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By Reader staff writers

Utilities study: we got fleeced

CPUC and Edison collaborated to scam ratepayers

San Onofre — San Diego attorneys Mike Aguirre and Maria (Mia) Severson filed a report with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on July 3, stating that Southern California Edison and CPUC bureaucrats schemed to double-whammy ratepayers.



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Study says that SDG&E, Edison, and the CPUC unlawfully allowed rate increases without due process

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) owns 20 percent of the now-shuttered San Onofre nuclear plant, and Edison owns almost 80 percent. Edison and the CPUC colluded to avoid legally mandated hearings, charges the study. The utilities and regulators intentionally suppressed evidence that would lower rates. SDG&E, Edison, and the CPUC bureaucrats unlawfully allowed rate increases without due process, according to the 23-page report.

This means that ratepayers are paying for state-mandated profits for Edison and SDG&E and are additionally paying costs related to the failed San Onofre. Thus, customers are paying twice for electricity they use only once. (The head of the CPUC, Mike Peevey, is a former president of Edison.)

Don Bauder, July 5

Creep in the library

Man arrested after mom reports incident a week later

Escondido — A mother visiting the Escondido library the morning of June 22 told police that a strange man followed her around the aisles.

The woman said she was at the library that Saturday with her two children, aged four and six, when the man eventually came close and then touched himself and winked at her children, police said.

After thinking on the matter for a week, the mother contacted Escondido police on June 29 to report the incident, according to police Lt. Neal Griffin.

“Through the use of video surveillance and records of prior arrests, the suspect was identified as Kenneth Robert Dunford II,” the lieutenant stated in a news release.

“Dunford is a registered sex offender and has numerous prior convictions for child annoying and indecent exposure. Dunford is on active parole for these prior convictions and he is under constant GPS surveillance.”

Dunford, 52, has been booked into custody at the Vista jail on suspicion of annoying a child with prior convictions, lewd act in public, and violation of parole.

“It is understandable that the parent was initially hesitant to report this incident,” Lt. Griffin stated. “Her children were not physically injured and she was able to protect them from Dunford. It would be easy to think the incident might not be worth reporting. However, the mother in this case did the right thing.”

Eva Knott, July 4

Ride-sharing app a go?

Lyft open for business in San Diego

San Diego — An on-demand ride-sharing company named Lyft has begun business in San Diego, according to *bizjournals.com*. The San Francisco-based company “lets customers find rides by using a smartphone app that also processes payments.”

The company is already in business in San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Boston. The Los Angeles transportation department served the company with a cease-and-desist order, claiming the company is offering unlicensed taxi services. But Lyft and two other companies offering the same service say they have already been given the go-ahead by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Don Bauder, July 3

“Idiot prosecutor” to be sued?

Goldsmith’s refusal to release full closed-session meeting records could hurt him

San Diego — It took the city attorney less than two days to give the press carefully redacted notes from the closed-session meet-



There is now a “Recall Jan Goldsmith” Facebook page. At press time, the page has 444 “likes” and 557 “talking about this.”

ing where mayor Bob Filner booted deputy city attorney Andrew Jones for disrupting the meeting.

Nearly two weeks later, Goldsmith is refusing to release the entire exchange

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John Vilkin worried that the .22 caliber pistol he bought wasn’t big enough to “stop a big guy.” So he bought himself a .44.

The guy was bullying me all the time

By Eva Knott

‘How come he did not fall immediate?” shooter Michael Vilkin reportedly asked deputies. He wanted to know why his

neighbor did not drop after the first large-caliber bullet hit him.

According to an investigator, Vilkin, who stands accused of killing his neighbor with two shots from his .44 caliber revolver, spoke freely with officers the same day as the shooting, March 28, 2013.

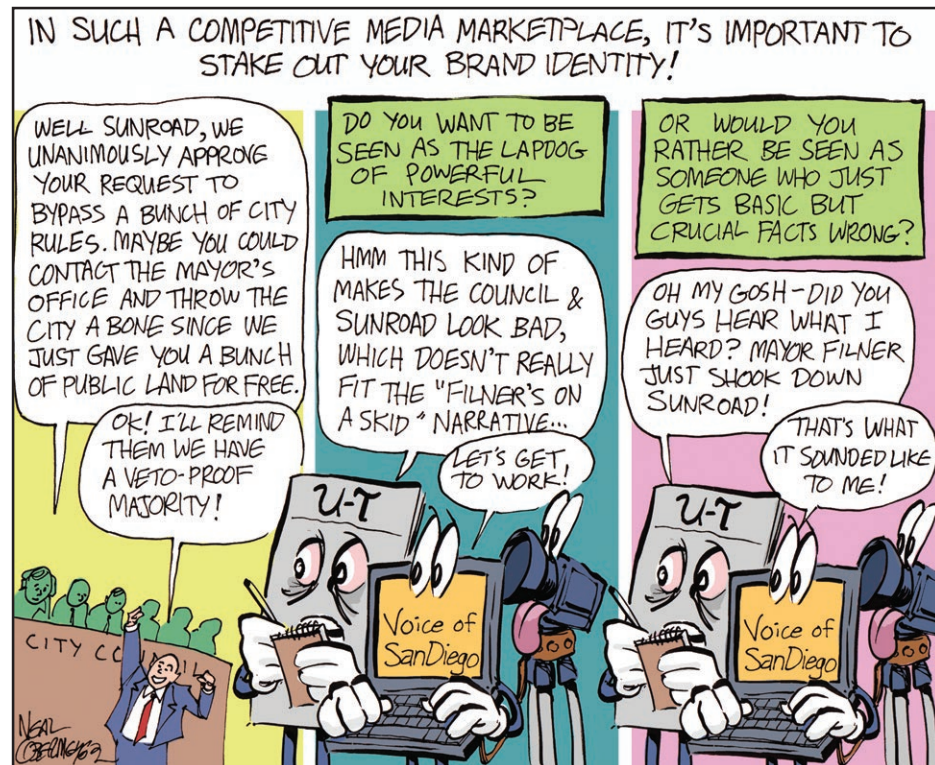
It was Vilkin who dialed 911 to report that he had fired upon his neighbor twice. “Vilkin told the dispatcher that his neighbor (later identified as John Upton) had assaulted him, and Vilkin shot Upton with his gun,” wrote district attorney investigator Trudianne Bullard in her state-

ment dated April 13, 2013.

On a Thursday morning at about 9 a.m., San Diego County sheriff’s deputies responded to 2902 Lone Jack Road in Encinitas and found a man lying on the ground. John Charles Upton, Jr., 56, was declared “deceased at the scene” by a paramedic.

Vilkin, 61, claimed “the guy was bullying me all the time.... He continued to walk through my property, he never missed an opportunity to, you know, not every day, but time-to-time to, you know, how to say it, to verbally assault me.”

Vilkin said he had come to cut bushes on a path that led to his two-and-a-half

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A dispute with a neighbor over trimming bushes along the easement to Vilkin's vacant Encinitas property precipitated the shooting.

acre property on Lone Jack Road. But Upton, who lived with his girlfriend and her son in rented a home on an adjacent property, resisted Vilkin's trimming efforts.

"He wanted my road to serve as his private garden," Vilkin told authorities. "I decided to go there and cut the trees and to show who's the boss."

The man from the Soviet Union

Vilkin is five-feet-five-inches tall and 165 pounds, according to sheriff's records. John Charles Upton was six-feet-two-inches tall and 236 pounds at the time of his death.

Vilkin told deputies he came to the U.S. in 1987 from the Soviet Union, where he served in the Soviet Army and did some boxing, too. In 2008 he bought the empty lot in Encinitas. At the time of the fatal confrontation, Vilkin and his wife Tamara lived in an apartment in Encinitas about three miles away.

Deputies recorded an interview with Vilkin the same day as the shooting. "In a sheriff's interview Vilkin said it had been over forty years since he had been in the (Soviet) military and he might not be able to hit the head on the first time," Bullard reported.

Vilkin reportedly told officers that he went on the internet to research his gun options.

A more powerful gun

A .22 caliber pistol was purchased by Vilkin on August 17, 2012, according to investigators. It was a Euro American Armory pistol. But Vilkin decided that a .22 caliber would not "stop a big guy" and that "he needed a more powerful gun," according to the investigator's statement.

"Vilkin searched the internet and read reviews because he was not sure if he should buy a pistol or a revolver," the investigator stated. "Vilkin said some people said that pistols sometimes jam so he decided to buy a revolver. Vilkin said he bought the simple one with the single action."

Three months after he bought the .22 caliber pistol, on November 23, 2012, Vilkin acquired a Sturm Ruger .44 caliber revolver. And Vilkin bought the larger magnum ammunition.

After the shooting, Vilkin reportedly asked deputies, "It says bear and .44 magnum and something else, so it's for a bear, how come he did not, he did not fall immediate? Did he have a vest?"

A black .44 caliber Sturm Ruger revolver was recovered at the scene of the shooting.

Hiding in the bushes with a .44

"Vilkin told the detectives he had been verbally assaulted

by Upton over the course of the last year because Vilkin wanted to cut trees and bushes on the easement portion of his property and Upton was concerned about his privacy," according to investigator Bullard.

"Vilkin hired two workers to cut the bushes and while they were working, Vilkin was 'hiding' on his property so he could see the workers and Upton's front door. When Vilkin saw Upton looking out the front door Vilkin took the revolver out of the case and put it in his waist band. Vilkin said, 'He came out and he went around and started walking to me. When he was about ten feet he told me you know, I don't remember those expletives, I was under stress, but it was fucking fucking fucking when he was approaching, I watching his hands. He pulled a pistol, and I pulled [my gun.] I shot the way I was trained in the army.'

"Vilkin believed he shot Upton once in the lower torso and then again in the head in self defense," Bullard wrote.

"Vilkin claimed Upton pulled a gun out of his waistband during the verbal confrontation." But investigators found "Upton only had a cell phone on his person," Bullard wrote.

Upton's girlfriend, Evelyn Zeller, was in the rented home and came outside

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UNDER THE RADAR

Political pocket change Myrtle Cole, the San Diego city councilwoman who beat fellow Democrat **Dwayne Crenshaw** in a knock-down, drag-out fight between big labor and the wealthy GOP Lincoln Club, has finally gotten her just rewards. Besides being on the council, Cole has been named by her fellow council members as the city's second alternate representative on the board of the San Diego Association of Governments. Mayor **Bob Filner** is number one, followed by councilwoman **Marti Emerald** as first alternate, both Democrats. If Cole is ever called upon



New council member Myrtle Cole is smiling because she's now Mayor Filner's second alternate on the SANDAG board.

to serve in their stead, she's entitled to pick up \$150 per meeting, courtesy of the taxpayers. That can amount to \$3500 a year, provided, of course, that Filner and Emerald don't make any meetings. In addition, Cole was named first alternate to Emerald on SANDAG's public safety committee, where she's entitled to receive \$100 per meeting if Emerald doesn't show, according to a recent city disclosure filing.

Carl gets the rake Former city councilman **Carl DeMaio**, who lost his bid for mayor to Democrat Bob Filner, hasn't yet received the official GOP endorsement for his congressional run, but he's already looking to at least one high-power party figure to help rake in big lobbyist cash in Washington, D.C., next week. According to an invitation posted online by *politicalpartytime.org*, House majority whip **Kevin McCarthy** is the star of a DeMaio July 17 lunch event at the Capitol Hill Club. "Serve as a

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No Peace for the parties Ex-state senator **Steve Peace** is at it again. The onetime Democrat-turned-independent whose hopes for state office were dashed by mangled public utility

regulation reform efforts back in the '90s, is currently co-chairman of a group he set up called the Independent Voter Network. Now the bane of California's two main political parties, Peace is in large part responsible for the state's open primaries, which lump all candidates, regardless of party, into the same election pack, with sometimes unpredictable results. Now Peace, who has enjoyed financing from his employer, mega-millionaire ex-Padres owner **John Moores**, and the state's prison guard union, among others, is aiming at the partisans' jugular: taxpayer financing of elections for party central committee members and party conventions.

Last week, Peace announced on his group's website that he and sidekick **Jeff Marston**, a lobbyist and onetime GOP assemblyman, have submitted a proposed voter initiative to the office of California attorney general **Kamala Harris** that, if certified for the ballot and passed, would kill the funding practice. "The 'End Taxpayer Funding of Political Parties' initiative submitted by IVP would prohibit the State of California from spending taxpayer funds and using state administrative resources to run private party elections," says Peace's announcement. "For all public elections, California would continue to administer the state-funded non-partisan primary system whereby all candidates and all voters participate in a single-ballot primary.

"Similarly, the initiative would require that the state run a nonpartisan voter-nominated primary election for the office of President. The parties, pursuant to their private right of association, would be allowed to either use those results to select delegates to their conventions, or pay for the extra costs of producing segregated tallies necessary to meet their desire to restrict voter participation, or adopt alternative non-taxpayer financed election systems similar to other private organizations which increasingly make use of online election systems." Peace says ex-Padres owner Moores is not paying for the petition proposal.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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The holy trinity of open primaries: megamillionaire John Moores (top), ex-state senator Steve Peace (left), and ex-assemblyman Jeff Marston

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Giannini Was Right

Regarding your cover story about Jeff Olson against the Bank of America ("Mad Chalker," July 4).

In 1985, Mrs. Claire Giannini Hoffman, who was the daughter of Bank of America founder A.P. Giannini, resigned from the board of Bank of America. She said that the Bank of America was no longer the bank that Giannini founded, and that they had betrayed him.

A.P. Giannini, who came up from an immigrant Italian background in San Francisco, founded the Bank of Italy, later renamed the Bank of America. It aimed at serving small savers, working men, and small growers — people that other banks did not want.

By the 1940s, Bank of

America, based in California, true to this philosophy of serving the poor and the lower classes, had become one of the greatest banks in the world. Claire Giannini walked away from Bank of America when it became disinterested in ordinary people and began to cater to the upper classes and international bankers.

The case of Jeff Olson proves that Claire Giannini was right. The slaves and stooges of the plutocrats in San Diego City Hall are nothing more than *stronzo*. That's Italian for *turds*.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Keep Chalking

Thank you Dorian Hargrove and SD Reader for another excellent piece on the state of our society ("Mad Chalker," July 4 cover story).

The saddest, most eyebrow-raising part of this issue, I believe, is that our A.G. is allegedly siding with BofA.

Sure, this matter could be — and is being — construed as vandalism. More importantly, this is also a matter of civil disobedience/protest at its best.

Were it my call to make, I would have told Mr. Dar-

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CHULA VISTA

Library hit by budget cuts Spike in fees, photo requests suspended

On July 1, the Chula Vista Public Library raised its fee for photo reproductions from its digitized photographic collection from \$3 to \$125. In June, photo reproductions were



Librarians must rotate through stations every hour, including seven staff members trained for the money-making passport-issuing office.

suspended until the implementation of the new fees.

Local historian John Rojas donated most of the photographs that depict ranches, schools, and businesses throughout old Chula Vista. Thanks to former full-time librarian Donna Golden's preservation efforts, the collection grew to more than 5000 photos, and the public was welcome to request reproductions for private use and for publications at low cost.

More recently, however, busy working conditions for library staff have hindered local history research.

Librarians currently must rotate through stations every hour, including seven staff members trained for the money-making passport-issuing office. The rotation sched-

ule also means it takes several weeks to fulfill photographic reproduction requests.

Branch manager Debbie Taylor recently responded to questions about the fee hike in an email, writing, "In 2008, the library budget was slashed in half due to the economic downturn. The library chose to maintain basic core services, and support of Local History was diminished to just a mere 5 hours a week. The librarian who was providing those five hours a week towards this service just retired this past March.

"We have suspended fulfilling photo requests due to a lack of staff to complete these requests. We are currently recruiting for a full-time librarian, but this is a slow process. After this librarian is in place, we will evaluate our resources to see if we are able to restore five hours a week towards Local History projects or requests."

While costs for photographic reproductions have gone up to \$125 at the Chula Vista library, the National City Public Library, which suffers from similar budget cuts and staffing shortages, tops off charges for its photographic reproductions at \$65.

BARBARA ZARAGOZA, JULY 5

SUNSET CLIFFS

Park cleanup = no more parties?

Trees and brush cleared, cops on alert for late-night revelers

The mayor, the San Diego City Park & Recreation Department, along with San Diego police, the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Rec Council, and park users and neighbors have come together to address park safety and regulation infractions in the Hillside section of the park.

Below the Ladera Street parking lot, which is closed to public use at night, the former "Dixon Estates" had become a gathering place for people to party. Over the years, fires had been started inside the structures, and drug paraphernalia and alcohol bottles and cans had been found there on a continual basis.

After the mayor recently toured the area with rec council members and heard their

concerns, an emergency permit was issued to facilitate removal of the structures ahead of schedule. All the buildings south of Ladera Street are slated to be removed and the area restored to native coastal bluff habitat in an effort to reduce erosion from uphill runoff. The Hillside Improvement Project will soon be implemented.



Hillside's native-plant garden is considered an exemplary use of native vegetation to control runoff and stop erosion.

Community members are poring over the city's 100% Project plans to make final comments to them. Trails, erosion, runoff, and intertidal water quality are the main issues in the plan.

Holler From your 'hood

City Heights — Last Sunday night sometime after midnight, someone broke into my neighbors' 1st floor apartment (4000 block of 48th Street). Stepped on a bucket and climbed thru an open or unlocked window. My neighbor was sleeping on the living room floor, and woke up to hear the invader unlocking the front door to make his escape. The neighbor chased him down the alley, but the guy got away. All he got away with was a kitchen knife and a diabetes testing kit. Maybe his sugar was running high...

KathiL, July 4

Leucadia — A grassroots movement has started to return Beacon's name back to its original name — which is Beacon — without the possessive "s." The beach was not named for anyone named Beacon. It was named for the 1930s aeronautical search

The improvement project also calls for restoring 22 acres (or about one half of the area) of the Hillside section of the park. Recreation council volunteers have already restored two acres just south of the Ladera parking lot and they have plans to move uphill to the proposed multi-use trail. The native-plant garden is considered an exemplary use of native vegetation to control runoff and stop erosion.

Last week, a work crew cut back the brush from the ravines just west of Point Loma Nazarene University's Young Hall parking lot. The area had become a gathering spot for illegal activities because of its proximity to the parking lot and the brush around it hid anyone from view; that is no longer the case. The view to the ocean is now completely open and the trees have either been removed or cut and placed into the ravines as a method of erosion control and to keep people out of them.

Police ask that citizens call in any illegal activities they observe in the park so that the

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light that was mounted at the bluff's edge. (The cement mounting pillars can still be seen if you look hard enough through the brush.) During WWII the spotlight beacon was used to try to spot incoming Japanese fighter planes. The correct name of Beacon Beach was used at least through the 1963 publication of the ultimate "Surfing Guide to Southern California." Somewhere along the way, the name changed.

Ken Harrison, July 6

Coronado — Coronado 5K — not a race for runners. The 5K was overcrowded and did not have a staggered start according to mile times. Runners were channeled into a narrow course and could not pass each other — this ruined the opportunity for personal records and can hardly be called a race.

LaurenJ, July 6

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The worst time

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Just as suddenly as it had begun, it was over, or at least that's what I'd assumed. My head had been heavy since I woke up, as if I'd ingested an evil-genius's chemical weapon that had turned all the fluid beneath my skin into clay. The pressure had been making me miserable all day, but now it was ebbing away. Sure that my troubles were over, I breathed a sigh of relief.

As a jetsetter, I've had my ear "pop" plenty of times before. Sometimes, there's a sharp pain before my head figures out how to equalize its inner pressure. But what I'd just gone through was pain of a different magnitude — on a scale from 1 to 10, it landed closer to 20. This had been much worse than any of those airplane-pressure pops, and there had been no changes in altitude; I'd been lying on the couch the whole time.

A few minutes passed before I noted that despite the

release of pressure in my cheek, my ear still seemed trapped, and the ambient noise of the room sounded muffled. I could hear distinct crackling, as though my ear were still in the process of popping. The crackling sound took on a bubbling quality — it was then that I realized my ear was wet. I used my finger to collect a droplet that was the consistency of a tear, and wiped it on my pants without a second thought. My eyes had watered during my bout of anguish, and I assumed

that, because I'd been lying on my back, some of the water coming out of my eyes had made its way across my cheek and into my ear.

The bubbling continued, and I felt liquid dripping out of, not into my ear canal. I sat up, a movement that sent a stinging shard through my cheek. Liquid had pooled in my ear and was dripping down my lobes. This time, I looked at my finger after dabbing and saw red. I went downstairs, verified with a white tissue that there was, in fact, blood dribbling out of my ear, and then poked my head into the room in which David was working on his laptop.

"Hey, love," I said, surprised at how casual I sounded. "I'm gonna need you to take me to the hospital. I'm pretty sure my eardrum just exploded and, well, I'm bleeding out of my head." I patted my ear with a tissue and held the crimson evidence up to him so he would know this wasn't just another one of my non-sequitur hyperboles to describe a stressful situation: as in, "Hey, babe, I'm going to go into the other

room to punch myself in the head until I come up with an idea for how to solve [insert-stressful-conundrum-of-the-day]."

Once we were in the car, I was relieved that whatever was going on inside my head was about to be taken care of. I was under the mistaken assumption that once I stepped foot inside a medical facility, the crackling noises, loud ringing, and dull throbbing would all stop; that I would regain the full scope of my hearing and skip back to the car through a flurry of lavender jacaranda petals and the harmony of singing birds.

It was a Tuesday afternoon and Urgent Care was empty. As I checked in at the desk, I made light of my situation with Venus, the friendly receptionist. "I think my brain exploded and some of it's oozing out of my head," I said. "Just kidding, this blood dripping from my ear is merely a side effect of the telekinesis." As the easy-going, but understandably wary-looking woman entered my information into the computer, I clenched my teeth to hold my smile as a twinge seized my ear. Once it passed, I made the moment more awkward by adding, "In the movies, blood coming out of the ear is how you know a character's about to die," just before thanking her and finding a seat in the waiting room.

