructed thrill ride I enjoyed hopping. Antoine Fuqua directs. With Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman, and Rick Yune. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★ (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

Pain & Gain — Oy, Bay! Michael Bay, the Butcher of Burbank, returns, this time with one pound of script in a 20 lb. casing and a refrigerated display case fit to bust with shoulder cut of Mark Wahlberg, prime rib of Anthony Mackie, and filet of Rock. In order to help underwrite their addiction to steroids and dumbbells (and also to impress the bitches), a trio of meathead bodybuilders resorts to a life of crime by kidnapping an unscrupulous Florida businessman (Tony Shalhoub, in a role originally meant for Albert Brooks). Even with a fact-based account to guide them — the film is based on a series of Miami *New Times* articles — the director and his screenwriters still can't fashion a cohesive narrative. It's all flash and no panache as Bay borrows heavily from the *Miami Vice* playbook of swish-pans, flash frames, and singed color. With Ed Harris (trying his damnedest), Rob Corrdry. 2013. — S.M. ● (REGAL OCEANSIDE; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

Pandora's Promise — Pro-nuke propaganda it may be, but at least it's straightforward about it. (As opposed to, say, pro-solar propaganda from an oil industry that knows solar poses no real threat to market share.) Plus, it's smart about its presentation, employing as it does a slew of environmentalists who have converted — not away from environmentalism, but toward the idea that nuclear energy is the environment's best option. Hopefully, this approach makes it less of a sermon and more of a conversation starter. The approach is methodical and sober — one objection and/or benefit at a time, with a minimum of doomsday predictions and a fair number of points granted to the opposition. Best of all, the film gradually moves away from talking heads and toward memorable images: becalmed wind turbines, a dense web of power lines forming a canopy over a Brazilian alleyway. Dammit, Scotty, we need more power! 2013. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Pirates! Band of Misfits — Aardman Animations makes a solid case for its brand of gussied-up claymation (contra the grandeur of Pixar and the flash of Dreamworks) with this story of a foppish swashbuckler who just wants to be Pirate of the Year. You could spend a good chunk of your time just studying the magnificently detailed backgrounds. Unfortunately, the story is scattered enough that you may be tempted to do just that. The humor runs both high and low: a fad-happy Jane Austen and a steampunk Queen Victoria. Plus Charles Darwin and his manpanzee butler. 2012. — M.L. ★★ (KRIKORIAN VISTA VILLAGE)

The Purge — Contrived shit doesn't get much nuttier. In the not-so distant future, a white, upper-class family plans on spending the Purge — a 'countrywide catharsis' where, for one 12-hour period every year, murder is decriminalized — in the safety of their steel-plated mansion. How do you go wrong with a foolproof premise such as this? Play it for limp peek-a-boo thrills, not razor-backed satire, that's how. Writer-director James Demonaco downed the screenplays for *The Hunger Games, Funny Games*, and *The Strangers*, and two minutes later purged a clothesline on which to hang this aggressively bulimic horror film. If cinematographer Jacques Jouffret's lens was any closer to the characters it would be behind them. You know something is wrong when for 85 minutes Tea Partiers hunt and bag Tea Partiers and still I'm not entertained! With Ethan Hawke, Lena Headey, and Max Burkholder. 2013. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Shadow Dancer — Review forthcoming at *sandiegoreader.com*. (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

The Smurfs — A mysterious vortex transports a race of little blue beings, no more than three road apples high, from their magical kingdom to the streets of Manhattan. Hey, kids, wanna hear some filthy smurfing words? "Plot." "Pacing." "Timing." Four smurfing mothersmurfers are given screenwriting credit. It takes forever for nothing to happen, and when it does, there's no smurfing sign of style, wit, or joy. Raja Gosnell is credited with the direction; with Hank Azaria, Neil Patrick Harris, Jayma Mayes, and the voices of Jonathan Winters and Katy Perry. — S.M. ● (DIGIPLEX MISSION VALLEY; DIGIPLEX POWAY; DIGIPLEX TEMECULA TOWER CINEMAS)