In the examination room, a nurse gave me a box of tissues so I could sop up the blood that steadily seeped from my ear. When the doctor — a handsome young Asian man — came in, I explained what had happened. But he didn't care that I'd been sick in bed with a fever a few days before:

"Lung congestion isn't the same as sinus congestion," he said. And he clearly didn't believe me when I insisted that, no, I had not jabbed myself with a Q-tip, chopstick, or ballpoint pen while I was lying on the couch.

"Well, whatever caused it," he said in that doctor-not-believing-the-patient's-story tone, "You definitely have a ruptured eardrum. I'm going to prescribe you antibiotics and painkillers, and you'll have to follow up in a few weeks. You also don't want to be flying anytime soon." This last bit hit me harder than the first stab of pain to my ear.

"But I have tickets to travel in two weeks," I said, feebly. "It's my husband's annual art show on the East Coast. We go everywhere together. We're visiting his parents and —"

"See what your doctor says when you do your follow-up," he interrupted, "but just know that complications with a ruptured eardrum could lead to permanent hearing loss, and you may or may not need surgery. Flying might not be an option."

I was glad the doctor had to leave the room to write the prescriptions because I didn't want an audience as my heart was being ripped from my chest. There's never a "good" time to be sick. But, while I was sitting there waiting for the doctor to return, wiping blood from my ear with the balled-up tissue in my hand and fighting back tears, it occurred to me that there most certainly is a "worst" time. ■ (@barbarellaf)

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Almost factual news

Hail, Filner!

*Emperor Bobigula
appoints his
horse as new
communications
director*

*In wake of Irene McCormack's resignation, mayor-turned-emperor
appoints someone he can trust to deliver his messages to the masses*

First statement from communications director Incitatus:
"As the Sunroad scandal threatens to distract the people
from the glory of Emperor Bobigula, His Divine Lordship
has wisely decided to fill the gap left by the traitorous
McCormack with me, his noble war horse. Let me assure
you that any appearance of wrongdoing in Bobigula's

acceptance of \$100,000 from a developer seeking favors
from the god is entirely the result of human trickery.
Bobigula is pure, as he must be. And when he uncovers
the source of this deception — as surely he must — his
wrath will be mighty, indeed. In the meantime, he sends his
blessings upon you, his faithful subjects and worshipers."



A Sunroad for the Sun God — when you think about it, it's only fitting.

Hail, Filner!

Part
Two

*Another of Emperor
Filnero's enemies
seeks refuge in the
underworld*

*Former deputy chief of staff Allen Jones dies shortly after
consuming "foraged mushroom tart" at the Linkery*

Emperor Filnero's longtime aide and counsel Allen Jones
died just days after resigning his post over charges of "ritual
humiliation" perpetrated by Filnero on his staff, *SD on the
QT* has learned. Though his death was not announced until
today, he perished on June 23, just hours after consuming
a (presumably poisonous) mushroom tart at local food
mecca the Linkery.

Filnero's office has released a statement on the
matter: "His Radiance Filnero was, of course, in France
at the time of Jones's unfortunate demise, addressing
the matter of rebellion in the Middle-Eastern prov-



Filnero: "You want humiliation? I crucified St. Peter
upside down!"

inces of his Empire (aka the Grand Assembly of the
Iranian Resistance). So, of course he could have had
nothing to do with the poisoning. Of course, it is not
impossible that some noble soul still loyal to Filnero
decided on his own to act against the foul traitor Jones.
Such is the love that the people bear their emperor.
Let all take heed."

In a possibly related item, the Linkery abruptly
announced its imminent closure last night. Ownership
cited the need to move on, preferably to a country with-
out extradition.

A Lawyer by Any Other Name

*Little Italy Festa announces theme for 2013 chalk art
competition: "City Attorney Goldsmith is a ____!"*

*First prize to
whichever
artist comes
up with
finest fill-in-
the-blank*



The City Attorney's Office suffered another
public relations setback today after its failed
attempt to prosecute a man who wrote
anti-bank slogans in chalk. Explains Little
Italy Festa director Marc Azfalt, "Prior to
what history will recall as the dumbest trial
of 2013, deputy city attorney Paige Hazard
stated that, despite the city's ludicrous case

against Jeff Olson, 'chalk festivals may still
be permitted.' So this year, our chalk festival
is going to be held in support of chalk-
based protestor Jeff Olson. City Attorney
Goldsmith, who wanted to make the case
about graffiti and not free speech, is about
to feel some sweet First Amendment action.
Graffiti this, Jan!"

Solid Goldsmith

Goldsmith Drops Statement Re: Jones Removal



Goldsmith: "Come at me, bro."

"F*ck Tha Police (Force)"

Man, f-ck tha police force and the unwar-
ranted use thereof/ Bob Filner's just an iron
fist wrapped in a sandpaper glove/ Man's
been keeping secrets just like he's Rhonda
Byrne/ Don't have to keep me apprised?
Bob, sit down, listen, and learn/ You need
to follow my lead because you know I know
the law/ And, Bobby, you ain't above, you
live way down below the law/ Look harder
at the charter and you know it will show
the law/ You can talk all you want, but you
can't hustle and flow the law/ You're going
after number two 'cause you can't handle

number one/ Gonna double my budget back
before I am done/ Gonna hire my AJ back,
because the boy's like a son/ You best step
out of the way, we got a city to run/ Your
move had no basis/ Now I'm off to the races/
While you're stuck in stasis/ Not just the
mirror has two faces/ You say you want
things transparent/ Just what you mean
ain't apparent/ You want to show us what
goes on?/ Know what I'm gonna show?/ The
emperor got no clothes on/ You're abusing
your power/ Though it grows less by the
hour/ Go home, take a cold shower/ You're
over and done, I'ma forget to send flowers.



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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

It's the quintessential picture that comes to mind when thinking about San Diego: the downtown skyline, with its glass towers reflecting off the San Diego Bay. And it's a view that's available from nearly any window, balcony, or patio of the bayfront estate at 701 1st Street in Coronado.

Per the property's listing, two units are on site — an 8000-square-foot main home with five bedrooms, five full baths, and two additional half



View the downtown skyline from nearly any window of this Coronado estate.

baths, and a 1200-square-foot "guest casita" with two bedrooms and baths, where "breathtaking water views form a 180-degree

arc around the home."

Walls of windows bring the bay view into indoor entertaining areas such as the living room

and formal dining room, as well as the expansive master suite that "encompasses the entire third level with its own

private view deck, sitting room with fireplace, exercise room/office, wet bar, and 200-square-foot closet with its own self-contained laundry."

Other rooms include a main kitchen plus a second fully-equipped prep kitchen, a chilled "wine vault," and a 900-square-foot media and recreation room. A four-stop elevator provides access to all levels of the main house, including the six-plus-car garage, which has a rotating platform on which to park in case backing your car out onto the driveway is too difficult a chore.

The home received a LEED Gold certification of energy efficiency when built, a testament to the design and detail that went into the property's construction

which, according to the listing, "is first rate" and includes "arches and scallops throughout the house in geometric motifs on crown moldings, carved cabinets, solid knotty alder raised panel doors, and elegant patterned Spanish tile or French white oak wood floors."

"Even with the open and spectacular views, the property offers considerable privacy," continues the listing agent. The private backyard has an outdoor dining area, vanishing-edge pool overlooking the bay, a firepit with built-in seating, and a rooftop deck above the guest house.

The property is owned by Jeff and Sharon Stevens of El Paso, Texas, who don't appear to have ever lived in the property full-time since its con-

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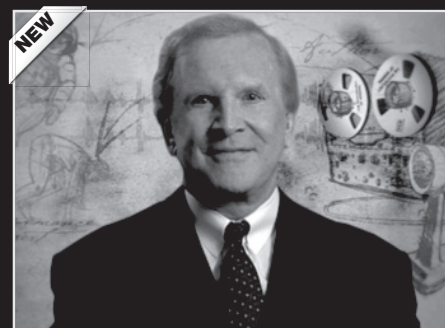
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struction in 2010. Jeff Stevens is a founder,



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president, and CEO of Western Refining, Inc., an independent oil refiner based out of El Paso that, according to the company's website, processes over 150,000 barrels of crude oil per day into gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel.

The Stevenses are

noted benefactors of the University of Arizona, where they met as students. In 2009, the couple donated \$10 million to the university's athletic program, primarily to fund upgrades to facilities for the football team and Arizona Stadium in Tucson, including installing a 5356-square-foot video screen.

The property was originally listed for sale in October of 2011 with an asking price of \$17,500,000. During the past 20 months, that price has been reduced three times, and it's currently offered at \$14,495,000 more than \$3 million less than the sellers first sought. ■

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DIEGO

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POST TITLE: **Crossing over**
POST DATE: **March 2013**

You know that feeling when you are about to make a massive change? When you sense that things won't be the same again, but you can't really fathom all the ways it will change you?

This is a feeling I've come to appreciate. Actually, more than appreciate. I think it's a feeling I think I even crave now. I crave it because you know in that moment of making and committing to the decision, you have conquered fear.

I remember the hot and humid late afternoon I arrived into Dhaka, Bangladesh, where I'd committed to living and working for a year. I will (I hope) never forget the ride from the airport to the hotel. I remember staring out of the window at the dust and dirt, the bare faces and feet, the abject poverty and the rubble. A million thoughts passed through my mind on that drive, but two overwhelming thoughts were: *What the hell have I got myself into?* and *How can I possibly survive a year here?* But I knew even then, as fear poked at my heart, that I wouldn't — I couldn't possibly — quit. I was scared but I was also excited. I felt alive with anticipation... Maybe more alive than I'd ever felt before. I knew the year would be one of the most challenging times in my life, but also the most rewarding.

Which is exactly what I keep being told about the precipice that lies directly ahead: motherhood.

I've been watching my sister and friends, who have become mothers before me, with utter awe and amazement. I see them (and their husbands) doing incredible jobs raising their children and wonder how they make it look so natural and easy. I remember with all the clarity of yesterday, answering my phone at a dark hour of the morning in Cambodia two years ago to hear my sister, from her hospital room in England, tell me she had given birth to her son. I could barely speak through my tears to congratulate her and ask how she was feeling. Louder in my mind than our voices was the thought that she had crossed over into a place that I did not — and could not yet — fully understand.



Dhaka, Bangladesh: "I will (I hope) never forget the ride from the airport to the hotel."

But, very soon, I will understand. Very soon I too will cross over into parenthood.

And this time, unlike Bangladesh, it isn't just a year-long foray into self-discovery and realization.

This time it's permanent. This time it's not a journey I'll take on my own because this time I'll cross over with a husband I'm certain will be an incredible father and we'll navigate the challenges and rewards of parenthood together.

And I just can't wait! I can't wait to see our baby girl's face. I can't wait to hold her little body against mine. And I can't wait to feel alive with this new love that arrives with a child of our own.

POST TITLE: **The Future Career of Our Unborn Child**
POST DATE: **January 2013**

(Driving home from dinner one normal Thursday night in San Diego)

Husband: What do you want her to do in her career?

Me: I don't know, baby. I haven't met her yet. I don't know what her interests or talents are. Maybe she'll be an aid worker or a diplomat or an artist. I don't know. Whatever she likes. (pause) What do you want her to do?

Husband: I'd like her to be a doctor.

Me: What sort of doctor?

Husband: I don't mind. Up to her.

Me: Well, I'm glad she has some option there...

POST TITLE: **The Moment Everything Changed**
POST DATE: **January 2013**

The gel feels cold on my skin. I hold my breath and wait for the image to appear on the monitor.

Suddenly, it appears — a tiny little body with little hands, little feet, a little nose! And there it is, a strong little heartbeat. This is really happening. This is our baby. This is our beautiful baby.

I look over at Z... Life, we both know, will never be the same after this moment. Now it is bigger than the two of us. It's bigger than the love we have for each other.

[Posts edited for length]

SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Then there were three. Maybe.



The pride of San Diego, the *Star of India*, says no to an America's Cup invite. (No, not really.)

In sailing news, management and crew of San Diego's pride, the *Star of India*, have turned down an invitation to race in the America's Cup. The surprise invitation arrived after the Republic of Estonia withdrew joining bygone teams from France, China, Britain, Korea, Italy, Australia, Spain, Cameron, Andorra, Denmark, Gabon, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Liechtenstein, Palau, Ecuador, East Timor, Burkina Faso, Mongolia, Germany, Laos, Swaziland, and Imperial County.

Which leaves three challengers to do battle for the Louis Vuitton Cup and the right to go *mano a mano* against the defending America's Cup champion, Oracle Team USA. Winner take all. So, let's give it up for Italy's Luna Rossa Challenge, Emirates Team New Zealand, and Sweden's Artemis Racing.

On Sunday, Luna Rossa Challenge posted a communiqué on their website announcing they wouldn't race until "an international jury decides its protest against safety measures introduced by regatta director Iain Murray." There is no set timeline for the jury to reach a decision, although it is reported that it may be Wednesday or Thursday. Unless it's Tuesday or Friday. Monday or next week is a possibility, too.

The issue at hand is one of the 37 safety recommendations race director Iain Murray imposed after Artemis Racing's 72-foot catamaran capsized six weeks ago, killing a crew member. This rule requires boats to have deeper rudders and larger winglets. Italy and New Zealand claim the rule is not a safety measure but a transparent attempt to give an advantage to Oracle.

That's the legal news. The sporting news is Emirates Team New Zealand was scheduled to race Luna Rossa on Sunday, but since the Italian team refused to race, New Zealand manned up and ran the race by herself. Here's the takeaway:

the Kiwis brought home VICTORY! New Zealand racked up the first point in the Louis Vuitton Cup challenger series and the Box couldn't be happier.

Emirates Team New Zealand is scheduled to race again on Tuesday. This time New Zealand's scheduled opponent is Artemis Racing. But, wouldn't you know, Artemis Racing is still building their new boat, which means New Zealand will again be matched against New Zealand.

What does this mean to you, your family, neighbors, coworkers, the cop on the beat, and the guy who tags your car every Friday?

Well, it looks like another win for Team New Zealand. You never know, this is live sports, things could change, New Zealand could BOOM off the starting line, never look back, and lap New Zealand. Or, New Zealand could falter and allow the underdog, New Zealand, to catch up. All things are possible, but the Vegas Line has moved after Sunday's results and now favors New Zealand to win Tuesday's race.

I can't take the excitement.

And I thought nothing could top Friday's grand opening. Here is the original schedule. First, a fleet race, all the America's Cup boats including the \$100,000,000-per-copy, 72-foot behemoth catamarans, racing at speeds near 50 mph, racing tight to the shore, racing past tens of thousands of amazed fans, to the finish line. Nobody has seen boats that big, that fast, racing that close to land. What a boffo opener! What a TV moment!

Like I said, things change. The original high concept was downgraded to a Parade of Boats filing past thousands of impressed spectators, followed by time trials starring \$100,000,000-per-copy, 72-foot behemoth catamarans, racing at speeds near 50 mph.

Love those big boats!

Friday morning, race director Murray said wind speeds on the bay were too high, scratched the \$100,000,000-per-copy, 72-foot behemoth catamarans, racing at speeds near 50 mph, from the event. The reimagined Parade of Boats consisted of one San Francisco fire boat, one replica of the schooner that won the first America's Cup, and several support boats, the likes of which can be found at any neighborhood marina. The Parade of Boats slogged past 2000 spectators who looked up from their iPhones and reacted as if they'd just seen somebody cut a ribbon in front of the new Walmart.

Meanwhile, New Zealand and Italy are protesting. Italy has threatened to withdraw from the race if their appeal is turned down. If Italy/New Zealand win, the CEO of Sweden's team promises to withdraw. No worries. Either way, there will be two teams left to do battle. Remember, it only takes one team to win.

The forgoing might be beside the point if the International Jury rules in favor of Italy/New Zealand. If that be the case, race director Murray says he'll pay a visit to the Coast Guard, inform them the race is unsafe, which will cause the Coast Guard to pull its race permit, terminating the 2013 America's Cup.

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EL CAJON HOLLER

The El Cajon City Council has sent property owners notifications of a proposed change in sewer billing, designed to save the City \$100,000 a year. The new billing system will be incorporated with the County of San Diego's property tax collection, due for payment in November and February.

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IMPERIAL BEACH HOLLER

Should homeless people working as sign spinners be paid minimum wage? At the Vons/Walmart shopping center at 19th Street and Saturn Blvd in San Diego several stores utilize homeless people to spin signs advertising their stores. A security guard at the center says "It's better then having them pan handle." The female spinning the sign for a sandwich shop supposedly gets \$10 per day while the several individuals who spin the sign for a new smoke shop average \$20 for a six hour shift. I feel regardless of who is doing the work they should be paid at least minimum wage.

POWAY HOLLER

Has anyone else seen those guys in the field off off Garden Road flying those remote control airplanes?! I stand in my back yard and watch them fly those things around for hours. They are fun to watch but I want to ask if I can have a turn.

BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

My pal Trish and I met at my new favorite coffeehouse, Coffee & Tea Collective in North Park, to discuss our friend Taylor's birthday. Taylor is nearing a certain milestone birthday that she's less than thrilled about. As Trish put it, "She thinks she's about to hit the downhill slope." So, we planned to make her birthday so happy that she'd forget how miserably old she's gotten. (Kidding, Taylor!)

"Let's get some car bling for her birthday," said Trish as we sipped our lattes.

"I hate that expression," I said, "but, okay, I'll look into it. From what I've seen of ride pimpage on TV, it isn't going to be cheap."

"I'm not talking about painting flames on it and installing a high-powered stereo," Trish responded.

"Let's just, you know, pretty it up a bit. It'll make her short drive toward death a little more cheerful."

"Now you've made me spit out my coffee," I said, wiping the table between us. "I'll see what I can find."

Over coffee the following week, I filled Trish in on my ideas.

"If you want a little sparkle when you downshift, we can order an Icy Bedazzled Swarovski Crystal Gear Shift [\$95 from icy-couture.3dcartstores.com]. Colors are light rose or jet. The jet looks like a flame with gold crystals morphing into red at the top of the gear shift."

"This blinging could get pricey," noted Trish.

"I warned you about that," I said. "There are a few cheaper items. ICY Couture sells crystallized car letters for \$20 a letter or number," I continued, "so her new Scion xB can sparkle through the Gaslamp for \$40...if we only crystallize the xB."

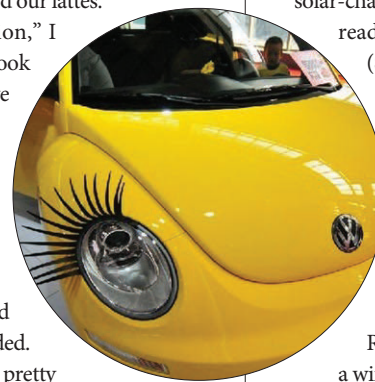
Trish looked skeptical, so I jumped to the next idea. "We can also bring in some love for her cigarette lighter," I laughed. "A Crystal Bling Cigarette Lighter to replace the standard plastic one. It's in a silver finish with crystals [\$9.99 at shopcustomcreations.com]."

She still looked skeptical. "Well, then, if you don't like my ideas, what did you find?" I asked.

"I noticed that Brookstone is selling leopard-print floor mats," Trish offered. "Taylor loves her some leopard [\$19.99 for the four-piece Carpet Auto Floor Mats at brookstone.com]."

"That might work," I said.

"I saw that Sharper Image is selling a Tablet Cupholder Mount, so her cupholder will hold her iPad mini, which will be helpful for her road



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"If you want a little sparkle when you downshift, we can order an Icy Bedazzled Swarovski Crystal Gear Shift."

trip this summer," Trish explained, "easy map-reading while she burns up the roads [\$49.99 at sharperimage.com]."

"And I found a solar charger for any of her USB devices," Trish added. "Sol Sport Solar Charging Kit for Mobile Devices 'Battery-and solar-charger kits for geeks on the go,'" she read from the thinkgeek.com website (\$49.99-\$69.99).

"This won't work for Taylor," I said, "but there's got to be someone we know who needs a Bacon Scented Air Freshener [\$3.99 at thinkgeek.com] that looks and smells just like bacon."

"Aren't you friends with Ron Swanson of the Pawnee Parks and Rec department?" Trish asked with a wink.

I answered with my favorite Swanson quote, "You had me at meat tornado."

"And your comic-geek brother would love the car decals I found: he could be Iron Man, Captain America, Wolverine...over 50 decals to choose from," I added. (Iron Man Family Decals sell for \$4.99 at thinkgeek.com.)

"Oh, please, don't talk about my perpetually 12-year-old brother. Let's get back to the girly bling for Taylor," pleaded Trish.

"Nothing is girlier than long, luscious eyelashes," I declared. "We can order some Black 3D Car Eyelash Headlights Stickers by Product Engine, and it'll give her xB some flirty headlight lashes [\$6.98 for a pair on Amazon]."

"Or, how about adding some sparkle to her seatbelts with Black & White Butterfly Gem Crystal Studded Rhinestone Seat Belt Shoulder Pads?"

I asked. "They velcro around the seatbelt, gives a little love to the neck, and she will love the butterflies [\$13.95 for the pair at LA Auto Gear on Amazon]."

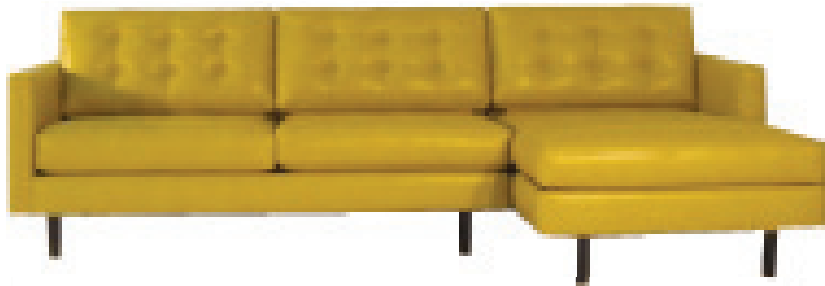
"And to illuminate all this bling, Pep Boys sells a Pilot 12-inch LED Flexible Techno Lite in red for \$29.99 each," I suggested. "They are peel-and-stick and cut to fit, easy for us to put in. The light lasts over 100,000 hours."

"Awesome," Trish said. "Next year we do my car."