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 cocksure attitude gets him in trouble. First officer Spock's (Zachary Quinto) strict moral reasoning, once seen as a stumbling block, assumes the role of crucial counterbalance 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)

This Is The End — There wasn't enough room on the poster to add *of Cinema as We Know It*. After exiting a screening of *Observe and Report*, a fellow patron let his date and everyone within earshot know, "If Seth Rogen took a shit on screen for two hours, I'd watch it." Here's your chance to put his theory to the test. A party at James Franco's place is ruptured by the rapture, leaving the graduating class of Apatow High — ostensibly playing extensions of their pot-puffing, coke-snorting selves — to carry a feature. Ten minutes of setup followed by an eternity of improv, little of it — most notably Emma Watson rape jokes — funny. Michael Cera deserves an Oscar for a spunky cameo, but when he dies, the picture goes with him. I wouldn't exactly call what Rogen and his partner, Evan Goldberg, do "directing and writing," but they claim responsibility for both. With Jay Baruchel, and featuring Jonah Hill as the class eunuch. 2013. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

What Maisie Knew — A fairy tale of divorce, one that imagines an blissful way out of the trauma brought on by Mom and Dad putting a bullet in the love that gave rise to your existence. Julianne Moore is a comically narcissistic aging rocker; Steve Coogan is her gotta-ramble mate, and Onata Aprile is their sweet and watchful daughter. She's also the best thing about the film, her doe eyes displaying just enough wisdom to keep her from moppet status. The story is not so much about Maisie as it is about parents' ability to shovel bullshit at their kids in the cause of feeling better about themselves, and their kids' ability to pay attention and recognize what it is they're smelling. With Alexander Skarsgard and Joanna Vanderham as the pretty blond things that Mom and Dad marry. Not much more than kids themselves, they at least understand the primacy of children. 2012. — M.L. ★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Wish You Were Here — Four friends vacationing from Australia (Joel Edgerton, Felicity Price, Teresa Palmer, and Anthony Starr) party the night away at a remote Cambodian holiday destination only to wake the next morning with big heads, minus a chum, and unable to recall the events of the previous evening. It's not an implausible whodunit, nor is it a conventional mystery. The complex flashback structure — designed by first time writer,-director Kieran Darcy-Smith and his wife, leading lady, and co-author Price — skillfully weaves in and out of time frames and locations. Like a pair of veteran Vegas dealers, Darcy-Smith and Price cut and shuffle the exposition, doling out just the right amounts of clarification to keep audiences on their toes We don't begin to learn the "how" or "why" until over halfway through the picture, and by that time we are so caught up in the lives of others that our raison d'être has all but evaporated. 2012. — S.M. ★★★★ (LANDMARK KEN; READING GASLAMP)

World War Z (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

FILM FESTIVALS

ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA
4425 La Jolla Village Dr., Suite H60, University City
858-768-7770

Alien: The Director's Cut A cult classic. **Sunday, June 16, 4:30pm**

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO
4190 Front St., Hillcrest
619-298-9978

Humanist Film Discussion Group Featured film: *Mandela*, a documentary about his rise from a tribal leader, his law practice, imprisonment, and election as president of South Africa. **Sunday, June 23, 1:00pm**

LAFAYETTE HOTEL, SWIM CLUB & BUNGALOWS
2223 El Cajon Bl., University Heights
619-296-2101

International Surfing Day The Surfrider Foundation San Diego County Chapter hosts an International Surfing Day celebration. The event features a poolside paddle-in movie screening of *Gidget*. Bring your own board and watch the movie from the pool or hang out poolside. A DJ will play classic beach/surf music before and after the film. The suggested donation at the door includes entrance to the event, appetizers, and popcorn. Drinks will be available for purchase. **Thursday, June 20, 7:00pm**

MISSION VALLEY LIBRARY
2123 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley
858-573-5007

Film Forum: Carnival of Souls (1962) Ingmar Bergman meets the Twilight Zone. Herk Harvey's low budget expressionistic gem features striking black-and-white composition, disorienting dream sequences and eerie atmosphere. The only "survivor" after a car plunges into a river is continually confronted by a ghostly apparition mysteriously connected to an abandoned carnival pavilion. **Wednesday, June 26, 6:00pm**

MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park
619-238-7559

I demoni di San Pietroburgo Fyodor Dostoyevski, the passionate existentialist and giant of Russian letters, is haunted by his past naïve involvement in socialistic rhetoric. He finds himself confronted by the result of those events and the fame he has gained as a writer. The revolutionary youth look up to him and he must act to save the lives of people whose loss would only mean more suffering for those he truly cares about. This film details the 19th century Czarist life in Saint Petersburg, the coming crisis, and the writer who tries to stand at the center of it. Presented by the San Diego Italian Film Festival. **Thursday, June 20, 7:00pm**

OCEANSIDE PIER
Mission Avenue and Pacific St., Oceanside

All In and Other Films An evening of film and food. Documentaries shown include *All In*, a gritty look at Race Across America 2012 team winners, who crossed the nation in 5 days and 18 hours. Snacks and refreshments provided. **Thursday, June 13, 6:00pm**

PACIFIC BEACH LIBRARY
4275 Cass St., Pacific Beach
858-581-9934

POV Documentary: Homegoings The beauty and grace of African-American funerals are brought to life through the eyes of Harlem funeral director Isaiah Owens. **Tuesday, June 18, 6:00pm**

POV Documentary: Special Flight The plight of undocumented workers at a detention center in Geneva, Switzerland, points up contradictions between compassionate social policies and intractable immigration laws. View the documentary on the library's big screen before it airs on PBS. **Tuesday, June 25, 6:00pm**

PALOMAR COLLEGE
1140 West Mission Rd., San Marcos

Undiscovered Worlds *Undiscovered Worlds: The Search Beyond Our Sun* explores a timeless question: Do other planets like Earth exist? The show takes viewers to exotic alien planets and allows them to experience what it might be like to fly over and see these undiscovered worlds up close. **Friday, June 14, 8:15pm, Friday, June 21, 8:15pm, Friday, June 28, 8:15pm**

POINT LOMA LIBRARY
3701 Voltaire St., Point Loma
619-531-1539

Film Forum: Whirlpool (1949) "Can a man make a woman do things she doesn't want to?" Otto Preminger's delirious dissection of a marriage under stress. A rich socialite (Gene Tierney) is saved from scandal by a sinister hypnotist (Jose Ferrer) who ensnares her in a web of blackmail and deceit. **Tuesday, June 18, 6:00pm**

Film Forum: Quartet (2012) At a rest home for musicians, there is disharmony afoot in Dustin Hoffman's directorial debut. At the Beecham Huse in the pastoral English countryside, where professional classical musicians go to play their codas, the residents are genteel and conjenial.. until diva Maggie Smith arrives to upset a few teacarts. With Tom Courtney and Billy Connolly. **Tuesday, June 25, 6:00pm**

REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park
619-238-1233

IMAX en Español—Bichos (Bugs) En esta presentación de IMAX en español introdúzcase al mágico mundo pequeño de mariposas y mantis, y conozcan sus amiguitos extraños y hermosos. IMAX en Español es una oportunidad para usted y su familia que disfruten las películas IMAX en español cada tercer domingo del mes. **Sunday, June 16, 4:00pm**

SCRIPPS MIRAMAR RANCH LIBRARY
10301 Scripps Lake Dr., Scripps Ranch
858-538-8158

Film Forum: Carnival of Souls (1962) Ingmar Bergman meets the Twilight Zone! Herk Harvey's low budget expressionistic gem features striking black-and-white composition, disorienting dream sequences and eerie atmosphere. The only "survivor" after a car plunges into a river is continually confronted by a ghostly apparition mysteriously connected to an abandoned carnival pavilion. **Wednesday, June 19, 7:00pm**

SPACE 4 ART
325 15th St., East Village
619-269-7230

Art, Rebels, and Anime Light Graffiti and 2006s anime favorite Paprika presented by Drive By Cinema. **Friday, June 28, 8:30pm**

STONE BREWING WORLD BISTRO AND GARDENS
1999 Citracado Parkway, Escondido
760-471-4999

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ees, administrators, and contractors in three South County school districts. Ultimately, 15 trustees, administrators, and contractors were indicted as a result of the proceedings.