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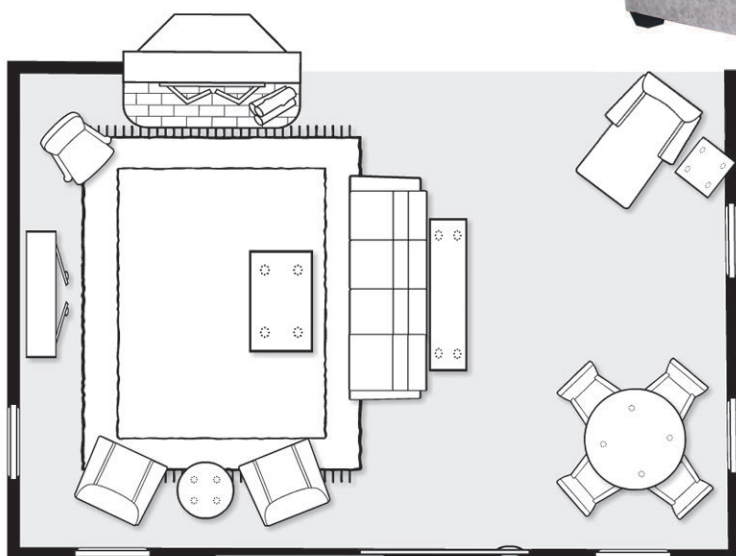
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Crasher

BEACH-BUM ZEN

by Chad Deal

rectangular cuts of 35mm film fashioned into earrings. Stenciled portraits of Salvador Dalí with his mustache twisted into an infinity loop. Transparent '70s-style skateboard decks made from unbreakable polycarbonate.

These were just a few of the homespun goods on display at Tijuana's seasonal Arts & Trees craft bazaar last month. The roving arts, food, and music fair found its home for the day in a gravel parking lot behind the trendsetting La Mija de la Mezcalera bar on Sexta, where hundreds of sharp-dressed locals and more than a few San Diegans came out to browse the kitschy T-shirts, custom moccasins, and ambrosial paella vendors.

The artisanal flea market kicked off a couple years back at the behest of Pölen, a collective of Tijuana culture movers who took action in response to a perceived absence of venues for bands, graphic artists, crafts, and other creative outlets.

"A few years ago, there were only electronic DJ sets due to a lack of spaces for live music," says Manuel Cabrera, an organizer with Pölen.

This isn't to say that their events eschew DJ music altogether. In fact, between their periodic



Fashion-forward (or is it retro?) vendors



Dapper locals and a number of spectators from the north attended Arts & Trees.



Hemp, feathers, and beads on disembodied mannequin heads

installments at venues around town, the biannual Vegetarian Cuisine & Arts Festival, and Arts & Trees, electronic music covers about a half of their lineup. The difference is in who they curate.

Rather than the nauseating club anthems that can be heard booming from balcony bars along Avenida Revolución on any given weekend, Pölen highlights musicians who take cues from chillout,

"Tijuana always presents projects worthy of applause."

nu-disco, live beats, and underground sounds.

Coastal, for example, is a producer from San Diego and Tijuana who — as the mash-up of "coastal" and "astral" in his name

suggests — layers atmospheric synths with beach-bum zen beats to create laidback soundscapes that leave the listener feeling enchanted and carefree.

All of this is indicative of the cultural shift that has been happening in Tijuana for some years now — a shift marked by movement away from disposable, lowest-common-denominator culture and toward something more genuine.

"We have seen a constant growth in the artistic and musical activity in Tijuana," Cabrera notes. "Today, people risk more. Their purpose is to create, nothing more."

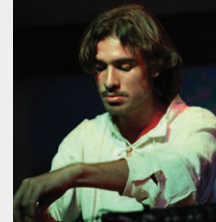
Of course, cavernous curio shops still line the tourist districts of Zona Centro, but there is a new desperation to the hawkers' entreats to "come in and buy some shit you don't need."

A hint of sadness lingers in their voices, as if it has finally

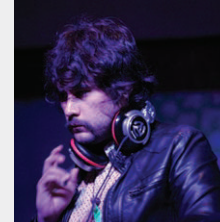
struck home that shoddy luchador masks, fake leather Tecate holsters, and ceramic feats of trademark infringement really are shit, and shit of the past.

Or maybe not. Maybe a legion of summer-breakers are already on their way to Revolu-
ción, hungry for beer-breros, Raiders ponchos, and the odd shot of weak tequila.

Either way, most merchant arcades — Pasaje Rodriguez among them — came screeching to a halt with the frantic tightening of borders after 9/11. Then, three years ago, with the help of an organization called Reactivando Espacios (Reactivating Spaces), the abandoned *calles* were converted into an arts-and-culture alleyway teeming with galleries, cafés, bike and skate shops, bookstores, hole-in-the-wall breweries, and fashion outlets.



Coastal draws inspiration from the depths of space and sea to compose atmospheric beats.



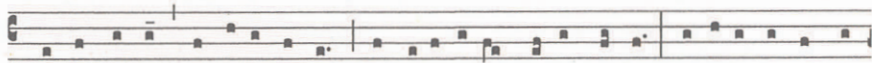
Memory Lounge dishes out nu-disco and funk after sunset.

In April of 2012, Arts & Trees helped kick off the reactivation of Pasaje Gomez across the street. The retro stretch of alleyway is mellow in comparison, but a look around at the renegade art pieces or a cup of coffee in Kafe Muah's elaborate interior is enough for one to agree with Cabrera when he says, "Tijuana always presents and will present projects worthy of applause." ■

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Homeless East Village residents eat breakfast burritos prepared and distributed by a growing group of teenagers.

BURRITO BOYS

“Why do you guys do this?” he asks the kid, who is maybe 14 years old. A cherub with ginger hair and a better complexion than the writer had when he was 14.

The kid, who is armed to the teeth with burritos, says, “Just thought it was a good way to help the community the best we could. And we saw that we had a big displaced population down here. We think a hot breakfast is a good way to get ‘em on their feet and on their way.”

When the lad says “on their way,” he does not mean it in the sense of, say, a power-mad security guard or an SDPD ambassador (whose wife may have burned his toast

that morning). The “down here” he’s talking about is a block or so from Petco Park, where some of the “displaced” population the teen refers to — not all — is housed at Father Joe’s Village and where a free lunch is served to a huge number of people.

Julian Wahl is among several young men between the ages of 12 and 15 who are known as “The Burrito Boys.” They’ve been

at Long Island Mike’s Pizzeria in Tierrasanta, making some 400 burritos in the wee hours before

dawn to distribute among those in need of nutrition other than red Twizzlers and beef jerky bought at the liquor store on 16th with pan-handled money.

“I got an idea!” the unkempt (hey, it was Sunday — early!), recorder-toting journalist says enthusiastically. “How about ‘The

“THERE’S NO RELIGION GOING ON. IT’S JUST DECENCY.”

Flying Burrito Brothers?”

Wahl and the others look blankly at each other and shake their heads. None of them knows what the writer is talking about. They think his suggestion is cornball; they’re not high-wire acrobats in a circus.

A 15-year-old humanitarian answers the enquirer’s next attempt at stand-up humor — “So, what? You in this as a kind of get-rich-quick scheme?” — with a courtesy grin. “I wish,” the boy says. “I asked if I could join ‘cause I thought it was a good thing. Gradually, this got bigger and bigger. We got more donations so we could provide a few more things.” This kid’s name is



James McElroy (left), Chris Brubaker (center), and Mike Johnson (right) are among the adult advisors to the burrito-distributing youth.

Cole Smith, and I'd keep my daughter away from him, pure of heart as he may be: he's a handsome, not-so-little devil.

The next burrito distributor says he was always looking for a way to give back to the community. *When I was his*

age, thinks the recorder-wielding one, I couldn't have cared less about the community. I was more interested in stealing hub-caps, a now, seemingly defunct pastime.

"After I joined," Cole Smith continues, "I realized it was even more fun

than I thought it would be." Today is the 126th Sunday morning the group has been out here.

"Where are all you guys from?" the interrogator asks, meaning: *which planet?*

"Tierrasanta, mostly." The reporter nods, sat-

isfied. As far as he's concerned, that *is* another planet. He's talking now with Joe Skvarna, age 15. "It's Czech," the boy adds. "I started when I was 12 years old, so I've been doing this for three years."

"You guys aren't into crime, gangs...drugs?" the writer asks, almost pleadingly.

"Ah, no." Skvarna breaks into a smile. "Don't look so disappointed."

The scribbler picks out one of the adults on the scene, someone who clearly has a home, a place to shave and dress casually in clean clothes. The adult is going through books, arranging them spines outward.

The fourth-estate representative with four days' growth of beard introduces himself to the adult, a lawyer named James "Mac" McElroy. He shoves the recorder



It's like 1932 soup lines when the Burrito Boys come to the East Village.

toward his face. The lawyer extends a hand to shake, but the observant reporter is suddenly more intent on observing a woman with long legs and a short skirt walking

toward the trolley station, and sees the gesture too late.

"You'd be surprised," McElroy says. "Just because someone doesn't have a roof over their

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heads doesn't mean they don't read. A lot of these people wait all week for us to come by with books. There are a surprising number who are voracious readers. Of course, they've got a lot of time on their hands. We've got people coming up to us and saying, 'We really appreciate the burritos, but did you bring books again?' It's important to a lot of them to have three or four books to read during the week."

The recorder-wielding

one cranes his neck over Mac's head, in search of the leggy woman, and

"I do. But this is more fun. It's probably illegal in 12 or 15 states." McElroy

"Where are all you guys from?" the interrogator asks, meaning: which planet? "Tierrasanta, mostly."

says, "As an attorney, you must have other things to do, even on Sunday."

laughs. "And that *makes* it more fun. The burritos are great [confirmed by chomping recipients], but I really look forward to grabbing some fun books, good books."

How did a civil lawyer get into this?

"I guess I just heard



Burrito Babes apply hot sauce

about it, and I went to the pizza place where they make the burritos. That was about a year and a half ago. I discovered that these are great kids."

Now a second adult, Michael Johnson, comes forward, smiling at Mac. He seems to call him "cousin" but perhaps that is only the writer's impaired hearing: years of rock music, bands for free beer.

"So," says the writer. "You guys are cousins?" "Partners," Johnson

says. "There are four partners — we call them an advisory board — in this business...er, charity." Johnson has an easy laugh, too. He's a graduate of John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, a Jesuit-taught school outside of Cleveland, where Johnson grew up on the city's west side. He's what he calls a "land banker," buying and selling property in the Antelope Valley.

This triggers a thought in the inked-wretch-of-a-

Hemingway. *Ah, a foreclosure vampire.* [This is untrue, a figment of the writer's delusion that his deductive-reasoning skills rival those of Sherlock Holmes.] *It's his way of making Sunday-morning penance.* But Johnson's demeanor is anything but that of a penitent. *And McElroy? Aren't civil lawyers the same thing as divorce lawyers, and naturally they're into lawsuits... so maybe they're both* [the writer's senses that his delusions are again act-



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ing up] ...Ah, who cares. That's another story, and a good thing.

Naturally, Jimmy Olson wants to know who pays for the 400 burritos. It must be a sizeable amount of *dinero*. Johnson answers this one:

"Donations. Every dollar we get goes into food. We use our own money for gas and stuff, but the donations go for cheese, eggs, tortillas, and water.

The next day, as he writes up his story about the burrito kids, a number of unasked questions occur to the two-fingered typist. So he goes out again the following Sunday, again to 13th and K, and finds that the boys have just arrived from 16th and Market armed with 408 burritos.

Photographer Christian Cullen says, "Yeah, I was over there with 'em. You should have seen it, lines stretched around two blocks. It was like the opening of *Star Wars*... Hey, how does the year 1932 strike you?"

The hard-boiled investigative newshound — Woodward and Bernstein combined — thinks lightning fast on his feet, scratching the manly stubble on his cleft chin. "You mean the soup lines during the Depression?"

"You read my mind," Cullen says.

The unshaven one struts toward where books are being grabbed up by the street crowd. Thumbs hooked into his waistband, he says to the photographer, "A hunch. The result of years of beating the street." He picks up a Mickey Spillane novel called *My Gun is Cool* or something, slides it into his back pocket, and looks around as if shoplifting. Though Chris Brubaker did invite him to help

himself.

At that point, the near mind reader of a reporter, searching the trolley area for that woman in the short skirt, walks into a wheeled device with a dusty backpack on top. The backpack drops to

the street, and Woodward — or possibly Bernstein — is played across a rocking *baby carriage*. He straightens up, reaches for the infant he has jolted, and lifts what looks like a bedroll from inside. He makes hushing and sooth-

ing sounds. As he coos, a blonde woman dressed like a mud-soaked hippie at Woodstock, floor-length tie-dyed skirt and all, calls out, "What are you doing with my stuff?"

"I'm sorry, I thought I'd upset the little one

when..." As the writer speaks, unwashed laundry falls from the blanket roll until there is a pile at his feet and he is left holding a small comforter. He apologizes and moves quickly away.

After lustfully eyeing

two cartons of paperback and hardcover freebies, the laptop (formerly typewriter) jockey asks a few of the hungry street people for a capsule review of the free cuisine.

"They're dynamite!" says Damien Lovan. He's

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waiting at about the half-way point of the line. His companion, or at least the man standing next to him in the double ranks, answers as well: “Awesome.” Lovan appears to be a disenfranchised, out-sourced account executive, or maybe a pricey accountant with a firm that went bust. At any rate, an educated, middle-class fellow fallen on the second Great Depression. Substituting burrito lines for soup lines is the only difference. The man next to him — round shades, red goatee — says, “Eggs, cheese, potatoes, and I think sometimes sausage in there.” When asked for his name, he looks at the sky. “Ah, Tim...uh, Jones.



“A lot of these people wait all week for us to come by with books.”

Okay?”

The recorder-wielding one says, “Yeah, whatever. That’s fine. I use different names sometimes.

All the time, really.” He steps backward, grinning like the village idiot, as he realizes that those tattoos on Mr. Jones were likely

made in prison with a Bic pen shell, a sewing needle, and a rotary wheel from a Sony Walkman. The ink came from God knows

where, some cell-brewed concoction derived from Magic Markers. He’s not about to ask. He does say, “That’s a nice one

like, you know, a punk. Yeah, a punk.”

Cullen rescues him. The photog is six-foot-two, a muscular, barroom-type

“Just because someone doesn’t have a roof over their heads doesn’t mean they don’t read.”

there on your forearm. ‘Fuck Donovan.’ Yeah, that’s cool. I never liked him, either. Not as good as Dylan, and what was that ‘Mellow Yellow’ thing anyway? Yeah, he was,

brawler (not that long ago) who rarely loses a fight. He smiles at Lovan and Jones, then yanks the hyperventilating hard newsman away by the elbow. “What’s the mat-

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ter with you? *Donovan?* 'Mellow Yellow'?"

"I don't know...I'm not awake. It's the crack of dawn."

"It's 8:45."

Cullen snaps shots with a camera the size of a small stereo hung around his neck, homing in on a handful of very young girls, scrubbed faces, friendly to all the customers, as if they are waitresses at the Hyatt. An attractive woman stands among another cluster of girls, who are shaking bottles of hot sauce onto tortilla-wrapped breakfasts.

The writer approaches. The girls — "The Burrito Babes" is what they call themselves — are as cute as they are young. The nice-looking 40ish (?) woman wears a wedding ring. Naturally. She is Gina Boccia, wife of Chris Brubaker, who's busy getting good books into the hands of people in wheelchairs, and also those who are otherwise disabled and thus cannot reach down to the box. Brubaker knows most of the compulsive readers, and he makes sure each gets a selection.



11-year-old Grant Peeleman got the San Diego County Fair to donate several hundred yogurts for his homeless clients.

Gina is a cadet with the scouts, the equivalent, the scruffy writer guesses, of an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts (which long ago kicked him out for mooning a den mother). Both she and her husband, Chris — white-haired, handsome — are school-

teachers who have taught all over the world.

The Babes introduce themselves. Molly Scanlon. Maria Boccia, daughter of the aforementioned Gina. Delany Boccia. Everyone laughs at this last, and the reporter assumes that somehow it

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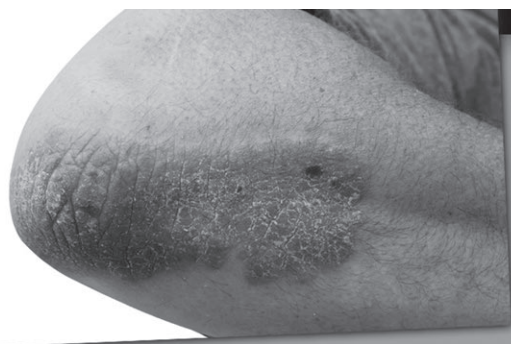
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is at his expense. But these Babes aren't mean, only giggling at the combo Irish/Italian name. An old joke to them, obviously.

Terry Macon is next, a grownup woman with the sort of fullness popular with Italians (the writer thinks). But he's wrong: she's Mexican. "I met Mike Johnson at Costco, where I work. And he told us what all these tortillas, cheese, and eggs were for. We got to talking, and he asked me if I'd like to bring my girls out. Since then, we've been out here every week. A year and a half now. McK-ayla and Aurora are here somewhere."

Possibly dabbing hot sauce on burritos for those who prefer them that way.

"Is there some religious umbrella the burrito team is under?" the reporter asks. He has seen trade-paperback editions of the Bible in the hands of those living where they can from night to night. Some have multiple copies, provided by such sources as the Anchor Church Reach Out Team. When a man is asked where he got so many Bibles, he rattles off



The night before passing out the burritos, James McElroy supervises scrambled-egg cooking.

a list: the Rescue Mission, Antioch Reach Out, and so on, and when he got to God's Extended Hand, the man, one Leonard Ward, substituted a single digit rather than the deity's entire hand.

"No," says Mrs. Macon. "There's no religion going on. It's just decency."

More practical than church on Sunday morning, thinks the possibly

cynical interviewer. His memories of Mass involve spouted gobs of inscrutable Latin while down on his knees, and scowls from Father Cunningham because he hadn't said it loud enough. He remembers sermons that terrified rather than uplifted.

When Mike Johnson has a moment — he and his young posse are handing out toilet paper and

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dog food, as well; next week it will be clothing — he smiles in the scrawler's direction.

The ace reporter again brings up the religious thing.

"I have nothing against

problem of homelessness. Until then, we're going to come down here and feed people who are hungry.

"This morning we have kids from nine different schools. Kids who don't know each other, but they

"Every dollar we get goes into food."

any of the ministries," Johnson says. "These people need that, too. But our kids just come down here and treat them with dignity and respect. When people are hungry, give them something to eat. When they're thirsty, give them drink. It's so basic as a principle. That's all I want my kids to do. I'll leave it to the adults, I'll leave it to the politicians, and I'll leave it to everybody else to solve the

came together somehow, some way. Some of them didn't even know who they were making the burritos for, but they made them with such love." Johnson's voice trails off. He looks around as if searching for a way to explain something that he himself doesn't fully understand.

The writer wants another moment with Chris Brubaker, whose impressive white mus-

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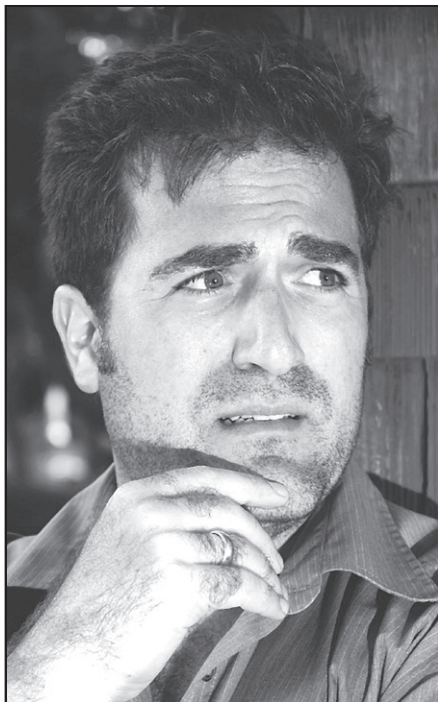
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tache makes him look like Mark Twain. The recording device switched to off, he asks, "What was it you taught, Mr. Brubaker?"

"Call me Chris...I taught middle school for four years. Mostly English and social studies, not the math part or the science part. My wife taught first and second grade. We taught 20 years up in North County, and then, the last 17 years or so, we taught overseas. We taught in Saudi; New Delhi, India; Indonesia; and Beijing, China. We fell right into this. Mac has been a friend for years. Since our recent retirement, we'd been looking for something to volunteer for, and when we asked Mac, he said, 'Hmm...let's see.' A half-second later, he said, 'Oh, I've got an idea!' Something like that."

Learning that Chris was an English teacher, the crusty-but-benevolent defender of the First Amendment thinks of Mr. Grey, his sophomore Eng-

rito Boys and Babes. He thanks everyone for their time and walks toward the trolley. He thinks of Jack London and what he remembers of the man's

"I'll leave it to the adults, I'll leave it to the politicians, and I'll leave it to everybody else to solve the problem of homelessness."

lish teacher, and James McCullough, his English teacher senior year. He thinks of men and women like Brubaker, his wife Gina, and Johnson, and McElroy — and the Bur-

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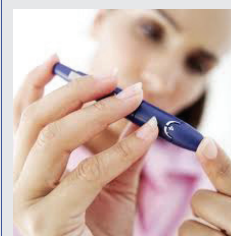
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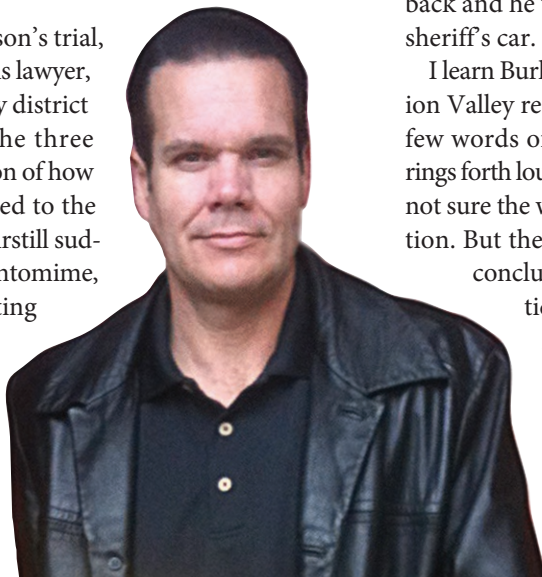


Do you know how much trouble you can get in with a shotgun?