In the *U-T* story, Brand told reporter Aaron Burgin that there was too much contractor influence in the district and that three trustees had asked him to go to the president of Seville Group Inc., Rene Flores, for campaign donations. (Seville Group Inc., or SGI, managed the district's $644 million Proposition O bond until January 2012.)

The *U-T* reported: "He [Brand] said that within the first six to eight days of his arrival, [Bertha] Lopez, [Pearl] Quiñones, and John McCann asked him to solicit campaign donations from SGI President Rene Flores and Jaime Ortiz, the company's bond manager."

In the grand jury transcripts, deputy district attorney Leon Schorr asked Brand: "Did you ask him [Flores] on behalf of McCann, [Jim] Cartmill, [Arlie] Ricasa, Quiñones, or Lopez for any contributions?" Brand answers: "No. Never."

But in another volume of the transcripts that have been officially released to the public (Brand's were not), Flores tells deputy district attorney Schorr:

"I want to say something very quick. Dr. Brand in December asked me to give an additional $20,000 to both John McCann and Jim Cartmill and I didn't do it right away during December for tax purposes. And so I didn't do it. So he suspended us [SGI] without any reason…and subsequent to that there's been evaluations done and we have been cleared — my company has been cleared of any wrongdoing."

So it seems there is a contradiction in the sworn statements.

SUSAN LUZZARO, JUNE 2

Comments

EASTLAKER JUNE 2@ 10:27 P.M.

As the old saying goes, "There is no honor among thieves."

Now that Brand has cast aspersions, implicating McCann, Quiñones, and Lopez, what is his next move?

It's as if he must have decided who is expendable and who still has something he needs. Jim and Arlie, hmmm, what makes them so special? They've been around since Brand's first go 'round as superintendent, so maybe they are privy to things Brand doesn't want to get out.

Time for people to start telling the truth, and see where that gets them — for a change.

TEMECULA

A Sunday without *The Californian*

U-T discontinues local paper; disappointment and alternatives discussed

For folks in southwestern Riverside County, it was the first Sunday without their local newspaper, *The Californian*.

Reading the paper over breakfast at Mo's Egg House, Roberta and Barry miss their local news.

With the purchase of the *North County Times* in September 2012, the *U-T San Diego* also acquired *The Californian*, published for communities in the Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar areas. Since September, the *U-T* published a daily local section with community news and sports under *The Californian* masthead, combined with the regular edition of the *U-T*.

On Tuesday, May 27, *U-T San Diego* stopped publishing *The Californian* section. Folks in North San Diego County also lost the last remnant of the former *North County Times* with the disappearance of their "North County Local" section.

Over at Mo's Egg House, a popular breakfast spot on Jefferson Avenue in Temecula, on Sunday morning, June 2, diners Roberta and Barry were reading their home-delivered *U-T*, as they do every Sunday morning. "I miss the first page being local news," said Roberta. "I might as well pick up the *New York Times* or the *L.A. Times*."

Down the road at Penfold's Café and Bakery, retired Marine Jake had just sat down and opened his *U-T*. He said *The Californian* was the first paper he picked up when he moved to Temecula 25 years ago. "It was all the news I needed." Jake said he'll switch to the *Press-Enterprise*, a Riverside-based paper that caters to all of Riverside County.

At the 7-Eleven off Highway 79 South/Temecula Parkway, clerk Navi said the Sunday *U-T* seems to still be selling. Next door at Carl's Jr., the *L.A. Times* and *Press-Enterprise* racks were empty by 8:00 a.m.; several copies of the *U-T* were still available.

KEN HARRISON, JUNE 4

Comments

BOB MCPHAIL JUNE 5 @ 7:21 P.M.

A sad turn of events for North County residents. I can remember when there was a glut

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of newspapers in the region — with dailies and weeklies in Oceanside, Carlsbad, Vista, Escondido, San Marcos, Del Mar, Fallbrook, etc. There was even a paper called the *Mobilehome Courier*, and a separate organization for professional journalists — the North County Press Club. It was a robust environment with a lot of competition, which served the public well.

OCEAN BEACH

Progress in the parking lot

Apple Tree lot open — but no word on market

It took complaints from many people and organizations in Ocean Beach, but the parking lot and shrubbery surrounding the now-shuttered Apple Tree market was trimmed and weeded so it could open today, June 1.

Mark Fitzgerald, area supervisor of Laz/Sunset Parking Services, was there on May 31 with his workers, installing a new parking pay station and getting rid of the unwanted vegetation. Fitzgerald said 77 much-needed parking spaces would be available on June 1. During the next week or so, workers will repaint the parking lines and that will open up about a dozen more spaces.

There is still no word on what will become of the former Apple Tree, though several months ago there was talk of another discount supermarket chain moving in.

MERCY BARON, JUNE 1

LA MESA

Why's that helicopter over my house?

Police chief talks crime and the city's notification system

At the May 28 La Mesa City Council meeting, police chief Ed Aceves delivered his quarterly crime report.

He said the number of violent incidents dropped from 54 committed during the first quarter of 2012 to 39 incidents during the first three months of this year. The total is "the lowest it's been in a number of years. That's the good news," said Aceves. "The problem is our property crime is going up. We really need help from all of our residents in protecting their property."

Aceves attributed the increase in property crimes to the rise in general theft, which jumped from 245 in the first quarter of 2012 to 347 during the first three months of this year. He attributed the 36 percent increase in these crimes to factors such as people leaving valuables in "in plain view" in vehicles or leaving vehicles unlocked.

Also at the meeting, councilman Ernest Ewin and mayor Art Madrid talked with Aceves about Nixle, a notification system the city has used for several years. People sign up and receive email or mobile messages about criminal activity, emergencies, and street repairs.

"I enjoy knowing what's going on, especially when the [sheriff's] helicopter is sitting over my house," said Ewin. During the hearing, he held up his phone and said there was a 6:04 p.m. notice about the police and a sheriff's helicopter looking for a parolee at large in the area around 69th Street and Suffolk Drive.

Aceves said that Nixle "saved many calls" to the police from residents asking about the helicopter in their neighborhood. He noted that the alerts are sent to 1200 registrants, an increase of 1000 people since last year.