The evening before Jeff Burleson's trial, he sat in the courtroom with his lawyer, a bailiff, and San Diego deputy district attorney Brock Arstill. As the three talked, Arstill raised the question of how the shotgun could be presented to the jury. According to Burleson, Arstill suddenly stood up and began a pantomime, spreading his legs and contorting his face, as he pretended to whip out a shotgun and aim it at the empty jury box.

In a final flourish, Burleson tells me, the prosecutor snarled that famous line from the movie *Scarface*: "Say hello to my little friend."

"It wasn't funny to me," says Burleson. "I was facing 14 years in state prison. Do



Jeff Burleson claims he was trying to defend his family when he answered the door with an unloaded shotgun.

you know how much trouble you can get in with a shotgun?"

* * *

At about 8:00 p.m. on March 29, 2011, Burleson was in the back bathroom of his Encinitas home, bathing two of his children, ages three and five. A half hour later, his hands were cuffed behind his back and he was riding to jail in a sheriff's car.

I learn Burleson's story at a Fashion Valley restaurant. For the first few words of his order, his voice rings forth loud and strong, as if he's not sure the waiter is paying attention. But then he trails off. I later conclude that this is a vocal tic, one I will notice in his voicemail greeting and messages: even while announcing his name, "Jeff" comes right out with force, followed by syllables said more softly.

Burleson's skirmish with the law began when

he heard a loud pounding on his front door. Not expecting anyone, he went on with the children's bath, hoping that whoever was at the door would go away. The knocking stopped, then started up again. Burleson's two dogs barked madly. He thought a friend might be out front. "At the time," he says, "my kids liked to take long baths. That was a big part of their routine." Burleson was in charge because, the previous day, his wife Erin, having begun to hemorrhage, had been taken to an emergency room; she'd given birth just three weeks earlier. Now she was nursing the newborn. Not wanting to leave the two older kids alone in water, Burleson continued to bathe them, even as the noise out front grew progressively louder.

Finally finished with their bath, he handed the kids over to his wife. He asked her to keep all of them in the back of the house. Burleson entered the living room and approached the front door. The commotion seemed to have lasted 15 minutes by now. "It was frightening, but not yet terrifying," he says.

He looked through the peephole. "I didn't know the guy, so I asked him through the door who he was. But he wouldn't identify himself. And it seemed he wasn't going to leave. He was a big guy, looked

"He was a big guy, looked to be 300 pounds or thereabouts. I thought, *He's going to kick the door down.*"

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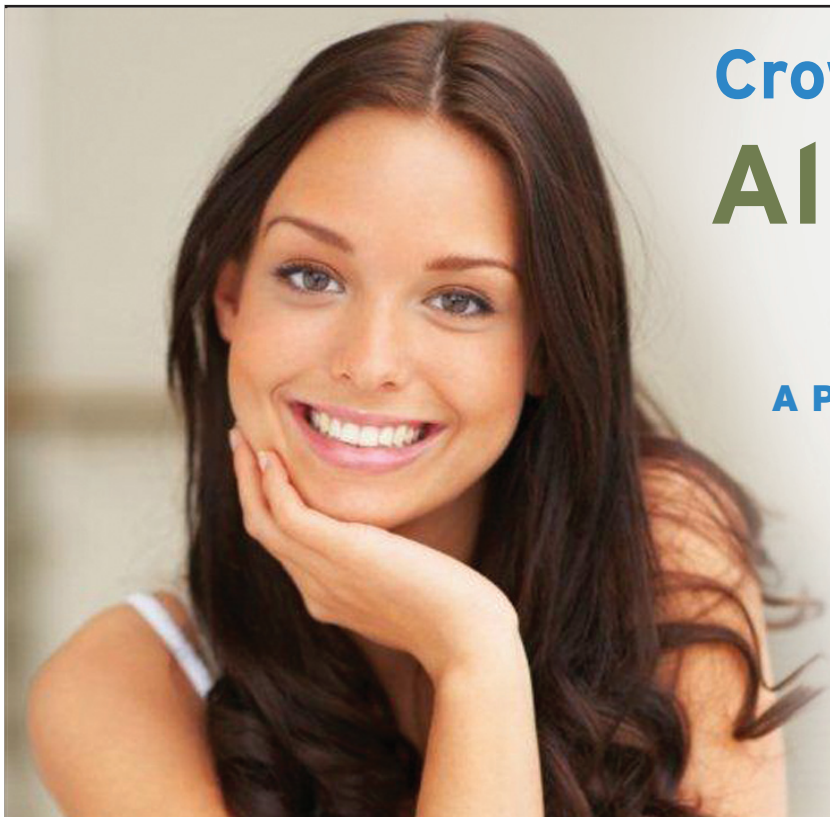
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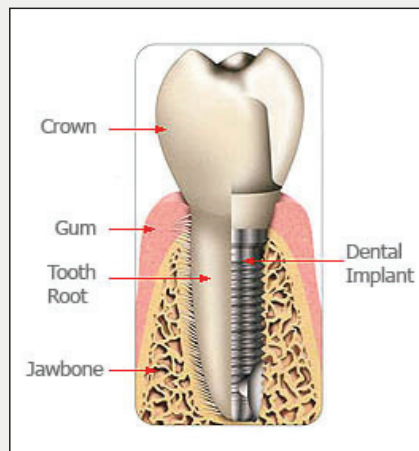
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Burleson returned to the back of the house and told his wife not to leave the room where she had the children. He then took his Remington 870 shotgun out of a cabinet above the closet in the master bedroom.

"I put five or six shells [he kept them separate from the gun] in my back pocket and went out to confront the guy. I asked him again who he was, and he still didn't answer. So I racked

the shotgun to try to scare him away. I racked it empty, but he didn't know it was empty."

Then Burleson took a step that would lead to a felony charge of "assault with a deadly weapon." He opened the front door and brought the shotgun outside. The man was walking toward the sidewalk, intent, it seemed, on surveying the house. But at Burleson's appearance, he started back toward the front door.

Later, it was revealed that the man's name was William Gruytch, but at the time Burleson shouted, "I don't know who you are, but you better leave or I'll have you arrested for trespassing." The guy said, 'You don't understand who you're dealing with. You can't have me arrested.' And he starts coming toward me. I told him not to get closer to me, but he kept coming.

"He said, 'I want to see Erin Rostow' [not her real maiden name]. I said I didn't know who 'he' was." Burleson was pretending that Gruytch had asked for an "Aaron" Rostow. "I was trying to protect my wife."

The two men argued further about whether an arrest was possible. "How about disturbing the peace?" Burleson asked.

"Then the guy reached behind him for something, as though it were tucked between his back and his belt. Here I am, standing there with an empty gun in my hands, and suddenly feeling like I'm in a very bad spot. I'm trying to scare somebody, and [it looks like] this guy wants me to kill him. I asked myself, *Did I do the right thing, coming out here with a weapon?* I don't know what would have happened had it been loaded. I'm afraid to guess.

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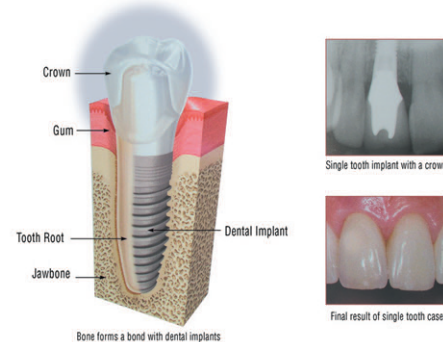
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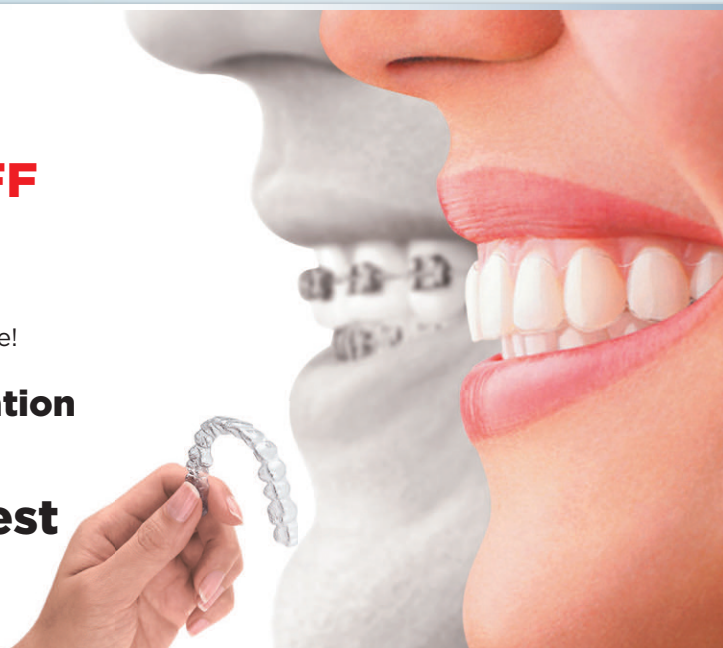
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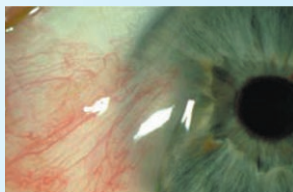
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"Of course, I was afraid he was pulling out his own gun. And he was so close he could have taken my gun out of my hands. This was now the most terrifying thing I'd ever been involved in. The thing that scared me the most was that he didn't know the gun was unloaded, and he still didn't care."

But Gruytch was pulling out a summons he'd been assigned to deliver. Erin Rostow's name was on the papers, which were an attempt to collect unpaid homeowners' fees of approximately \$1000.

Gruytch held the papers out for Burleson to take. "I reached out instinctively to get them," Burleson says, "and he pulled them back, as though we're playing tug-of-war. So I had to grab at them and jerk them out of his hand. Then he said, 'Ah-ha. See, you pointed it at me. Now I'm calling the cops.'"

"The way this thing played out, I swear he'd done it before. It was as though he'd taken a class in how to deal with a homeowner who comes to the door with a gun. This is how you get *them* in trouble, instead of you. If my gun had been pointed at him, as he said, it was inadvertent, and it happened at the moment that I was pulling the paperwork out of his hand. Because that threw me off balance a little.

"I was thinking that this guy was off his rocker. I still can't believe he was willing to risk getting killed for a \$39 service fee.

"Today I'm embarrassed. Nobody wants to admit going outside like that with a gun. But I was in a panic. This was right after my son was born, and my wife had gone to the emergency room."

Burleson says he went back inside the house and watched from a window as Gruytch returned to his car.

Gruytch seemed to dawdle for several minutes before driving away.

"I loaded the shotgun then, because I didn't know if the guy was going to come around the side or the back. I thought, *Sure, he's just a process server, but the way he was acting, he might come back. And this time, it's going to be loaded, and I'm going to be ready to go.*

"But I put the safety on the shotgun and zipped it up in its case and put it back above the closet.

"I knew the sheriffs would be coming. And I honestly thought I'd be able to explain what happened. Then I saw them on both sides of the house, and I could tell they were deployed to make an arrest."

A sheriff's deputy came to the front door and asked Burleson if he'd pointed a shotgun at "this guy." The deputy pointed down the street. Burleson told the officer, "I didn't point it at him, but I came to the door with it." At that point, he put me in handcuffs."

Burleson later learned that the sheriffs went into the house to make sure everyone was all right and to talk with his wife. They searched the back rooms, found the loaded shotgun, and took it with them when they left. "They also told my wife I had done a very bad thing. She did not give them permission to search the house. From my perspective, that was illegal."

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"I'm a salesman," Burleson tells me, "and a good one." At the time of his arrest, he was selling residential real estate in North County. But the market was slow and he was making little money; he had to borrow \$4000 to be bailed out of jail. He also qualified for legal representation by a public defender.

In April 2011, John Patterson of the San Diego

County Public Defenders Office began work on Burleson's case. An investigator in Patterson's office interviewed three people who, on the same night, had experiences with Gruytch similar to Burleson's. They stated in their interviews that when Gruytch came to their doors, he'd been loud, demanding, and disrespectful.

"I found those supporting witnesses," Burleson tells me. He also dug up information that indicated Gruytch had once owned a company called U.S. Bail Enforcement (Gruytch denied this at trial), conjuring up visions of the reality-TV show *Dog the Bounty Hunter*.

The discoveries were promising, but tension soon developed between Burleson and his attorney. The strain came to a head at the preliminary hearing. Burleson wanted to present an "affirmative defense," in which he would maintain that he'd acted in self-defense. If the judge agreed, the charges might be dropped. To qualify for such a defense, Burleson would have to admit he'd threatened Gruytch with the shotgun.

On July 6, 2011, the day before the preliminary hearing, Patterson emailed his client: "Although we can present an affirmative defense tomorrow, I think the facts of your case may be better for a jury, and I do not want to tie you to any testimony now which could be used against you at a trial."

Burleson didn't buy it. During the hearing, when the judge asked if an affirmative defense was going to be made, Burleson spoke out. "I have a right to co-counsel," he blurted. "And I'm going to be my own co-counsel." He then indicated he wanted to pursue the affirmative defense.

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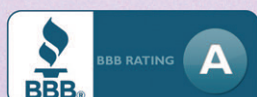
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Burleson says his attorney exclaimed. The judge told the pair to meet privately and get their act together. She'd already admonished Burleson not to butt in, as he'd tried to do by correcting the record earlier in the hearing; the judge said that he should allow his attorney to do it.

The Burleson team dropped the affirmative defense, and the judge decided a trial was warranted, scheduling it for early December. California law states: "It is the purpose of a preliminary examination to establish whether there exists probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a felony."

After several more months, Burleson decided to release Patterson and hire private defense attorney Gerald Smith. "What I liked about Gerald was that he's a former cop," says Burleson, who then borrowed more money to pay the bill.

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The trial began on December 11, 2011, in Superior Court at Vista's North County Regional Center. The charges against Burleson were "assault with a deadly weapon" and

"brandishing a firearm in a threatening manner."

According to a partial transcript of the trial, the first person to testify was 50-year-old William Gruytch, the complaining witness. As prosecutor Brock Arstill questioned him, Gruytch described a routine example of serving a summons. He told the prosecutor he'd arrived at Burleson's residence at approximately 8:00 p.m. He knocked several times without anyone coming to the door. He heard dogs barking inside but described his knocking as reasonable, even demonstrating it for the jury, at Arstill's request, by mildly striking his knuckles on a table in the courtroom.

After about five minutes, Gruytch testified, he was turning to leave when he heard the front door open. Reversing himself, he saw Burleson standing just outside the door, holding a shotgun. "He was holding it to his side," Gruytch told the court. "I believe with both hands."

Again, Arstill requested a demonstration. He produced the shotgun and, with the judge's permission — and an assurance to the

court that the weapon was unloaded — handed it to Gruytch. The witness did as he was told while Arstill interpreted.

"Okay. So I notice that you're holding it in...kind of left hand in front, right hand toward the rear, and...it's pointing forward."

"Correct."

"Did I do the right thing, coming out here with a weapon? I don't know what would have happened had it been loaded."

"At waist level?"

"Correct."

Gruytch testified further that he then walked back toward the front door. He was a process server and had legal papers from the homeowners' association to deliver to an Erin Rostow. Burleson, according to Gruytch, denied several times that an Erin Rostow lived at the address, with each declaration becoming more "agitated."

Arstill asked how far Gruytch walked toward

Burleson.

"I was approximately two, three feet away from him when I stopped."

"Was [the shotgun] pointing at the cars or pointing at the other side of the house?"

"It was pointing towards my direction." Once more, Gruytch told the defendant

he had papers to deliver. "At that point, that's when he got very agitated, put the shotgun toward my face, and told me to 'Get the — please excuse my language — f*** off the property.'"

"How was it that he had the shotgun at that point?" Arstill asked.

"He...was pointing it at my face."

"Approximately how far away?"

"I guess about six inches, maybe."

Among others, the

defense called a Michael Andreen to testify. Andreen was one of the three people Gruytch had served papers to on the same night he came to Burleson's house. Andreen lived 100 yards from Burleson's street in Encinitas, but the two didn't meet until they later turned up at the same small-claims-court session to answer the homeowners' association summonses: they sat next to each other while waiting for their cases to be called.

Burleson tells me that the judge wouldn't allow him to take the place of his wife at that hearing about the homeowners' fees. "But I went anyway, to see if anyone else had been served by Gruytch on the same evening we had."

To the jury, Andreen's testimony must have sounded like déjà vu. Sometime around or after 8:00 p.m. on the evening in question, he was in his kitchen, cleaning up after dinner. After hearing "a very loud booming at my front door," Andreen said he hustled his wife, children, and pets into the back of the house before going out front to ask who was there. He went on to describe the knocking as "the loudest bang I ever

heard in my life by a human being" and "a thunderous, frightening smashing on my door." He thought the cops must have been outside and that they were "breaking down the door."

Andreen eventually opened the door a crack, even though calling out from inside had yielded no identification. He described the man he'd seen as larger than 250 pounds. "Wide shoulders," said Andreen. "Fu Manchu mustache. Very bad attitude." Did Andreen go to the front door with a weapon? "No, but I wished I had one."

Gruytch said he had papers to serve Andreen's wife. "She's asleep," Andreen told the process server before taking the papers.

Next to testify was Burleson's wife. She reinforced the picture of someone pounding on her front door the night Gruytch came to the house: it sounded like someone trying to "break down the door." She admitted to defense attorney Gerald Smith that being on the stand made her nervous. Later, she told me that several months before the trial she'd become ridden with anxiety, and that after the

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trial, she sought treatment for depression.

The trial lasted three days. On December 13, 2011, the jury announced verdicts of not guilty of felony “assault with a deadly weapon,” but guilty of misdemeanor “brandishing a firearm in a threatening manner.”

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By phone, I seek defense attorney Gerald Smith’s retrospective on the trial. “The reason why we went to trial in the first place,” he says, “was that the DA had not offered a whole lot of negotiation. They wanted Jeff to plead to a charge that would have had a serious impact on his life.”

What did Smith think most convinced the jury not to convict his client of assault with a deadly weapon? Since there were no third-party eyewitnesses to the alleged crime, the verdict had to be based largely on which version of events came off as most credible.

“Here was the major credibility issue,” Smith says. “Gruytch had already said he was very familiar with shotguns, that in fact he owned one. So I asked him, ‘What happened when, as you allege, Jeff pointed the shotgun at you?’ His reply was that he’d stepped forward. So I asked, ‘You’ve got a shotgun pointing at you and you step forward?’ When I was giving the closing argument and brought that up, that’s when most of the jury nodded their heads and rolled their eyes. It was a telltale sign.”

Burleson’s testimony in court emphasized self-defense. That, too, seemed to have affected the jury as it deliberated the felony assault charge. So, why did it not exonerate Burleson of “brandishing”?

“The problem with brandishing,” Smith says, “is that it doesn’t require a

specific intent. It’s a catch-all charge.” Burleson’s intention to defend himself and his family carried less weight here than it had with the assault charge.

There was also the fact that, at the trial’s start, the

judge did not specifically instruct the jury to view self-defense as a reasonable defense. “We had a lot of discussion on this, and I explained it to Jeff,” Smith says. “[Just as in the preliminary hearing]

when the judge gives the self-defense instruction, it requires that the defendant admit that he did this. Unfortunately, that’s the way the statute reads. In other words, the defendant says, ‘I committed the

act, but I have a justification for it.’ But Jeff said, ‘I didn’t do this.’ He was adamant in saying, ‘I never pointed the gun at this guy.’ Well, that takes him out of the self-defense case, and the judge couldn’t give the self-

defense instruction.

“Now, you do have a right to protect your property. And we got those instructions in.” What Smith doesn’t mention is that, during the trial, prosecutor Brock Arstill got

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Burleson to concede that Gruytch had not damaged any property.

Still, Smith thinks “the jury got the decision wrong on brandishing. The shotgun in Jeff’s hands was pointing sideways and downward at a 45-degree angle. My argument was that Jeff didn’t brandish the gun in a threatening manner. He answered the door with the gun because a guy was threatening the hell out of him.”

It seems that it was hard for everyone to keep that self-defense argument out of the case.

“But that’s why there are appeals,” says Smith. “I’m not sure what an appellate attorney would argue, besides what they always do; namely, to say that the trial attorneys should have done this or that. You know, Monday-morning quarterbacking.”

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Within a week of his trial, Burleson was planning on an appeal of the brandishing charge, based on self-defense. An attorney friend recommended former deputy district attorney Richard Huffman to conduct the appeal. At their first meeting, says Burleson, Huffman said that he agreed with the nature of the appeal and was confident it would be successful.

The charge to handle the appeal was \$3500. Burleson gave Huffman \$1000 to begin. This included purchasing the trial transcripts from the court. Burleson would pay the remainder in installments that were to be complete by the time the appellate court received the appeal.

On February 28, 2012, Burleson went to court again, this time for sentencing. He wasn’t wor-

ried: he claims that Huffman assured him the appeal would have kicked in by that time and that the judge would delay sentencing. Huffman was in court that day, too. He told Burleson the court had returned the opening brief, which seemed odd. Still, says Burleson, the attorney “didn’t expect any surprises.”

The judge sentenced Burleson to 120 days of work furlough. There was no mention of the appeal. After the hearing, Burleson says that Huffman told him, based on portions of the transcript he’d seen, that the defense attorney had fought like hell for his client and that there wasn’t much basis for an appeal. He should take the furlough and get on with his life.

On March 12, 2012, Burleson began spending his nights, for a charge of \$42 each, at Correctional Alternatives Incorporated, a private company in Logan Heights that has a contract with the County of San Diego. He was allowed to leave each day for his job as a salesman of “practice management” software for attorneys. The software is largely intended to help them keep track of deadlines.

“How ironic,” Burleson says, “given what I soon discovered.” A little more than a month after entering custody, he called the court about his case. An official told him that not only was

there no appeal on file, but that no one had ever ordered transcripts.

Due to overcrowding, Burleson was released from Correctional Alternatives 40 days early. Finishing the furlough finally gave him time for his family again. After some rest, he figured, he could still pursue the appeal. But he soon realized that his right to appeal had expired.

“So I decided to go after Huffman instead,” Burleson says. Last summer, he requested a copy of his file from Huffman. To date, it has not been forthcoming, although at one point an attorney for the defendant explained that Huffman was “assembling” it.

Acting on his own, Burleson has filed a complaint of “professional negligence” and “breach of contract” against Huffman, asking for \$100,000 in costs and lost income. “It’s almost like you’ve got to be a self-absorbed, cocky, abrasive, and at times obnoxious son-of-bitch to survive. And I admit I’m all of that when I have to be.”

The court acknowledged receiving the complaint on February 28, 2013. Burleson also sent a complaint about Huffman to the California Bar Association.

Meanwhile, on May 8, Appellate Defenders, Inc., a not-for-profit service for indigent clients, agreed to restart an appeal for Burleson, who is currently unemployed. The first task was to convince the appellate court that, due to Huffman dragging his feet, the expiration of Burleson’s appeal rights ought to be waived. That effort proved successful, and the appeal is moving forward. Should Burleson win, he plans to sue the court to recover, at the very least, the money he paid Correctional Alternatives for the privilege of spending 80 nights with them. ■

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when she heard shots. She told investigators that when she approached her boyfriend lying on the ground, Vilkin pointed a gun at her and warned her not to come any closer.

Vilkin is charged with premeditated murder of Upton and assault with a deadly weapon on Zeller. Vilkin pleaded not guilty through his public defender. He is next due in San Diego's North County Superior Courthouse on August 26. ■

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between Jones and Filner as well as the comments made by councilmembers who were present at the time.

On June 28, deputy city attorney Ray Palmucci informed attorney Cory Briggs that the complete record of the exchange will not be released. "Under the Brown Act, confidential information from a closed session [meeting]...may not be disclosed to a person not entitled to receive it, unless the legislative body authorizes disclosure of that confidential information. Thus, no further disclosable public documents exist."

Goldsmith may now have to defend his decision in court. Briggs says he plans to file a lawsuit against San Diego's top attorney for violating the Brown Act.

"The city attorney's amateurish response will not stand in court," wrote Briggs in a July 1 email.

"Anyone who reads the Brown Act can see that it does not 'authorize' closed-

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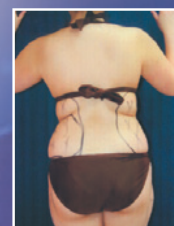
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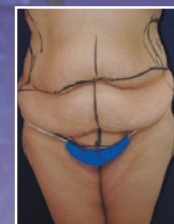
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session political pissing matches. Even if the pissing match between Filner and Jones was 'authorized' for closed session, it would have been illegal to release any portion of the transcript. So either the unredacted transcript should be released, or the city attorney should be prosecuted for the crime he committed when he released the redacted transcript to the press."

The court battle over the unredacted transcripts might be a hard fight for Goldsmith. In 2005, in a case titled *County of Los Angeles v. Superior Court*, the court ruled that "the law makes all of the minutes from a closed meeting privileged. If, indeed, portions of a closed meeting were improperly closed, then it seems to me that minutes dealing with those aspects are not protected under that and should be disclosed."

The transcripts from the June 18 meeting, given to 10News on June 20, drew wide media coverage and was used as ammo by some Filner critics (read: *U-T San Diego's* editorial staff) to label him a "bully."

And now, to compound

the issue, Goldsmith has announced that he will be suspending closed-session meetings until Mayor Filner promises to behave and not harass his attorneys.

Goldsmith's announcement, coupled with his refusal to provide the full transcript from the June 18 exchange, rounds out a rough week for the city attorney. He made national headlines this week for his office's decision to prosecute a man for writing anti-big bank messages in chalk on public sidewalks.

One prominent and popular political website, *Daily Kos*, went so far as to use this headline when announcing the jury's decision to acquit the man on all 13 charges.

"Ding! San Diego Chalker Acquitted and Idiot Prosecutor Condemned by Mayor!"

To make matters worse for Goldsmith, there is now a "Recall Jan Goldsmith" Facebook Page. At press time, the page has 444 "likes."

Dorian Hargrove, July 2

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Goldsmith's petty and dumb actions trying to embarrass our Mayor have gotten him now in big trouble. Good reporting! Thank you!

Sunroad saga continues...

U.S. investigating donation to mayor's office, says Channel 10

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But will the U.S. Attorney's Office investigate Sunroad? It made the payment.

This whole incident appears to stink, but I suspect it is common and may well be legal. On June 30, I reported how Manchester Financial Group, which is building a luxury hotel in Austin, Texas, in seeking a favorable rezoning agreement from Travis County, agreed to donate \$750,000 to one of three nonprofit entities: Waller Creek Conservancy, Austin Parks Foundation, or "another nonprofit entity or organization with a similar mission," according to the county's declaration that recorded the deal. This appeared to be a quid pro quo that was made official

in county documents.

Since as far as we know none of the money went into Filner's pocket, what is the crime? Some say that under federal law, even if the recipient of quid pro quo money does not pocket it himself or herself, it is still illegal. What we need to know is how common such deals are.

Don Bauder, July 3

Comments

Burwell July 3 @ 4:41 p.m.

The City has the legal right to sell or not sell an easement to a private developer. The city should have hired an appraiser to value the easement, and asked Sunroad to pay fair market value (probably well north of \$1 million). Filner should not have been directly involved in the negotiations, except when it came time to vote on the deal. The payment could never be kept secret. I don't see how this is extortion. Filner's trampling on the rules is not a crime.

Free tickets to the lobbyist laugh-fest

Port and council staff load up on comp'd banquet tickets from super lobbyists
San Diego — Back in May, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association — a bastion of high-powered San

Diego influence peddlers, including city-hall lobbyists Paul Robinson, Al Ziehaus's Southwest Strategies, and Tom Shepard's Public Policy Strategies, as well as (according to the group's website) Latham & Watkins, Chevron, Sempra Energy, SeaWorld, the Western States Petroleum Association, and Walmart — threw its yearly lobbyists' laugh-fest, otherwise known as the 18th annual Goldens dinner.

To promote ticket sales, Republican city attorney Jan Goldsmith, known for his long-running political war with Democratic mayor Bob Filner, was persuaded by the lobbyists to dress up as a chorus boy and dance up a storm behind someone dressed as a junkyard dog.

Now, a state disclosure statement posted online has revealed that staffers at the San Diego Unified Port District — widely regarded as an especially kind and generous landlord to the city's biggest hotels — as well as two Republican city-council aides attended the \$200-per-ticket event for free, courtesy of the association.

Port commissioner Marshall Merrifield, a wealthy video surveillance and secu-

rity executive and onetime GOP council candidate in La Jolla, got two tickets and accompanied the staffers to the banquet, but later made reimbursement, according to the filing.

Merrifield — whose naming to the port commission by the city council was vetoed in January by Filner — ultimately was sworn in after Goldsmith held that the mayor could not veto council port picks and advised the city clerk to certify the appointment.

Those listed as going to the Goldens for free and not reimbursing included Diana Palacios, communications director for GOP councilmember Scott Sherman and Mayra Vazquez, an "outreach assistant" in the office of Republican councilman Mark Kersey.

No port staff names are included in the disclosure.

The "public purpose" for all of the freebies was listed by the port as "Representation of the District at event to sustain or build relationships with tenants, businesses, or local, regional, state, or federal agencies."

In what appears to be somewhat of an irony, the lobbyists gave the port a Golden award for "Revisions to Travel and Business

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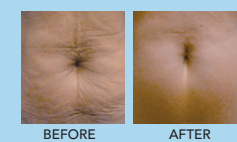
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Expense Reimbursement Policy."

Matt Potter, July 2

Comments

HonestGovernment July 2 @ 1:15 p.m.

Oh, that last bit is rich. Hard to believe Goldsmith ever agreed to play such a fool. These days bet he's regretting it. Palacios is always after Filner. Tried to accuse him of wanting to throw out local News 10 reporter at last week's presser, when in fact Filner was behaving politely (take note, attack dogs) by just muttering under his breath about the obnoxious new U-T watchdog badgering him. It's so nice that Lutar has moved on and doesn't feel it is her duty to be stupid on behalf of the champions of privatization.

A cast of characters we could do so well without, but then you'd be out of work and would have to go surfing, MP.

Chalker acquitted, free speech wins

Attorney's office says plea deal was fair — was it really?

San Diego — With each of the 13 "not guilty" verdicts, defense attorney Tom Tosdal grabbed Jeff Olson's shoulder in a sign of support and relief. On Monday, jurors rejected all 13 counts of vandalism charges filed against Olson for scribbling anti-Bank of America messages in water-soluble chalk.

It was a good day for Olson and Tosdal and for free-speech supporters across the country.

Not so for San Diego's city attorney Jan Goldsmith, his office, and for Superior Court Judge Howard Shore.

After the verdicts were read, Judge Shore explained the reasoning behind his decision to bar Tosdal from using First Amendment rights as a defense as well as for placing a gag order on the defendant prohibiting him from speaking to the media.

"The media set the tone in this case by talking about a potential 13-year sen-

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tence. It had a tendency to infuriate the public instead of informing it. Anyone in the system, the lawyers and anyone involved, knew that maximum sentence would never be handed out but still it was reported."

Outside the courtroom, Paige Hazard, the lead prosecutor on the case, also dismissed media reports and blamed Olson for turning down what she said were fair plea offers.

Hazard's comments were later backed up by an official statement from the City Attorney's Office, which criticized Olson for forcing the city's hand and taking the case to trial.

"As with most graffiti cases, Mr. Olson was offered reduction to an infraction after completing volunteer work service cleaning up graffiti," read the statement. "His refusal resulted in the trial and his successful defense."

Looking at those offers, however, fair is one of the last words that comes to mind.

On May 16, Hazard told Olson the city would drop the case if he agreed to serve 32 hours of community service, attend an eight-hour seminar by the "Corrective Behavior Institute," pay Bank of America \$6299 in restitution for the clean-up, waive all Fourth Amendment rights guarding against search and seizures, and surrender his driver's license for a three-year period.

Olson refused.

So, on June 18, as the June 25 trial date neared, Hazard offered Olson another deal.

Olson would plead guilty to one count of vandalism, agree to serve three years' probation, pay restitution — amount undetermined — spend 24 hours cleaning up graffiti, and surrender his driver's license for two years.

"I didn't see how that was fair," said Olson a few hours after the trial. "Why

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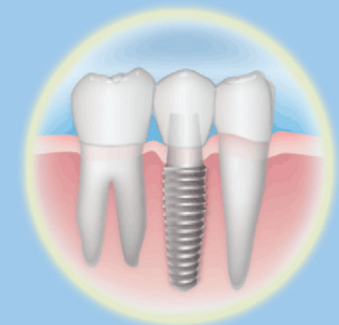


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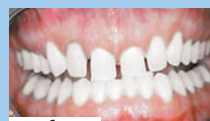
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should I have to give up my license for two years and serve three years' probation just for exercising my First Amendment rights? It's sad to see the City Attorney's Office now laying the blame on me for wasting taxpayer resources. It was their decision to take this to court, not mine."

Olson, able to speak freely without fear of violating Judge Shore's gag order, said the whole thing was never supposed to go this far.

"All I wanted to do was ask that people invest in San Diego, not some big Wall Street bank based in Charlotte, North Carolina. For me, it's the same when it comes to simple things like beer or produce. I choose to keep my money locally. I say that proudly, a Stone craft beer in hand. I choose to buy my produce at the local

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farmers' market, not some major supermarket. These are fairly simple choices that can help build a sustainable economy here, in San Diego."

Dorian Hargrove, July 1

Hood hinders hearing

Convicted child abuser delays sentencing, wants new attorney

Vista — A man declared guilty of 11 felony counts of child abuse was able to delay sentencing this morning by claiming "ineffective assistance of counsel."

Daniel Roger Hood, 43, made several "oral motions" to a judge, plus he submitted four handwritten pages in which he requested a new trial.

The one allegation made by Hood that the judge said could possibly be "grounds for a new trial" was Hood's claim that his private defense attorney, Karolyn

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Kovtun, did not "represent him adequately." The judge did not grant a new trial today, but did set a future date to rule on that request.

Before the hearing was interrupted, the father of the nine-year-old girl allegedly abused by Hood spoke to the court. The child's father is an active-duty Marine currently stationed at Camp Pendleton.

The father first said thank you to all the law-enforcement agencies that worked to gather evidence. He expressed gratitude that criminals "are put away and out of our regular society."

During his trial on May 31, Hood took the witness box to deny he was the one who took the incriminating photos and video found on his cell phone. The jury unanimously found him guilty on all counts after about an hour of deliberations.

Eva Knott, July 1

LETTERS

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rell Freeman, "Dude, if it's bothering you so much, go grab a bucket of water and a brush and wash it away. It'll take, like, 15 minutes, tops."

Simple, right? Nope. Mr. Freeman and allegedly Mr. Goldsmith are attempting to prosecute and bully featured activist/artist Mr. Olson in an effort to ... ? That's a matter for debate, and I'm not one to insinuate. But to me it stinks like last week's forgotten gym socks. Unfortunately, it's a stink we have come to either endure or ignore.

I am hoping that other good-natured people have taken what I have from this article. This is serious business. The risks to the First Amendment and a free-ish society are obvious even to a 4th grader I spoke with the other day.

Yes, the city has much better things it could be doing. If the city attorney's office

wants to say things like cases are "balanced against our need to use resources effectively and efficiently," then do it! Don't just say it. Things are already laughable at best.

Keep chalking.

Mike Mallory
El Cajon

Law & Order

I know San Diego City Attorney Jan Goldsmith is all about law and order, family values, and American flag lapel pins. If you have any doubt about his patriotism just ask him. He'll tell you.

But I'll tell you, if that thing on top of his head gets up and walks, I'm calling Homeland Security.

Name Withheld
Point Loma

Give to the Greedy

What's this nonsense about "substandard" teacher training in San Diego (News Ticker: "Report Rips Teacher-Training Programs," July 4)? I think they're doing a wonderful job of turning fertile minds into mindless

consumers.

Just look at the 24-year-old proudly displaying her \$1000 designer handbag in Street Style ("It's in the Details, July 4). Do you have any PB&J sandwiches in that purse for us hoboes living on the streets? Oops, my bad. They also taught you to give to the greedy (hurry to that Gucci summer sale, girl!) and not to the needy.

Beverly Griffin
via email

National Ridicule

We are requesting a full investigation of all correspondence between Goldsmith and his office with Bank of America and the police regarding the recent absurd trial of Mr. Olson ("Mad Chalker," July 4 cover story). There should be a full public oversight hearing on why Goldsmith's office has held San Diego up to the ridicule of the whole nation over his personal political affiliations.

Fred Sparkman
via email



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WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 888-478-2433; great-news.com

Friday | 12

EFRAÍN BARTOLOMÉ

Poet Efraín Bartolomé, a licensed psychotherapist from Mexico City, will read from and sign his published books of poetry and prose, including *Jaguar Eye* and *Ocosingo War Diary: Voices from Chiapas*. Event will be held in the Centro Cultural, on the second floor of the library.

WHEN: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Logan Heights Library, 567 South 28th Street, Logan Heights. 619-533-3968; sandiego.gov/public-library

Saturday | 13

ENVIRONMENTAL PORTRAITURE WORKSHOP

Local photojournalist Sam Hodgson leads a hands-on workshop inspired by the current photojournalism exhibition, *Pictures of the Year International*.

In this four-hour course, participants will discuss the elements of a storytelling portrait, how to approach subjects, how to deal with natural light under difficult conditions, and how to make a subject comfortable in front of the camera through both gallery and classroom instruction. Please bring a digital camera and USB thumb drive. \$50-\$60.

WHEN: 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-238-7559 x235; mopa.org.

Sunday | 14

DOWNHILL SLALOM SKATEBOARD RACING

The 2013 U.S. National Championship features top racers from around the world competing in three slalom skateboard racing events: head-to-head hybrid and a highly technical tight slalom on Saturday, and finishing with the 40 mph giant slalom event on Sunday. Racers will compete in Pro, Am/Open, Masters, and Junior divisions each day. Current and former champions are expected to attend.

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (July 13 and 14)

WHERE: North Loretta Street and Santa Anita Street, Oceanside. Lacostaboysracing.com



TUESDAY, JULY 16: HIGH TECH, LOW LIFE

Monday | 15

KIDS' CHEESE PARTY

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WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Half-day option ends at 12:00)

WHERE: Venissimo Cheese Del Mar, 2650 Via de la Valle #C140, Del Mar. 858-847-9616; venissimo.com

Tuesday | 16

POV DOCUMENTARY: HIGH TECH, LOW LIFE

Film follows two of China's first citizen-reporters, bloggers who are fighting censorship to document the underside of the country's rapid economic development. Watch this documentary on the P.B. Library's big screen before it airs on KPBS.

WHEN: 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.

WHERE: Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. 858-581-9934; pblibraryfriends.org

Wednesday | 17

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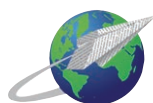
WHEN: 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Stone Brewing Liberty Station, 2816 Historic Decatur Road #116, Point Loma. 619-269-2100; stonelibertystation.com



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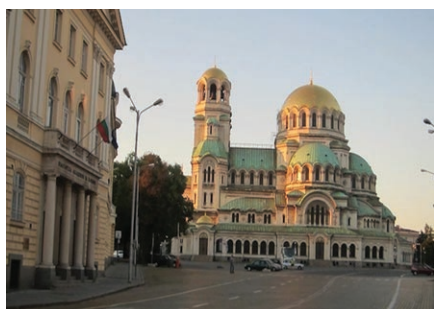
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Sofia's Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

Sofia, Bulgaria

By Dominic Carrillo

I hung out the other day with a 50-something-year-old Bulgarian bus driver named Boris. He'd taken one of my classes on a field trip, and I'd offered to buy him and the tour guide a drink at some point later that day. It was a gesture. I didn't think they'd really take me up on the offer, but I'm glad they did.

The three of us sat at a table on the sidewalk in front of a small bar. Boris didn't speak much English. His voice was deep and his accent was thick. But my Bulgarian vocabulary, about 25 words, was much worse. So, the tour

guide, Lukas, served as the translator most of the time.

Before our beers arrived, Boris pulled out a plastic water bottle with a gold-colored liquid inside. He smiled so widely that his eyes became narrow slits.

"You have my *rakia*?" he asked and pointed to the bottle. "I make. Try."

"Yes," I said. It was still early in the afternoon, but I didn't want to be impolite and reject an elder Bulgarian's friendly offer.

Boris poured a tall glass halfway full and rambled off something in Bulgarian.

"He says that *rakia* bought in stores is probably 30- to 40-proof power," Lukas translated, "but this homemade stuff is close to 70 proof."

"*Nazdrave*," Boris said and held his glass out to mine. Lukas did the same.

"*Nazdrave*. Cheers."

We all took big sips. I made a pained expression and Boris chuckled like a mafioso as he leaned back in his chair. But the smile was soon wiped off of his face when two teenage boys ran by our table yelling at each other, almost bumping into us. Boris shook his head and grunted like an angry bear.

"This problem now," he said, and trailed off in his native tongue.

"He says that there is no order in these days," Lukas explained. "He misses this about the Soviet times. There was order then. No crime. No teenagers running around like that. No problems."

"No problems?" I asked.

"Well, yes, there is always some problems," Lukas admitted, "but comparatively it was a good time." Lukas was speaking for himself now: "I don't agree, but he is much older than me. He was in the Red Army, too."

"What else did Boris like about the Soviet era?" I asked.

Lukas translated my question and Boris concentrated on him, then me. He paused before responding in Bulgarian. Lukas translated:

"He says things were more equal in Communist times. Everybody could go to the mountains in the winter and to the beach in the summer. Nobody was poor and hungry. We didn't have much, but there was no excess. Also, the leaders led and there were no questions. It was simple and direct."

I took another drink of *rakia* and added another cube of ice. Even though I knew the basics of Soviet history, I asked Boris more questions because this man had lived it.

"What was worse about the Soviet times, compared to now?"

Lukas didn't need to translate my question because Boris understood me.

Lukas listened to Boris's response and then explained: "He says that if you wanted to buy a car back then, you had

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Other Adventures



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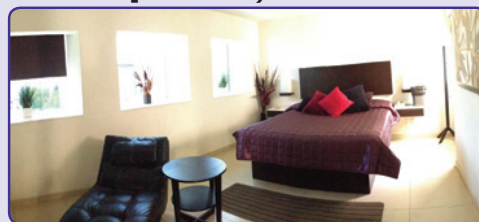
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Hiking length: About one mile in length. **Difficulty:** Easy. Facilities in the campground area.



Beware of poison oak; it grows vigorously and can be beautiful when the leaves are mixed red and green.

The Dos Picos Regional Park is a bit of a hidden treasure tucked in the heart of Ramona. The 78-acre park features a large, well-maintained picnic area and campgrounds with good facilities nestled within shady oak woodlands and boulders. The nature trail is a special treat with beautiful views of the park and surrounding hills and an abundance of unusually large and healthy native plant species.