LIZ SWAIN, JUNE 2

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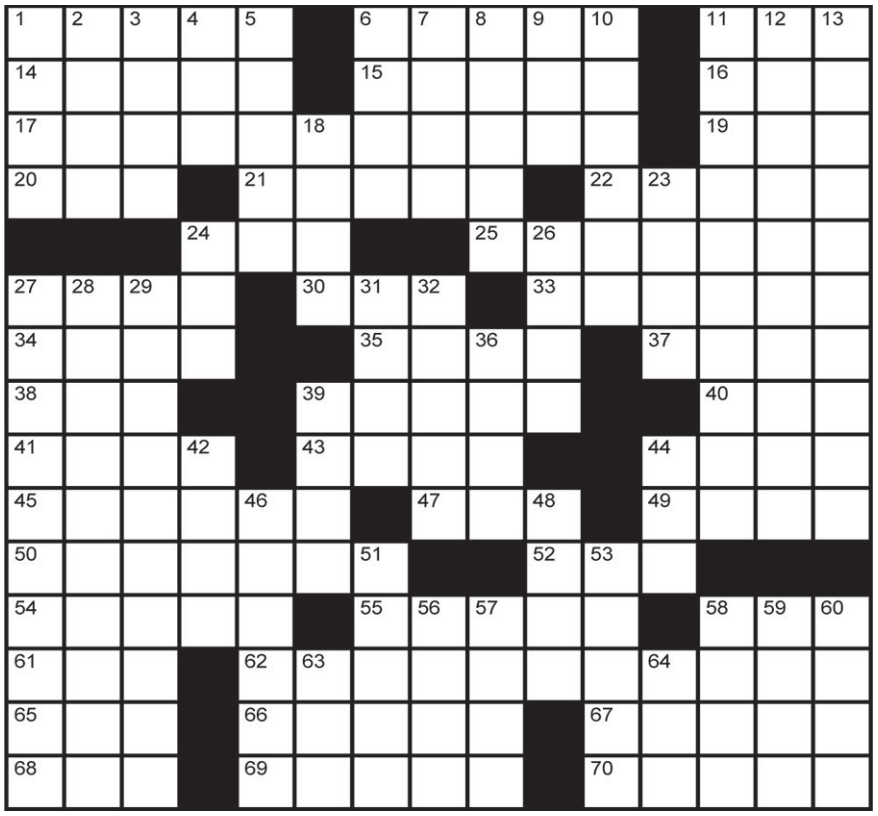

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Across

1. Subject of the 2003 film "Sylvia"
6. Office exchanges
11. [I'm not happy about this]
14. NBA All Star Rajon ____
15. Book from which the film "What's Love Got to Do With It" was adapted
16. Where to go in London?
17. 1995 Mariah Carey/Boyz II Men hit
19. "____ about time!"
20. Sunday seat
21. Poor grade
22. Home of the World Museum of Mining
24. Cut (off)
25. 2007 UNK hit
27. Capt. saluters
30. Old sofa's problem
33. Epoch when mammals arose
34. Parched
35. Pictures taken in a hosp.
37. "True ____" (2010 film)
38. One who's blue, for short?
39. Singer of the 2007 hit whose title combines the first words of 17-, 25-, 50- and 62-Across
40. Lead role in "The Piano"
41. Nickname for an English channel, with "the"
43. Getaway spots
44. "As Seen on TV" company
45. Roll out
47. Castaway's message
49. Actresses Carides and Scala
50. 2009 Eminem hit
52. Broadcast in a manhunt, in brief
54. ____ fro
55. It may be seria or buffa
58. Org. whose members are experts at driving
61. Bacardi product
62. 2008 Madonna/Justin Timberlake hit
65. Employ
66. "War ____ the answer"
67. Plastered
68. Some MIT grads
69. "This Is 40" actor Paul and others
70. It may be assumed

Down

1. Hold (up)
2. Unaccompanied
3. From the top
4. Favre's 508, briefly
5. Greeting said with the tip of a hat
6. Honey: Fr.
7. "____, Brute?"
8. Center
9. ____ hot streak
10. Make a peep
11. Paparazzi targets
12. Bad plan
13. Potpourri ingredients
18. "House" actor Omar
23. Its acad. is in New London, CT
24. It was dropped at Woodstock
26. Rap's Kanye
27. "Alas, that's correct ..."
28. ____ gas
29. Durations
31. It may follow "forever and ever"
32. They may be sheepish
36. "That ____ yesterday!"
39. Nike competitor
42. Good: Sp.
44. CIA Cold War counterpart
46. Western evergreen named for its eventual bark color
48. It's a wrap in "Slumdog Millionaire"
51. Knoll
53. Chinese zoo attraction
56. Urge
57. Pack of lifesavers?
58. Expectoration sound
59. Rowlands of "Another Woman"
60. Questions
63. Sch. whose football stadium is nicknamed the Horseshoe
64. Modern address

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1BD, upstairs corner unit in North Pacific Beach. 2-1/2 blocks to ocean! Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Garage space. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 8/13/13. 945 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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PACIFIC BEACH, $1650.
2BD+2BA, large downstairs unit in triplex in North Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Fireplace. Two parking spaces. Cat OK with extra deposit. 2-1/2 blocks to ocean! Available 7/10/13. 981 Loring (behind 979). Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1675.
2BD+2BA, huge upstairs (third floor) remodeled unit. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Sparkling pool. Garage space. Elevator. Coin laundry. No pets. Available 6/6/13. 1433 Oliver Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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PACIFIC BEACH, $2700.
3BD+2.5BA. Clean. 2- car garage. Fireplace. Washer/ dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1519 Hornblend. Available mid June. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

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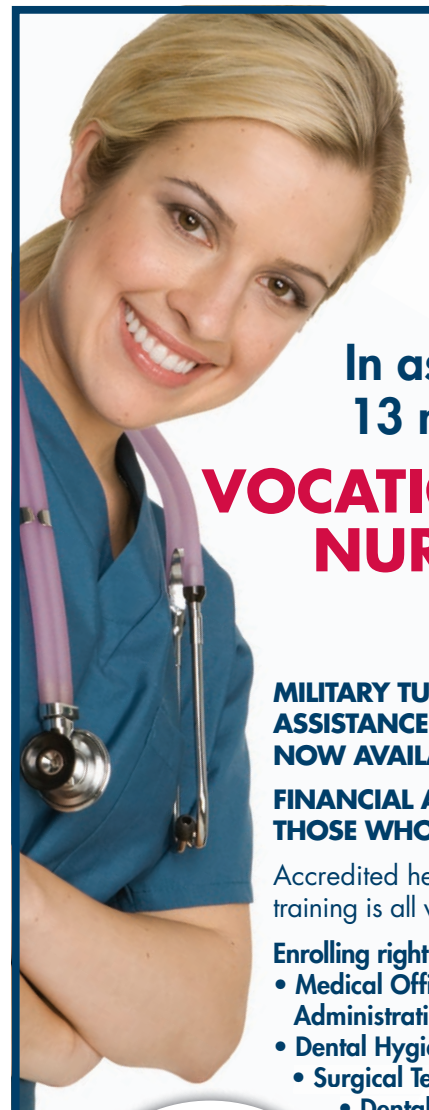

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RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified..

3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489;** or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our ***new*** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

- **Randy Paddock, San Diego, 1.**
- **Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1.**
- **Jeaine Dalton, San Diego, 1.**
- **Bernard Garcia, National City, 1.**
- **W. Hodgson, Escondido, 1.**

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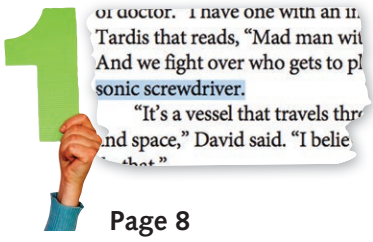

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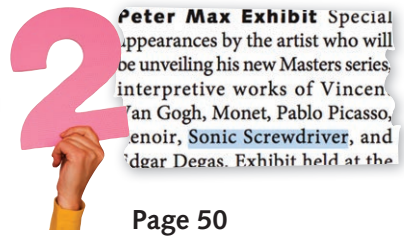

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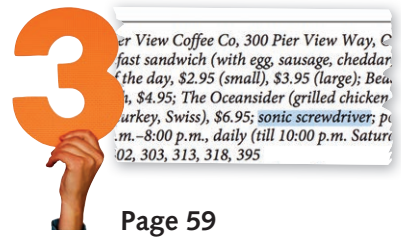

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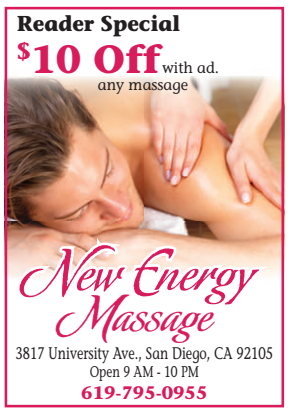

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Can't Possibly Be True

— Though Americans may feel safe that the Food and Drug Administration approves a drug only for certain specific uses, the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York ruled in December that drug company salespeople have a First Amendment right to claim that drugs approved for only one use can be marketed for nonapproved uses, as well. Doctors and bioethicists seemed outraged, according to the *Los Angeles Times,* generally agreeing with a University of Minnesota professor who called the decision "a complete disgrace. What this basically does is destroy drug regulation in the United States."