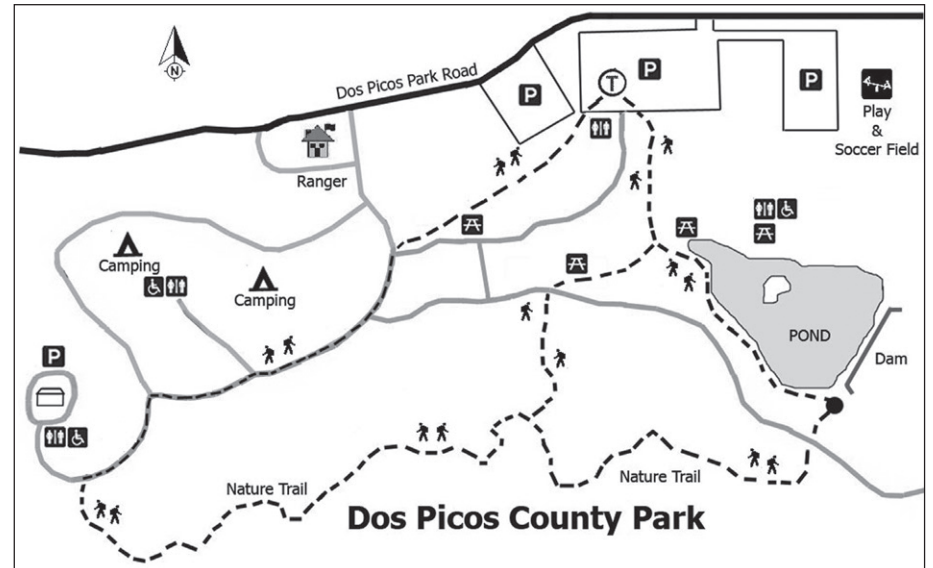
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Ernie Pantoja Memorial Trail. The official trailhead is located between camping spots 48 and 49 and is marked with a sign, a memorial plaque, and a low brick wall backed by large, dramatic boulders. However, the other end of the trail is easier to access from the picnic area parking lot.

Starting from the map kiosk in the parking lot, walk to your left until you see a charming wooden bridge leading you into a shady area with oak

trees and rocks. The bridge spans a seasonal stream that is dry part of the year. This leads past many picnic tables and a pond with ducks, grackles, and other birds. Walk to your right, almost to the southeast corner of the pond, and you will reach the back of the Ernie Pantoja Memorial Trail. This part of the path leads up the hill and is less shady, but the path is wide, terraced, and very well maintained, so it is not a difficult climb.

This path packs a large number of native plants into a short, 1-mile trail. There are several varieties of oak trees, providing periodic shade. Usually one finds small plants of yellow monkey flower or red-flowered, heart-leaf penstemons, and only one or a few plants at a time in the East County. Here, large stands of these plants make a surprising and beautiful display in the late spring. Many plants found along this trail show unusually large leaves and tall growth, suggesting a good amount of precipitation. The



ceanothus may be hard to recognize in an almost tree-like form. You will see a lot of scrub oak, yerba santa, sugar bush, and laurel sumac. Beware of poison oak; it grows vigorously and can be beautiful when the leaves are mixed red and green. Other native plants to look for include black mustard (yellow flowers), elderberry, bush penstemon, chamise (yellow flowers), black sage, giant bedstraw, mountain mahogany (feathery seeds), currant, purple aster, sawtooth golden bush, Indian pinks (red flowers), deer weed, wild cucumber, pearly everlasting, purple phacelia, bee plant, and honeysuckle. If you are

lucky enough to see the red berry bush in fruit, the bright, translucent berries seem to glow in the sunlight. A surprising find is the zylococcus bicolor (mission manzanita) or two-toned manzanita. This variety of manzanita has curled leaves, dark green on top and light green on bottom. It has a limited range and is usually found closer to the coast.

There is a good view of Mount Woodson about halfway through the trail and the intermittent shade makes the hike suitable for any time of year. If you are interested in the

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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. Saturday, July 13, 6pm; **free**. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Local Color and The Dirty Can-teen Opening for two exhibits. Featuring Jesse Albrecht, Thomas Dang, Mike Dooley, Giuseppe Pellicano, and Ehren Tool, as well as a collaboration of artists who are part of the Veteran Art Movement. Also showing the PhotoArt Group's *Reflections*. Gene Ingles-Ward will demonstrate painting and drawing with sticks and ink. Saturday, July 13, 5:30pm; **free**. Escondido Arts Partnership/ Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Anniversary Show A special group exhibition with Walfrido Garcia, Steve Barton, and David Wight. Each will have new master-works on display, and the show will

have a luau theme, offering music and food. Friday, July 12, 6pm; Saturday, July 13, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. Exclusive Collections Gaslamp Quarter, 437 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO). Also, Saturday, July 13, 12pm; Sunday, July 14, 12pm; **free**. Exclusive Collections Seaport Village, 835 West Harbor Drive suite AB. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Art Demonstration Watercolor artist William Dunn demonstrates. 760-434-8497. Friday, July 12, 1:30pm; **free**. Calavera Hills Park, 2997 Glasgow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Art of Sound Art of Sound is a celebration of life, music, art, culture, and equality. Saturday, July 13, 2pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. World-Beat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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

ArtStop: Arnold Newman A 15-minute, staff-led tour of one to three works on view. Thursday, July 11, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Docent Trainee Information Session This two-year program involves classes every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, September through May, and field trips to

view related regional exhibitions. Courses focus on works from the museum's permanent collection, and cover a broad range of art history, featuring lectures by docents, museum staff, curators, and local scholars. The docent training program emphasizes strategies and techniques for leading tours for adults, children, and individuals with special needs. Thursday, July 11, 9am; **free**. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Drop-In Days: Exploring Places in Art Designed for children and adults to do together, activities include art projects inspired by the museum's permanent collection; family-friendly, docent-led tours; and art-focused games to play in the galleries. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Sunday, July 14, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Illuminated Manuscripts Inspired by Temple, Palace, Mosque Using gouache paints in traditional colors, including gold, create decorative text and imagery on papyrus paper. Saturday, July 13, 1pm; \$40-\$50. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Jay Johnson Lecture Artist Jay Johnson presents a talk on the history of the San Diego art scene in the 1980s. 760 435-3721. Saturday, July 13, 2pm; **free**. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

July Opening Reception This month's featured artist is water-

colorist Penny Fedorchak. Media categories for the main show include: oil/acrylic, water media, mixed media, pastel, drawing and printmaking, photography, digital fine art, and sculpture. Shows through July 27. 760-434-8497. Sunday, July 14, 3pm; **free**. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

Painting and Vino Recreate "Forest Trail" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, July 14, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Art of Nature Create art from nature using natural materials. Participants will meet at the San Dieguito River Park Headquarters for a ranger-led interpretive hike on the Highland Valley Trails to collect materials and then return to make art. Register: sdrvc@sdrvc.org, subject: TAN. Contact: Amanda Ashley Toombs, amanda@sdrvc.org. Saturday, July 13, 10am; **free**-\$5. San Dieguito River Park Headquarters, 18372 Sycamore Creek Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Upcycled / Recycled Fashion Show Local artists transform old clothing into modern, one-of-a-kind apparel. Event features a DJ, food, and a performance by The Bobby Sanchez Combo. Saturday, July 13, 8pm; **free**. Sew Loka's Handmade Artisan Collective, 1821 5th Ave, San Diego 92101

Western Art Exhibit Experience the west through the paintings and sculptures of 28 local artists, whose work expresses the nostalgia and beauty of American western landscapes and people. Curated by artist Mehl Lawson. Contact: Julie Gay, 619-267-5141 or bonitamuseum@sbcglobal.net. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, July 20, **free**-\$5. Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

Works of Art In this two-week series, children will explore freedom of expression through drawing and painting. Includes introduction to the fundamentals of art: line, light, color, value, hue, texture, composition, space, and design. Each class will be accompanied by classical music and a discussion on great works of art. Instructor Orna McCann. A list of art supplies will be given upon registration. Ages 3 to 6. Meets July 13 and 20. 619-223-0058. Saturday, July 13, 8:30am; \$29-\$33. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Efrain Bartolomé Poet Efrain Bartolomé, a licensed psychotherapist from Mexico City, will read from and sign his published books of poetry and prose, including *Jaguar Eye* and *Ocosingo War Diary: Voices from Chiapas*. Event will be held in the Centro Cultural, on the second floor of the library. Friday, July 12, 4pm; **free**. Logan Heights Library, 567 South 28th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

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COMEDY

The Sklar Brothers. Comedians from Chelsea Lately and Comedy Central. 619-795-3858. Thursday, July 11, 8pm. Friday, July 12, 7:30 & 9:30pm. Saturday, July 13, 7:30 & 9:30pm. The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue (DOWNTOWN)

Erik Knowles. Fresh off opening for Sarah Silverman and Zach Galifianakis from the blockbuster movie *Hangover* Erik Knowles headlines the Comedy Palace! Friday, July 12, 7:30pm & 9:30pm. Saturday, July 13, 2013, 7:30pm 9:30pm. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (KEARNY MESA)

Josh Blue Perhaps best known as the comedian who puts the cerebral in Cerebral Palsy, Josh Blue exploded onto the national comedy scene by capturing the attention and endearment of the country as the winner of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*. Having already established himself as one of the most sought after comedians on the college circuit, his weekly appearances on Last Comic in the summer of 2006 expanded his fan base exponentially. Most recently, Josh debuted a new special, *Comedy Central Presents: Josh Blue*. Saturday, July 13, 8pm; Ramona Mainstage Nightclub, 626 Main Street. (RAMONA)

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to save up for 15 years. Then you could only buy Russian-made Lada. Now we have more choices, but only the rich can make whatever choices they want.”

“Is that the only thing that’s better?” I asked.

“He says that you couldn’t talk about the government in a bad way. If you did, they would find out and put you in a prison camp.”

I nodded my head, indicating that I understood, but I knew that I hadn’t absorbed it in any real sense: my only knowledge of political prison camps was what I’d seen in the movies.

“You like?” Boris asked me in English, pointing to his glass of *rakia*.

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“Da,” I lied. “It’s good.” What else could I say? He’d made the drink himself and it was clear that he took great pride in it. “It’s strong.”

“Da,” Boris said and laughed, “Very strrrrong.” He grabbed my glass and poured more *rakia* for me with apparently no regard for our waiter or the bar’s policy on bringing your own liquor.

I drank that glass and the next one he poured because I was being polite, which was a mistake. It turns out that mixing *rakia* and beer doesn’t work. But I loved the experience: sitting and drinking with a former Soviet soldier, hearing about his nostalgia and mixed feelings about past- and present-day Bulgaria.

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Bodylogue Presented by Blythe Barton Dance. Featured Dancers: Anne Gehman, Stephanie Harvey, Cecily Holcombe, Bradley R. Lundberg, Cara Steen, Nicholas

Strasberg, and Brittany Taylor. 714-345-9861. Saturday, July 13, 4pm and 7pm; Sunday, July 14, 2pm and 5pm; \$10-\$15. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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Rhyme & Verse

The Undeniable Pressure of Existence

A poem by Patricia Fargnoli

I saw the fox running by the side of the road
past the turned-away brick faces of the condominiums
past the Citco gas station with its line of cars and trucks
and he ran, limping, gaunt, matted dull haired
past Jim's Pizza, past the Wash-O-Mat,
past the Thai Garden, his sides heaving like bellows
and he kept running to where the interstate
crossed the state road and he reached it and he ran on
under the underpass and beyond it past the perfect
rows of split-levels, their identical driveways
their brookless and forestless yards,
and from my moving car, I watched him,
helpless to do anything to help him, certain he was beyond
any aid, any desire to save him, and he ran loping on,
far out of his element, sick, panting, starving,
his eyes fixed on some point ahead of him,

some possible salvation
in all this hopelessness, that only he could see.



Patricia Fargnoli, the New Hampshire Poet Laureate from 2006 to 2009, has published four books and three chapbooks of poetry. Her latest book, *Then, Something*, co-won the New England Poetry Club's Shelia Mooton Award, won *ForeWord Magazine's* Silver Poetry Book Award, was an honorable mention for the Eric Hoffer Awards, and was a finalist for the New Hampshire Literary Poetry Book Award. A retired clinical social worker, she has published widely in literary journals and is the recipient of a MacDowell Fellowship and an honorary BFA degree from the New Hampshire Institute of Art. "The Undeniable Pressure of Existence" is from her collection *Duties of the Spirit*, published by Tupelo Press in 2005. Her poem is reprinted with permission.

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Bastille Day

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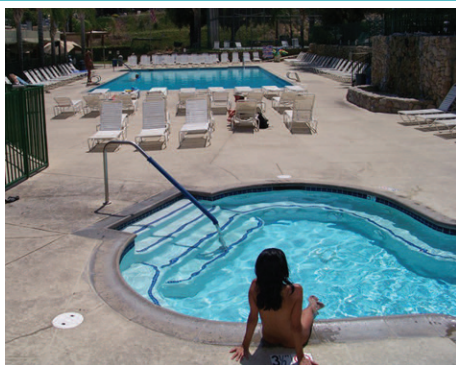
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Curbside Bites Dinner A weekly food truck gathering. Thursdays, 5:30pm; through Thursday, December 12, free. J Street between 3rd & 4th Avenues. (DOWNTOWN)

Mission Bay Brew-Cation 2013 Get unlimited beer and food, souvenir tasting glass, and a commemorative lanyard during social evening of culinary delight highlighting San Diego local chefs and nine local breweries. Friday, July 12, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Dana Hotel on Mission Bay, 1710 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

FOR KIDS

DNA Day with the Salk Institute—Mutant Flies Get a close up view of real mutant fruit flies. Learn about the strange-but-true things that can happen in the realm of genetics. Participants can also learn about genes and mutations as through an educational hands-on activity. Saturday, July 13, 12pm; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Mix it Up with Media Arts Kids in grades 4-7 explore photography, graphic design, fabrics, paints, and more. Class runs July 14 to 26, and offers half (9:30-12:00) and full (9:30-3:30) options. Sunday, July 14, 9:30am; free-\$200. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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LIFE at MiraCosta College Lectures "Verdi and the Italians" with David Lewis. In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Giuseppe Verdi's birth, listen to music of

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OUTDOORS

Discovery Table: Critter Camouflage Delve into animal lifestyles and discover the many forms of camouflage critters depend on to thrive in nature. Inside Visitor Center. Saturday, July 13, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Rabbit Run Jack rabbits clock 35 m.p.h.; bush bunnies stay close to home. Learn about wildlife in their neighborhood on a naturalist-led hike through grassland, river lake habitats. Meet at Campground Entry Station. Saturday, July 13, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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Age: 53

Born: Dallas, Texas

Formation: Chriswell Bible College, Dallas, Texas; Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY (MA extension).

Years Ordained: 27

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

Pastor Victor Vaughn: My favorite subject is how the Jewish Passover relates to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. First, it shows the sovereignty of God and the plan of God for salvation. It shows he is sovereign over his

tory and that Christ died on Passover was God's plan to show us that Jesus died to set us free, to be able to worship God. In Passover, God sees the blood on the doorpost and promises to pass over those houses — so the blood of Jesus was shed so the judgment might pass over us by grace. We're made free by grace. So the message is about freedom and trusting God's promise; it's about the mystery of God's control of history and plan for us in it.

SDR: Why did you become a minister in the first place?

PV: I became a minister because first of all I felt called. I fell in love with the Lord and felt that he was calling me. I don't know what he

was calling me to — but, as I was living in Cambodia and Thailand for ten years, I felt the call and that God wanted me to become a minister.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PV: The mission of Agape is to make God's love and truth known to the world, and to be a light for the world and instruments to reflect that love. Agape means love — it is the highest form of love in Greek in terms of the way it is considered. It's unconditional love — which is God's love for us. It's our desire, which isn't to say we've reached that goal, but our desire is to reflect God's unconditional love to each other and to the world.

Agape is an amazing little church because, even though we have only 40 or 50 people on a Sunday morning, we are very mixed — just last Sunday we had Anglos, African-American, Filipino, Ethiopian, Chinese, Cambodian, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and Persian.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PV: God created man's spirit to be eternal. Man will live forever — in the spirit and image of God. So those who know Christ and experienced what the blood of Christ offers to them will surely go



Pastor Victor Vaughn, with his wife Natasha, says "It's not my job to point my finger and condemn people to hell."

to heaven; and those who don't, Jesus warned about the issues related to hell. I believe there is a hell. I don't claim to understand all of it but if you ask do I believe hell in real, I do believe it is real in some sense. If a man's not accepted as a child of God, then he's

left to live forever without God. That is hell — eternally existing continually separated from God and remembering the opportunities to live instead with God. That is eternal torment to the soul. It's not my job to point my finger and condemn people to hell; rather, my job is to preach the hope of forgiveness and salvation. The ultimate judgment is going to rest with God for each individual at death.

— Joseph O'Brien

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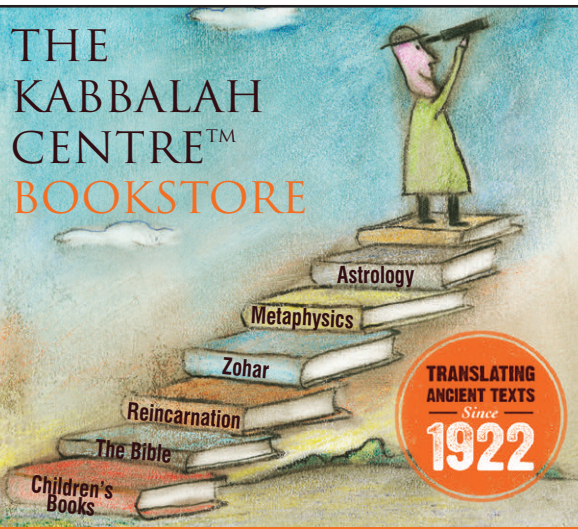
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Brunch at Heights Tavern

The Heights Tavern (3377 Adams Avenue, 619-501-3455) has made a solid bid to stick around and become a part of Normal Heights. At first, the rabble roused themselves over the presence of a second True North opening Uptown. For a lot of people, there was this idea that Pacific Beach bro culture, and its perceived violence, would somehow invade North Park, leaving the hipsters with nowhere to park their skinny jeans and flannel shirts.

Well, that didn't happen, not really. If anything, twenty-something sports fans have a place to call their own and there's more room than ever for the 30-plussers to queue up at BLAH. More bars isn't *always* mo' betta, but it can be.

The Tavern, scenting success, now serves brunch until 3pm on the weekends. It's a welcome addition, if for no other reason than that Antique Row, Adams Avenue Grill, and Park House are too busy half the time and it's a hassle to get a seat!

The patio seating pulls the most weight in Heights Tavern's bid for brunch patrons.

With plenty of sunlight and good people-watching along Adams Ave., I could only wish for more seats than the handful of four-tops lined up along the sidewalk. Lots of sports on TV is a good or bad thing, depending on your predilections. Objectively speaking, it's hard to find a better spot in the neighborhood on a nice day.

As for the food, the kitchen at Heights has kept

on an upward trend since I first went there. Successful visits have shown improvement, and the patty melt (\$10.50) at brunch was on the better side of average. The burger remained succulent and the gently caramelized onions had a heady sweetness to them. The runny yolk of the fried egg turned the entire sandwich into a saucy mess, but that's to be expected from a good patty melt!

FEAST!

I saw plenty of other nice-looking dishes go out: some generous salads, benedicts, waffles, french toasts, and the like; nothing adventurous. Heights Tavern is not that kind of place. Like I said, the kitchen is a perfectly dependable average. You will be neither thrilled nor disappointed. The only thing that disappointed me was a lack of sugary coffee drinks. I'm all for mimosas and bloody Marys, but I also want a hot cup of decent coffee with my brunch. Always. Other than that, I left full of food and soaked with sun.

by Ian Pike



Ian Pike found that the Heights Tavern's patty melt "remained succulent and the gently caramelized onions had a heady sweetness to them."

Cheers, chews, boos, booze

"YESS!" Andrea and Alli scream it out with the rest of the pub.

They're backing Boston, and the Bruins have just scored their first goal against the Chicago Blackhawks in game 3 of the playoffs for the Stanley Cup.

This is at Stout Public House (1125 Sixth Avenue downtown, 619-702-7933), which is, like, Ice Hockey Central for hundreds of fans from the colder parts of the U.S., Canada, Russia, and, if the guys next to me are typical, Taiwan.

Or maybe not. "Ice hockey in Taiwan?" says my neighbor. "Oh, no. This is the first ice hockey game I have ever seen."

Me, I've just scored my first \$2 happy-hour slider.



Andrea and Ali were among the hockey fans watching the Stanley Cup finals while Ed Bedford enjoyed a slider and a beer at Stout Public House.

So, even though you don't have the best view of one of the big screens from this end of the bar, I'm a happy camper. I paid \$7.25 for the slider, plus a pint of Alesmith IPA.

The little burger's taller than it is wide. It has all the fixins: lettuce, tomato, red onion, then a nice plumped-up patty with a big oozing hat of Swiss cheese. Don't do as I did — tried to eat it with its cocktail stick still stuck through it. I just about impaled my lower lip taking a chomp.

By the time I'm through, the Bruins have scored their second goal and I've finished my slider-and-beer combo, and come out feeling pretty satisfied.

"This is a light night," says Mark Prendergast, looking around the crowd.

He's one of the owners who's serving up beers at an incredible rate to bar customers and servers. Looks pretty crowded to me.

"This is nothing," he says. "From here on it's going to be totally crazy."

Stout's regular happy hour (a generous 4:00–8:00 p.m., Monday to Friday) will carry on as normal through the Cup craziness.

by Ed Bedford

Happy hour at Cafe 21

It's really a shame that I didn't get to include Cafe 21's "happiest hour" in the *Reader* happy-hour

issue. Either I didn't know about it or the menu hadn't been launched in time for the story — maybe a combination of both. No matter. Suffice to say that the North Park (2736 Adams Avenue) restaurant's happy hour (3–6pm every day) absolutely rocks. They have the same deal at the downtown (750 Fifth Avenue) location, but I'm partial to Adams Ave. The patio's not as sunny as it could be in the late afternoon, but it's still a great spot to chill out and sip on a \$4 glass of sangria or a \$3 draft beer.

But it's the *food* that aston-

ished. When they put the happy-hour menu in front of me, I nearly whooped with delight. 21 different tapas for \$4 each, all of which showcase Cafe 21's artful touch that elevates humble braised and skewered meats to contemporary art. The restaurant punches well above its weight and always has.

Avocado fries? Okay. Great. They figured out how to lightly fry avocado and serve it with a spicy aioli. Perfect! Texturally on point and flavorful.

Potato pancake with braised lamb? Another great little dish. Deceptively rich and flavorful, the potato pancake's silky interior contrasted with a crispy outside. The braised lamb, studded with heirloom tomatoes and caramelized onions, amounted to much more than a small bite.

Duck wings? Well, ducks don't yield very good wings, but 21 managed to make a decent dish of it. Despite being on the ugly side, the braised wings had been splashed with a tangy pomegranate sauce that I could have spooned up like soup. Yum. Not for the faint of heart, the wings had what you might call Chinatown charm.