— Denials of disability allowances in the town of Basildon, England, near London, are handled at the Acorn House courthouse, on the fourth floor, where afflicted people who believe they were wrongly rejected for benefits must present their appeals. However, in November, zealous government safety wardens, concerned about fire-escape dangers, closed off the fourth floor to wheelchair-using people. Asked one woman, turned away in early February, "Why are they holding disability tribunals in a building disabled people aren't allowed in?" (In February, full access resumed.)

— Among the helpful civic classes the city government in Oakland, Calif., set up earlier this year for its residents was one on how to pick locks (supposedly to assist people who had accidentally locked themselves out of their homes), and lock-picking kits were even offered for sale after class. Some residents were aghast, as the city had seen burglaries increase by 40 percent in 2012. Asked one complainer, "What's next? The fundamentals of armed robbery?" (In February, Mayor Jean Quan apologized and canceled the class.)

— In February, the North Carolina House of Representatives Rules Committee took the unusual step of pre-emptively burying a bill to legalize prescription marijuana (which 18 states so far have embraced). WRAL-TV (Raleigh-Durham) reported Rep. Paul Stam's explanation: Committee members were hearing from so many patients and other constituents (via phone calls and emails) about the importance of medical marijuana to them that the representatives were feeling "harassed."

Inexplicable

— Two teachers and three student teachers at a Windsor, Ontario, elementary school somehow thought it would be a neat prank on their eighth-graders to make them think their class trip would be to Florida's Disney World, and they created a video and PowerPoint presentation previewing the excursion. The kids' exhilaration lasted only a few days, when they were informed that plans had changed and that they would instead be visiting a local bowling alley. Furthermore, the teachers captured the students' shock on video, presumably to repeatedly re-enjoy their prank. (When the principal found out, she apologized, disciplined the teachers, and arranged a class trip to Niagara Falls.)

Unclear on the Concept

— Imprisoned British computer hacker Nicholas Webber, 21, serving time for computer fraud, hacked into the mainframe at his London prison after officials allowed him to take a computer class. Like most prisons, the Isis facility attempts to rehabilitate inmates with classes to inspire new careers, but apparently no one made the connection between the class and Webber's crime. (One prison staff member involved in the class was fired.)

— Dustin Coyle, 34, was charged with domestic abuse in Oklahoma City in January, but it was hardly his fault, he told police. His ex-girlfriend accused him (after she broke up with him) of swiping her cat and then roughing it up, punching her, elbowing her, and sexually assaulting her. Coyle later lamented to police that she and he were supposed to get married, but for some reason she changed her mind. "If she would just marry me, that would solve everything," but, according to the police report, he would settle for her being his girlfriend again — or a one-night stand.

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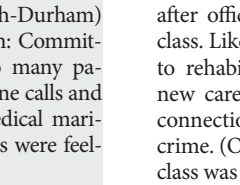

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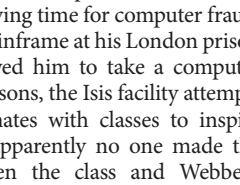

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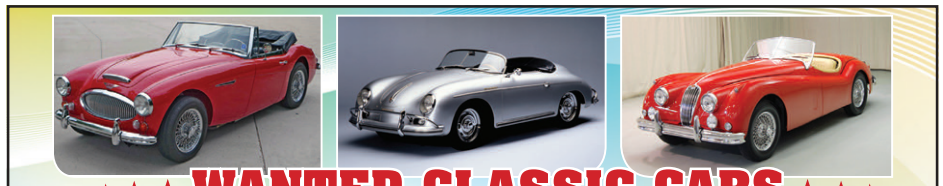

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