Would that I had time to try the lamb *kufta* (Middle Eastern sausage), chicken curry cake, cheese fondue, or toast and jam. Next time, Cafe 21!

I did have room for dessert, opting for the flourless chocolate cake. Baked to order, it was more of a custard than a cake. That makes sense, since "flourless chocolate cake" is like a heavy soufflé

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mated with an overdone crème brûlée. Either way, having sweets on the tapas menu was a plus.

I was prepared for a cozy happy-hour nosh, but Cafe 21 just plain rocked my socks. Oh, and the service was great, in case anybody was wondering. The staff managed to blend conviviality with efficiency, giving a solo diner a wonderful experience without overstepping the bounds of propriety.

by Ian Pike

Country Invades City (Heights)! Nate's Garden Grill

Walking — again. This time up Home Avenue. Seeking out the holy grail of locovore cooking.

That's what I've been told, anyway. Also that this place's happy hour — four to six — has real deals with flatbreads and a whole range of craft beers. If it works out, that's three for three for me: locovore, happy hour, local beers.

It's a gentle slope up on a busy road. Maybe ¼ of a mile, till you get an erk! moment when Euclid tees into Home and takes over, no questions asked. Home becomes

Euclid.

I spot the sign right up from these crossroads.

"City Farmers Nursery Cafe."

The nursery's on the left, and a little further up, on a recycled board and corrugated iron building, another sign:

"Nate's Garden Grill...21 Craft Beers on Tap."

All right! You can see a covered outside deck, with more eatery in behind.

This is at 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights (619-546-7700). Behind, a hillside carved with mini-canyons, dotted with trees, animal pens, and dusty farmyards.

I mean, suddenly, country! I head up the stairs and into this woody, cozy cabin.

Bottom line: They have a menu that goes from a \$4 pan of roasted pistachios to a \$10 grass-fed burger to a \$14 salumi-and-cheese board.

Except this is happy hour till six (I've got 15 minutes to spare). Foodwise, it just applies to their three flatbreads. Normally they're \$9 each. Right now: 50 percent off, \$4.50. The "MeatMen" has pepperoni, mozzarella, and tomato sauce; the second one has potato, pancetta (basically pork-belly bacon), house-made ricotta, plus harissa, a North

African spicy spread; the third has rapini (think lettuce meets broccoli), caramelized onion, blue cheese, and a garlic mix.

I go for the potato one and head out onto the deck.

It's great out here. Feels like a place you'd find in the country or where the jocks in *The Right Stuff* would hang out.

Oh, and I see this guy George bringing out a huge cob of corn with its husks flapping, to the next table. Says it's only \$2 right now. Dang. I order one, too.

George brings it all out.

The flatbread is...huge. And popping with chunks of spuds, that pancetta bacon, and white ricotta, all on an oozy, lush bed of red harissa sauce. I can't believe it's all for \$4.50. Plus \$2 for the corn.

Jared and Jim, the guys next door, have ordered a lot, including bratwurst, chili, and pistachios, and a Seamus O'Hara Irish stout (\$4.50 in dollar-off happy hour) and a Forêt Organic Saison by Dupont. Belgium (\$5.50 HH). Organic beers! Looks like they have interesting choices here...

Organic is big here. Lance, one of the founders, says they try to grow as much of their food right here at Nate's organic nursery, like veggies and eggs. "Bill Tall [Nate's father and the nursery owner] has let us use part of

his land to grow food. We just started three months ago, but we're growing food everywhere we can find space. Like, see that container? We're even going to be growing tomatoes in a garden on top of that," he says, pointing to a ship's container sitting in the dirt parking yard.

These guys are walking the walk. Turns out they have a full-time gardener, George (though he helps out in here, too). Plus, they're working with a gal named Kelsey to get milk from the goats that she and her little collective are rearing here at the nursery. Gardeners from the New Roots Community Garden, the one the IRC (International Rescue Committee) got going at 54th Street and Chollas Avenue, bring their veggies here. On and on.

I can't finish my flatbread. It's just too much. I sure hope these guys don't lose this feeling of, well, generosity when it comes to food. And so nice to know you're not eating nitrates and chemical poisons with every chomp, too.

Oh, I also have a totally wonderful beer, the Greenjack Ripper barley wine. Happy-hour price, \$6. But there's a story attached to that. More in an upcoming Tin Fork.

by Ed Bedford

San Diego's Top 6 Ethiopian restaurants

If I learned one thing from Tour de Cheesesteak, it's that people demand a reckoning. It's a tough thing to give out. Every restaurant has its strengths and weaknesses, and deciding which of those makes one place "better" than another is a dubious prospect since no single restaurant can be the right spot for every diner on every night. Still, I'm not above putting together a list. For your enjoyment, a ranking of San Diego's Ethiopian restaurants, in reverse order.

6. Red Sea

Being at the bottom of the list doesn't mean it *sucked*, but the food was the worst of the bunch, the surroundings were only average, and the locale left much to be desired. Unfortunately, "not being disgusted" is not much of a glowing review. Red Sea is mediocre, at best, and that just doesn't cut it.

5. Awash Market

Awash may have good food — especially so for vegetarians — but it's not much of a restaurant. If this was a take-out competition, Awash Market would fare much better. But hospitality matters and having to jump

through hoops to pay for food and leave tips, not to mention shooing fruit flies, is damaging to the final score.

4. Asmara

Friendly service and a generous hand on the *niter kibbeh* spoon puts Asmara on the high side of average. Nobody eating there will be disappointed. The food isn't mind-boggling, but it's good enough to leave happy smiles on the faces of *injera*-stuffed diners. Having a parking lot in an otherwise treacherous stretch of City Heights only helps the cause.

3. Muzita

This is tough to rank. The service and ambiance are top notch, but the food is only equal, if not inferior to, the other spots in the top three. Make no mistake: Muzita's food is very good and worth experiencing. It's also the only place with a wine list, albeit a modest one, of any substance. Weighing the value of the premium Muzita charges over the other restaurants in the survey is difficult, but the final verdict has to be that it's not sufficiently superior to the top two contenders to demand a higher price.

2. Harar

The food here was as good or better than any other. The *kitfo* was generous, wonderfully raw,

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and of excellent quality. The atmosphere inside the restaurant could have been more well kept, but the spacious, sheltered patio was a great escape from the trials of the Boulevard. With food equal to Muzita and 40 percent lower prices, Harar is a sure bet for *anyone* in search of stewed foods and all the *injera* in the world to sop them up

1. Awash Restaurant

Awash's only failing is a location too far out ECB for most of us lazy North Park hipsters to push, pedal, or perambulate ourselves. The food was equal to Harar in terms of affordability and the portions were the most generous of all. Really, what made Awash stand out was the ridiculous cordiality of the staff and the few other customers. Being treated like an old friend at a humble little restau is an experience like none other, and in that respect Awash earned top honors.

by Ian Pike

Hole lotta gourmet going on

"Sold out." Whack? It's written clear across the window of this new donut place I've run across on B Street downtown. Okay, it is in the afternoon. But not that late.

I have to go in. "We usually run out around eleven in the morning," says this guy, Santiago Campa. "It has been crazy ever since we opened, March 28th."

It seems these guys do gour-

met donuts with far-out flavors, like ones soaked in Jim Beam whiskey and ones that look like mini birthday cakes. "We have also mimicked a New York invention called the 'cronut,'" says Santiago. "Croissant meets donut. Thin pastry in eight folds. It melts in your mouth."

He says he's from a background in hotels like the Four Seasons but wanted to break out on his own.

He and his partner Wendy Bartels decided there was a big, uh, hole in the gourmet level of the donut market.

"We looked in L.A., Orange County for the perfect spot. But I'm from San Diego. So, one day I just got my bike and started riding around downtown and asking people. And, I swear, everyone would look at me like they were totally frustrated and said, 'We don't have a donut shop downtown. It sucks!' So that's how come we decided on this location."

The sign on the window sure seems like evidence they were right.

Man. I've got to come back. As I'm leaving, Javier Jiménez, Santiago's partner from Seven Café around the corner, comes in and starts cutting holes in pastry.

"We're combining forces on our version of the cronut," Santiago says. "We call it the 'Cro'Bar.' Honestly. You've got to try it."

That and a lot of others. Guess I'll have to come back...in the morning.

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I'll take my burgers stuffed

This corner. Market and 25th. Every time I come up and over the hump here, seems like this place has a different eatery.

Think it was a tamale place, an Urban Chicken place, an Adalberto's...see that's shifted across the road, kitty-corner.

But now, it's looking different. Refreshed. Where they had barred windows, now they've cut the danged windows clear out and made it all kinda inside-outside.

Above the window spaces they have chalkboards. And the first thing I read is "Surf Turf Burger: Garlic shrimp and cream cheese stuffed burger topped with orange sweet sour."

And next to it: "Coconut crusted fish on a GC salad with cranberries, goat cheese, and raspberry vinaigrette."

Guess that "GC" stands for "Goat Cheese."

So, we're talking gourmet stuff here. Tempted by the surf and turf.

Inside it's industrial chic. Shiny vertical corrugated aluminum on one side, yellow on the other, yellow seat cushions, yellow and black counter. Polished plank tables. Shelves stuffed with every hot sauce you ever saw.

Elizabeth, the gal at the counter, gives me the menu. "San Diego's stuffed burger and taco joint," it says.

Basically we're talking burgers, tacos, and salads.

"The funny thing is that mostly it's the Anglos asking for the tacos and the Mexicans who ask for the burgers," says the other guy here, Jason.

Me, even though the tacos are, like, \$2.50 and the burgers are around \$10, I can't resist the idea of a stuffed burger. Is this new or what? It is for me. They have everything from "El Diablo," stuffed with jalapeño, spiced Monterey Jack and bacon (\$10)

to the Black and Bleu (blackened spiced burger patty stuffed with blue cheese, caramelized onions, and mushrooms, \$10).

So, kinda like Burger Lounge prices, except here you get your fries included, not as extras.

But I go for my first love, the surf and turf (\$10). Then I decide to order up a Black and Bleu to take back to the beautiful Carla at the ranch.

Man, with this sun streaming through the open sides, I could go for a sunset beer. But, alas, Jason says they've applied for a wine-and-beer license but it's probably a couple of months away.

So, five minutes, and out comes the steaming burger.

Oh, now I get it. The middle of the meat patty is stuffed with the shrimp. Co-ool. And the garlicky shrimp taste really comes through. It's a mess. A beautiful mess. Creamy, herby, sweet, sour, and those marinated onions add their slick sweetness.

Except I can't help wondering what I'm missing from the to-go

package of the Black and Bleu...

Post report: I think Carla got the best deal. My surf and turf was good, but in a delicate way. Her Black and Bleu really socked it to ya with a rich, deep sweet 'n' sour thing, from the one bite I got.

"Rich," she says. "Too rich."

Dang. No way too rich for me. More in upcoming Tin Fork.

by Ed Bedford

Broke Girls Coffee Bar open in Normal Heights

A word to the wise: the name of Normal Heights' new "Broke Girls Coffee Bar" (3562 Adams Avenue, 619-546-8302) abbreviates to BGCB as a play on the former New York City nightclub (CBGB), *not* the fashion design group (BCBG)! I know, I know. All those B's, C's, and G's can get confusing, but rest assured that the owners have deeper sentimentalities for punk rock than the red carpet. That's not to say the place can't be cute...dare I

say, adorable? Between the pink signage, cozy coffee bar, and the extensively shaded patio seating, Broke Girls is downright fetching!

I gathered they have a suitably punk-rock DIY attitude about everything, but the overall effect is quite pro. Despite being open for just over a month, it's a homey, welcoming shop. No doubt a lot of hard work went into making it that way. Blazing fast WiFi, which gave me no grief over signing in on the sometimes-recalcitrant computer, made the spot good for sitting and getting some work done on a nice day. Were the weather chilly, Broke Girls could prove drafty by virtue of design, so it's probably a better place for sunny days.

The coffee, while not quite on par with the snooty coffee-as-art-form places, was better than average. I got spoiled for choice looking at the menu, which offered all the best cups (pour-over, cold brew, espresso, etc.) for serious coffee with-

out any of the triple-mocha-chunky-creamsicle drinks that make my pancreas recoil in horror and my heart beat 30 percent faster.

Best of all were the little pies. I had this personalized peaches-and-cream confection that impressed me with a delicate, slightly sweet crust and a texturally satisfying interior. This isn't quite the next-generation gourmet pie shop that I'm (still) waiting for, but it was definitely a step in the right direction. Good to see somebody giving pie its rightful place atop the pastry pantheon.

It also looks like Broke Girls brings in a lot of musicians for shows. This weekend, they have two acts lined up for Saturday, which further augments the fact that BGCB is a better destination hangout spot than a mobile office for the freelance crowd. All that fresh breeze may not be good for work and study, but it's rad for chilling on the patio and hearing some sweet new jams.

by Ian Pike

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couldn't believe they were advertising Bad Company with Paul Rodgers by using Brian Howe stuff. It blew me away."

Paul Rodgers sang the leads on all of Bad Company's biggest hits ("Can't Get Enough," "Feel Like Makin' Love," "Bad Company"), all

Simon Kirke, five years ago, and the three have anchored Bad Company ever since.

Brian Howe fronted the band from 1984 through 1994. Pedro says he saw Howe's Bad Company 20 years ago.

"I told Brian about this on Facebook," says Pedro. "He asked me what station it was and if I could get a copy of that commercial."

"We've had other calls on this," says Steve Green, the Florida-based manager of Brian Howe. "Please see if you can get me a copy of that spot. I've heard about it, but I just never actually heard it. If it's true, it's completely wrong."

Green admits that the deceptive ad may not have been the fault of the band. "It happens to us all the time. One of our shows may be billed by the promoter as 'Bad Company with Brian Howe' when we told them it should be 'Brian Howe, formerly of Bad Company.'"

But there is friction between Howe and his former band.

"When Brian was with them, Bad Company had three gold albums and two platinum records. Plus, they had the most successful Bad Company tour ever. When they toured headlining with [Ted Nugent's] Damn Yankees opening in '91 and '92, that tour was one of the top-five grossing tours in both 1991 and 1992, according to Pollstar."

Green maintains that there are '70s Bad Company fans who favor Rodgers and '80s Bad Company fans who prefer Howe. "What I would like to see is at least one show where the two singers could play together. We have offered to do it and give 100 percent to charity. It would be nice if somebody from their side would show some decency and agree to this...maybe there is a reason [Rodgers] wouldn't want to do this."

Would that be because Howe would blow Rodgers away? "What other reason would there be? Please tell me."

Could it be that the employee who makes commercials for KGB is too young to know that Bad Company with Paul Rodgers is not the same as Bad Company with Brian Howe?

Do the people who run KGB not listen to their commercials before they air?

A call to KGB program director Shauna Moran was not returned.

— Ken Leighton

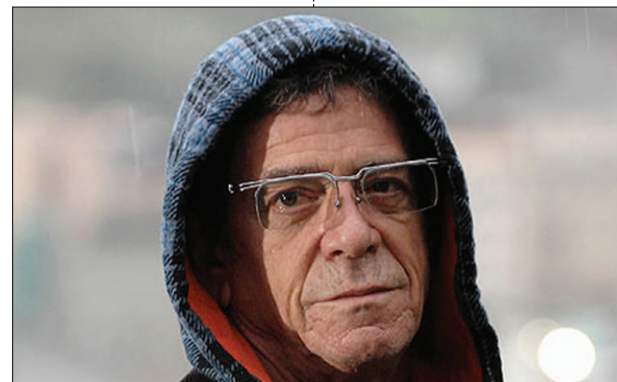
Get well cards can be sent to... It seems as if musicians, from international headliners to local lights, are being wheeled into hospitals with alarming frequency.

Lou Reed was taken to a Long Island hospital on June 30, to be treated for dehydration. The 71-year-old rocker received a liver transplant in

May and had just made his first post-surgery appearance at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity. "I am a triumph of modern medicine, physics, and chem-

Winter at the Belly Up in Solana Beach.

Gregory Page's recent bout with bronchitis and laryngitis during a European tour forced him to postpone his



Reed: "I am a triumph of modern medicine, physics, and chemistry."

istry," he posted on Facebook.

Steven Tyler, the 65-year-old frontman of Aerosmith, will undergo knee surgery later this year. "I had ACL reconstructions, and in November I'm getting knee-replacement surgery," he told *Rolling Stone*. "It'll take me about three or four months to recover.... I've had so many operations on my knees and feet that, just to be standing, is a miracle."

Here in San Diego, Blitz Brothers founder Richard Livoni underwent an emergency surgical procedure on his eyes on June 20, after suffering retinal detachment. He reports that his vision seems to be returning to normal, and he should be well enough for the band to keep their July 25 gig backing up Johnny

scheduled U.K. shows. "After a canceled concert in Belgium on Saturday night, at 4:30 in the morning, I was rushed to a hospital after fainting with a fever of 105 degrees," he said via Facebook.

North County's Cindy Lee Berryhill underwent emergency appendicitis surgery on June 21. The 48-year-old singer/songwriter's husband, music journalist and *Crawdaddy!* magazine founder Paul Williams, passed away in March after a long illness dating back to a 1995 bicycling accident.

As for Berryhill's stint in the hospital, "If I hadn't had my friend there [Paula Luber, pictured], they would've kept me overnight, 'cause [of the] no driving rule," she says.

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the Bad Company show June 25 at the Del Mar Fair.

Local rock frontman Rik Pedro has fronted a number of bands in Boston and San Diego. He listens to KGB

of which came out in the band's early years (1974-'75). Rodgers cofounded Bad Company in 1973 and left in 1982. Many published reports say that Rodgers was sought



Original vocalist Paul Rodgers joined Bad Company at this year's fair.

when he works as a painter by day. "I like KGB because Rock 105 plays the same old stuff over and over.... In the commercial, they played, like, two or three Bad Company songs from the Brian Howe era. I

out by Robbie Krieger and Ray Manzarek of the Doors to replace Jim Morrison after his death.

Rodgers rejoined Bad Company cofounders, guitarist Mick Ralphs and drummer

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Berryhill has recovered enough to begin teaching guitar again. "I don't look like I had surgery," she says. "I just look like I'm three months pregnant."

— Jay Allen Sanford



Berryhill (right) in-hospital, but not for long — too many germs.

All I need is a car and a kit. "It's kind of nice not being the lowest man on the totem pole anymore," Mike

Buxbaum says slowly and distinctly, as if the words are coming with difficulty. Buxbaum is 23. He works at the Vons store near Tierrasanta, bagging groceries. He's worked there for almost a

year. But for those who think he's a bit too old for that sort of work, there are others who think he's lucky to be alive.

In September 2009, Buxbaum played drums in a local screamo/post-hardcore band called A City Serene. They were on the first leg of a tour and headed north on Interstate 5 up the Grapevine when a truck

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"I've heard dozens of stories about what happened," Buxbaum says, "but I honestly don't remember. I've got nothin'. At times I do get curious, but..." his voice drifts off, "I don't know." He would spend the next 40 days in the hospital, 9 of them in a coma. Was anyone else in the band injured?

"Oh, yes, all six of us, but none as serious as me. I have that trophy. One other band member was in a coma like me, but the others weren't hurt too badly."

"At first they thought he was dead," says Buxbaum's father, Mark. "Emergency crews treated the other band members first. But then, someone noticed movement, and they went to work on Mike." He confirms in a later

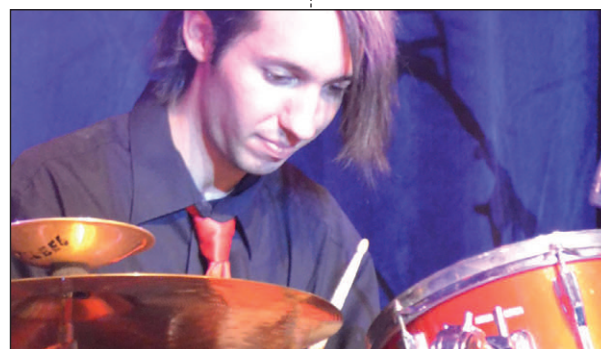
conversation that his son remains paralyzed on his right side. "His jaw was broken in six places, and his back was broken in three places."

On May 31, Mike Buxbaum was given an Eagle

and now, I'm working."

What about music?

"I was drumming before [the accident] at a certain level...and then I couldn't. I want to get back there." Is he practicing? "Not really."



A City Serene's Buxbaum has been eager to get back behind the traps.

Spirit Award by Sharp Hospital, where he spent a good amount of time recovering. "The award was recognizing me for more than just plain recovery; it was for going a little bit beyond that. I volunteer, I stay in touch with other patients who are still in rehab,

Buxbaum lives with his family in a small apartment. "There's noise standards," he jokes. For now, he uses a practice pad. "And I practice where I learned to play drums, the School of Rock in Golden Hill."

Buxbaum says at first he

had high hopes of returning to the band. "A City Serene eventually went back on the road with a replacement drummer because I was recovering so slowly. They went to Florida to record, and that's where the breakup started. After that, they all went off in different directions. Some of the members started a new band called Secrets."

In November, Buxbaum was invited to play a set with a local band called Steam Powered Giraffe in Detroit, but as for gigging, that's about it.

Mark Buxbaum says it is not likely that his son will ever play drums again, but Mike disagrees. "I'm ready to go now," he says. "I just need a car and a drum set."

— Dave Good

daily blogs

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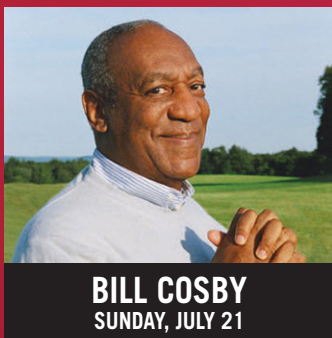
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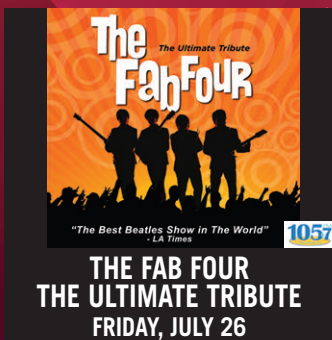
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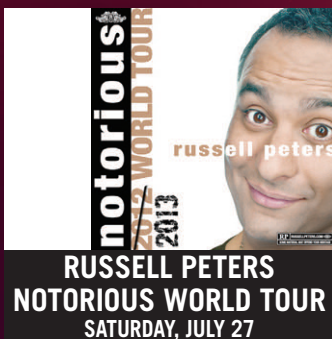
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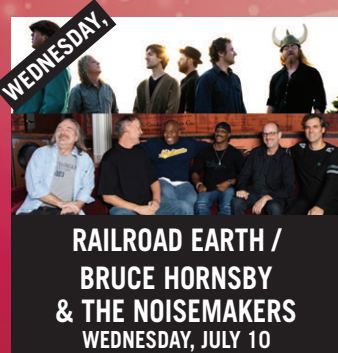
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Saturday, August 10 • 8:00
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Wednesday, August 14 • 8:00
Lyle Lovett & His Large Band

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Friday, August 23 • 7:00
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Alt-rock boy-girl band **Nico Vega** will take the stage at Bay Park bar the Griffin. The grungy L.A. act is out to tout this year's *Fury Oh Fury*, which they were lucky enough to unleash while touring this spring with Flavor-of-the-Month Imagine Dragons. The six-song set is a brief-but-catchy keeper, rocking hard ("Fury Oh Fury," "Beast") and dancing around new-wave beats ("Lightning," "We Are the Art"). L.A. staples **Crash Kings** and the up-and-coming **Dreamers Dose** set up this go-to show Thursday night.... Else: creative collective Kill Quanti ("We make noise") fills the Void with experimental electro racket by the **Most Hi**, **Ultragash**, **Feend**, **Rogerthat**, and **Mateo**. Open your mind hole, but muffle your ear hole.... Downtown-ward, L.A. cowpunk band **Blood on the Saddle** drips at Tin Can Ale House after the **Desolators** and **Plastic City Pariah**...and at House of Blues, emo, ya don't, **Say Anything** is touring in support of *Anarchy, My Dear*, the pop-punk sextet's sixth studio set. Texas indie-poppers **Eisley** up first. They're a family band — brothers, sisters, cousins — but their name's not Eisley.

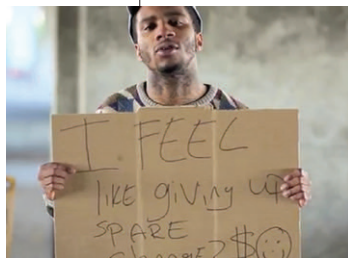
Friday 12

MiniApple's Margret Wander, aka **Dessa**, will be at Casbah behind this year's *Parts of Speech*, the third solo set from the Doomtree rapper. Dessa's wordwise with a gift for flow — she refs Leonard Cohen as "a thug of a lyricist" — it's when she sings that things get unwieldy. L.A.-based alt-hop MC **Open Mike Eagle** and our own dance-pop duo **Okapi Sun** open the show.... And-then-somes: local Latin-funk big band **B-Side Players** *Revolutionize* the Griffin after **Sonidero Travesura** and **Beto Perez**...L.A. hardcore hits **Raptors** (ex-Deathpunch) take down the Shakedown with their brand new tunes offa *Destroy.Pain.Survive*. **Dead on the Wire** and **News from the Front** will get the pit going... South Park bar Whistle Stop celebrates six years of Club Pussy Galore with folk-rockers **Duping the**

Public and **Never Come Down**. CPG curator/DJ **Robin Roth** spins 'round sets... "as much Americana as it is avant-garde garage, as much folk blues as it is psychedelic indie stomp," the **Heavy Guilt** weighs in on Soda Bar's stage after "aloha folkies" **Trouble in the Wind**...and Tower Bar's got loud 'n' fast locals **Coda Reactor**, **Scorpion vs. Tarantula**, **Stalins of Sound**, and the **Bat Lords**.

Saturday 13

"Free show & BBQ!" Tower Bar's booked a SATURDAY show — woo-hoo! — with local punks the **Lumps** and **Wha?** starting around 4p. DJ **Mikey Ratt**'s on deck for that.... Later and norther, Berke-



LIL B AT PORTER'S PUB

ly rapper/author **Lil B**'s at Porter's Pub at UCSD. B's an enigma, rapping all over the map, from dissing hip-hop stereotypes to "new-agey spoken word." In his own words: "I can do 'Swag OD' but then my favorite musical artist right now is Antony and the Johnsons." Gotcha. His first book, *Takin' Over by Imposing the Positive!* is based on

his "Based Lifestyle" philosophy of positivity and optimism. It's a string of emails, and he'll stick one in your hands if you get close enough.... Best of the rest finds **Wild Wild Wets**, **Burnt Ones**, and **Cosmonauts** filling a garage-rawk billing at Soda Bar...rockabilly band **Kit & the Branded Men** ride into the Shakedown after **Palominos** and **Desolators**...and Casbah stages local alt-rock favorites **Transfer**, **Blackout Party**, **Flags**, and **Palace Ballroom**.

Sunday 14

Pickwick plays Casbah on Sunday night. They are an NPR-approved Seattle-based six-piece centered around the strummy, hummy pop stylings of one Galen Disston. Their debut, *Can't Talk Medicine*, is out now via Small Press, which slips this little nugget into the press kit "... filled with found sounds and themes

of mental illness." The soul-rock duo **Ppyramids** (singer Drea Smith and OKGo bassist Tim Nordwind) will open the show.... Otherwise: Humphreys has an evening with **Yes**. The prog-rock staples will play three albums in their entirety. I'm a teen, shaking the gatefold of *Fragile* and singing along with Jon Anderson. He sounds lyrical. I sound like Edith Bunker...



PICKWICK AT CASBAH

lo-fi locals **Heavy Hawaii** headline sets by **Wild Ones** and **My Body** at Soda Bar...this weekend's "Destroy L.A." hardcore festival finds its way to Ché Café on Sunday, as New York stalwarts **Citizens Arrest** (yeah, Ted Leo's old group) roll down with **Impulse**, **Fraud**, and **Disapproval**.

Monday 15

From Hermosa Beach, hardcore hit **Black Flag** waves at Soma Monday night. This is Greg Ginn's version — with Ron Reyes, Gregory Moore, and Dale Nixon — and they're actually recording a new album. The first song from those sessions, "Down in the Dirt," is up on the web as we speak. I tried like hell, just couldn't get into it. Have to agree with the poster who wrote, "Black Flag is no Off!" **Good for You** and **Wooly Mammoth** take the Sports Arena stage first.... Another punk-rock stalwart, **Sonny Vincent** (the Testors, the Extreme, *Mo Tucker?*), is at Soda Bar with the **Touchies** and **Dead on the Wire**... "the Quentin Tarantino of rockabilly," **Chuck Mead**, splits a bill at the Griffin with our own queen of outlaw country, **Sara Petite**. Ms. Petite's planning to release her new one, *Circus Comes to Town*, in August...and the **Nuge** checks into House of Blues. Nutbag politics aside, the dude's a rock 'n' roll freak of nature. I'm a teen, shaking the gatefold of *Intensity in 10 Cities* and singing along. Ted sounds fierce. I sound like Edith Bunker.



BLACK FLAG AT SOMA

ter — just goes on and on and... L.A. glam-punk band **Prima Donna** up first.... Soda Bar serves up hard-rocking Supersucker **Eddie Spaghetti**. Mr. Spaghetti is touring in support of his first collection of "country-damaged metal," *The Value*



ADAM ANT AT BALBOA THEATRE

of Nothing. With **Lauren Mann**'s **Fairly Odd Folk** and like-minded locals **Hard Fall Hearts**, this should be a funyun.... Else: Daydream Nation books a bill at the Griffin, featuring L.A. indie hits

Happy Hollows

and **Nightmare Air**...while Cincinnati-based pop-rock **Mixtapes** roll at Ché Café after **Last Call**.

— *Barnaby Monk*

Tuesday 16

From Paris, France, electro-swing Gypsy-jazz band **Caravan Palace** rolls into Belly Up. The septet

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“Ocean Beach reminded me of Vermont because of all the old hippies that still live there.”

Ver La Luz is Scott Tournet's first solo album since 2006. Released in May, the self-produced effort was recorded and engineered by Mike Kamoo at his Earthling Studios in Chula Vista. Tournet and Kamoo started tracking in the spring of 2012. When I finally catch up with the singer/songwriter/guitarist by phone, he is upstairs in the green room at a venue called the Brighton Music Hall in Boston. Tournet says he has about 20 minutes to talk before he heads downstairs for soundcheck with Grace Potter and the Nocturnals, a band he cofounded more than a decade ago.

Tournet, like the rest of the Nocturnals, is originally from Vermont. He moved to San Diego about a year ago, says it was for the usual reason: “A girlfriend.” He laughs. “You know, right? She fell in love with San Diego, and I kind of followed. I genuinely do love the place, and it's a big part of the record I just put out.”

HOW SO?

“The record is kind of a story. After ten years of nonstop touring, I had a meltdown. San Diego saved my soul. The timing in moving there and some of the things I found in San Diego is totally helping me in redoing my lifestyle.”

NAME ONE OF THE BIG DIFFERENCES WHEN YOU COMPARE SAN DIEGO TO OTHER PLACES YOU'VE LIVED.

“Everybody [in San Diego] is aware of what they look like. Everybody talks about having that summer body. In Vermont, we say winter body, not summer body. A lot of people move [to San Diego] and get healthy. That's what [it] did for me.”

WHICH NEIGHBORHOOD?

“We live in the Mission Hills/Hillcrest area. I love it. It's five minutes from the airport. I can be anywhere in minutes. But, it's also calming there.... We moved to Ocean Beach first. I liked it. It reminded me of Vermont because of all the old hippies that still live there.”

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YOU RECORDED YOUR NEW CD IN CHULA VISTA AT MIKE KAMOO'S SHOP...IT'S COOL THAT YOU FOUND A COMPETITIVE STUDIO SITUATION IN SAN DIEGO...

“Mike's got a cool little spot. He's had it for, like, 17 years.... I spent a lot of time in L.A. I've done it, and I've had fun up there, and I've not had fun up there, too.

DID YOU WRITE THE SONGS IN SAN DIEGO OR ON THE ROAD?

“I wrote it in little fragments...but most of it was written in San Diego. I wrote a lot of it on the 5 freeway, actually, going back and forth to L.A. to record with Grace Potter.”

THE NOCTURNALS SEEM TO ACCEPT CHANGE GRACEFULLY AND INCORPORATE NEW IDEAS WITH PRETTY MUCH EVERY RELEASE...

“We like to do about 17 different things.” He laughs. “And that last thing you saw us do, whatever it was? There were 17 things we liked to do before that.”

POTTER HERSELF HAS GONE FROM BEING AN INDIE ROCKER IN JEANS AND FLANNEL SHIRTS TO A SEQUINED HOT-TIE — AT LEAST ONCE...



Scott Tournet came to San Diego for the usual reason: “A girlfriend. She fell in love with San Diego, and I kind of followed.”

“They [the music industry] are gonna try and shoehorn your image and your music into something they can sell that has sex appeal, and if there's one thing we like more than music, it's sex.”

AND SHE SURELY HAS AN INTERESTING SEX APPEAL, BUT NOT TO THE POINT OF DISTRACTION FROM THE MUSIC OR FROM THE REST OF THE BAND...

“Coming from Vermont, it's not the kind of place where you dress a certain way. It's not in the culture.”

THE NOCTURNALS SEEM NOT TO HAVE SOLD OUT IN THAT RESPECT. HAS THAT HURT THE BAND IN TERMS OF RADIO PLAY?

“All the money we've ever made is completely from touring. To get into pop culture is so hard. It's a whole different animal. To try and keep yourself relevant and out in front all the time, like what that guy in Maroon Five puts himself

through? Fuck that.” He laughs.

HAVE YOU PLAYED ANY LOCAL SHOWS WITH A PICKUP BAND OR SAT IN AT SOME OF OUR CLUBS WITH ANYBODY?

“I haven't yet, and I'd like to.”

SO, WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND LIKE TO DO AROUND SAN DIEGO?

“I love that place Lucha Libre, that Mexican joint on Washington Street. Those burritos they have...? I don't remember what they call them. But they are massive. And all the sushi's good. Fish tacos in O.B., the Padres, all the farmers' markets. We haven't made it to the one in Little Italy, but the one in Hillcrest...the one by the DMV [on Normal Street] is good. Aztec basketball — coming from Vermont, we love basketball. Oh, and I've been to the Casbah.” ■

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Nico Vega (it's the band's name, not an actual member) broke out after "Beast" got licensed for use on the trailer of a video game called *BioShock Infinite*. "That's so weird," says Aja Volkman, the band's singer, by phone from her home in L.A. "To have one of the first songs we wrote come out of nowhere — that's weird." But it's a good weird, she says, because now everybody from *Pitchfork* to *Rolling Stone* knows who Nico Vega is. "It's put us in a position where we're an up-and-coming band. We're being offered more licensing deals now as a result of that." Nico Vega has been granted audience at Pandora and iTunes in recent days, Volkman says, where the band performed showcase

gigs. Volkman says the ball got rolling for the band after a woman who works for the company that produces *BioShock Infinite* fell in love with "Beast" and made sure a copy landed on a producer's desk. Otherwise, she talks about the musician's eternal struggle: "You can really lose hope," she says. "A lot of it comes down to luck and timing. Then there's the material, too, and you hope it all comes down to the quality."

Nico Vega landed on some larger festival stages but had to slow it down in recent months. Why? "I had a baby. That makes it hard to randomly tour everywhere." Now 11 months old, the baby is at the stage where Nico Vega can launch their first headlining tour. "We're known for getting intimate with the audience," Volkman says. That'll be a lot easier in small rooms than on the massive stages." I apologize for the rookie question, but I have to ask who Nico Vega is. "The original



NICO VEGA

drummer's mother's maiden name. Her life story inspired me to write anthem-y rallying songs." Which explains "Beast," a most rousing anthem if I've ever heard one.

The Crash Kings also perform.

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Friday, 9pm — Tolan Shaw CD release.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Monomania Deerhunter

By Allison Mayoral

"Finding the fluorescence in the junk" is the first line Bradford Cox sings on opening track "Neon Junkyard." It stands as a descriptor of Deerhunter's *Monomania*.

The fuzz-rock band from Atlanta is back. After all, 2010's immaculate *Halcyon Digest* is sooo three years ago. Cox has been (is) teetering on the edge of sanity and has turned his inner turmoil public via verse-chorus-verse.

"Back to the Middle" has a dreamy beat set over scruffy guitars. Cox sings, "You broke me and you left these little pieces," as if on the brink of a breakdown, only to calm himself by digging through the past.

One moment Cox is giving us muffles and grunts masked in sharp guitars and messy drum beats ("Leather Jacket II"), the next comes straightforward, almost cheerful garage-pop ("Pensacola"). It's a spectacle to hear as a complete album. The highs and lows mesh without sounding too contrived.

The title track makes whatever that one thing that Cox has decided to preoccupy his world almost come to life. It's chaos. The lyric, "Come on, God, hear my sick prayer," is spewed in a disheveled voice with an ounce of optimism. It crashes and burns to a beautiful sputter.



Inner turmoil made public via verse-chorus-verse

Not so Tame Impala

By Robert Duffy

It's no secret Kevin Parker pretty much plays all the instruments on Tame Impala records, but after hearing them played by a full band, he should reconsider for the next record. Parker's songs in the hands of a band sounded far more dynamic than on disc.

The long-haired, barefooted Parker led the five-man band, sometimes playing on his back.

He also had more effects pedals than I've ever seen on a stage.

It was a multilayered soundscape of psychedelic space-rock, as fuzz tones, hazy shades of John Lennon vocals, a (sometimes) twin Rickenbacker attack, and cosmic keyboards fought for space in the mix.

The set drew evenly from the albums *Inner-speaker* and *Lonerism*, including "It Isn't Meant to Be," "Alter Ego," and "Music to Walk Home By." Also included was an extended jam of early recording "Half Full Glass of Wine."

A huge video stage backdrop looked like a computer game invented by an acid casualty in 1967.

Parker is no public speaker, conversing little between songs, but it matters not, as his music says it all beautifully. All left a sold-out House of Blues on a musical high.



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The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
July 18 — Operation Mindblow Presents Astra.
July 19 — Shannon McNally, Euphoria Brass Band.
July 20 — Rock 'n' Roll Reunion Benefit Concert.
July 22 — Howlin Brothers, Three Chord Justice.
July 25 — Happy Body Slow Brain and Via Coma.
July 27 — Tone of Arc, John Dadon, Adam Salter.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.
July 18 — The Aquabats.
July 20 — The Eric Andre Show Live.
July 21 — Passenger.
July 25 — The Cult.
July 26 — Common Sense.
July 27 — Groove International.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
August 15 — West of 5.

Humphreys by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
July 23 — Jonny Lang.
July 26 — The Fab Four.
July 30 — Ten Years After and Edgar Winter Band.
July 31 — Gipsy Kings.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
July 21 — The Postal Service, Big Freedia, Baths.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828.

July 19 — Yukmouth.
July 21 — D Why.

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.
July 23 — Grmln and Tijuana Panthers.
July 28 — Speedy Ortiz.
August 1 — Wild Cub and Rare Times.
August 3 — Whiskey Shivers and Wild Child.
August 18 — Gregory Alan Isakov and Kris Orlowski.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
July 28 — Casey Veggies.
July 31 — The Ready Set, We the Kings, T. Mills.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-516-4746.
July 20 — Vanessa Zamora.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
July 26 — Translation:Audio, Roman Watchdogs.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
July 20 — Los Headaches.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
July 24 — Matchbox 20 and Goo Goo Dolls.
July 30 — Bruno Mars.

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ALLIED GARDENS

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San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Donato's Italian Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 glass Bud Light, \$6 pitcher; \$3.50 house wine.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado Restaurant: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

BANKERS HILL

Avenue 5: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 select beers, \$2 off select wines by the glass, specialty cocktails, \$2 off "bar stuff" menu.

Barrio Star: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 Nachos pequeños, \$3 crispy taco, \$4 ensalada pequeña, \$2.50 cucumbers, \$2.50, corn tortillas with jalapeño butter, \$5 pequeño bowl.

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: \$5 wells, \$6 wine, \$10 specialty drinks, \$4 local brews. \$7 select menu items. Bar or patio only.

The Caliph: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 11am-9pm, (All day Monday.) Friday, 11am-8:30pm, (All day Monday.) Saturday, Noon-8:30pm: 75¢ Roast Beef Sandwiches. (All day Monday.)

Tin Can Ale House: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1 off drinks.

BAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: Daily, 3-6pm: \$4 draft, \$5 house wine by the glass; \$2 oyster shooter, \$3 fish taco, \$6 basic sushi rolls, \$8 ceviche, \$8 crispy calamari. Bar only.

The High Dive: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off local San Diego craft beers. \$1 off house wine by the glass.

Offshore: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 micro & imports, san-

gria, wells, house wine, \$6 Millionaire Mojitos. Discounted appetizers.

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.

Chart House: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$4 wells, drafts. \$6 cocktails, \$5 wine by the glass. \$7 martinis. \$4, \$5 and \$6 appetizer menus.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Club-house: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$6 select wine, \$5 well cocktails, \$6 argyle bites, \$5 draft and domestic.

Board & Brew: Daily, 4-7pm: Two-for-one beers. \$1 street tacos.

Ignite Bistro & Wine Spot: Daily, 3-6pm: Drinks and food specials.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 pints, flights, house wine, and well drinks. \$5 wings, hummus, calamari, chili lime sweet potato fries and spinach dip.

On the Tracks Brewery and Tasting Room: Thursday, 5-7pm: Ladies, \$3 pints.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm: \$3 house microbrews.

CARMEL VALLEY

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

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 off drinks. 1/2-off seasonal spreads and pizzas. Excludes special events and promotional nights.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 beer, \$3.99 margaritas.

Los Arcos: Monday-Friday, Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, \$5 margaritas and martinis, beers, fish tacos, clam chowder, \$2.50 ceviche tostada. Saturday, Saturday, All Day, \$2.50 Margaritas on the rocks.

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Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off select drinks, appetizers, sushi rolls.

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.

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

Kafe Sobaka: Daily, 5-7pm: Beers and vodkas \$3 each.

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks, \$5 appetizers.

HILLCREST

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.

Lotus Thai: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 glass wine, large beer, all Han Soju cocktails. \$5 veggie rolls, shrimp tempura, steamed dumplings.

Nami: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off house sake; 1/2-off sushi rolls.

Sunday, 5-9pm: 1/2-off tempura, edamame.

Parma: Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$5 select Italian wine by the glass, \$1 off imported and local bottled beer\ x[200b], \$5 small plate cheese sampler, \$5 select desserts.

Wine Steals: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. Saturday, 4-6pm: \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. Sunday, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

JAMUL

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

KEARNY MESA

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 Premium Drafts, \$4.25 Premium Well drinks, \$5 Appetizers, \$3 Bourbon Slushy

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine flights.

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.

Café Japengo: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: \$5 cocktails. Roll specials, \$5 chicken potstickers, \$6 beef yakitori, \$7 calamari. Saturday-Sunday, 4:30-close: \$5 cocktails. Roll specials, \$5 chicken potstickers, \$6 beef yakitori, \$7 calamari.

La Jolla Brew House: Friday-Saturday, 10pm-1am: \$2 Off Pints; \$3 Wells & Wines; Buy Any Pizza Get One Free.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

Mr. G's Tavern: Monday-Friday, Noon-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$3 Domestic Pints, \$3 Premium Pints.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

The New Morena Club I 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.

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm and late night 10pm-close: \$5 handcrafted cocktails, \$5 draught beers, \$5 house chardonnay/cabernet savingnon. Friday, 12-7pm and late night 10pm-12am: \$5 handcrafted cocktails, \$5 draught beers, \$5 house chardonnay/cabernet savingnon.

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.

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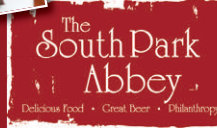
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The Filling Station: Monday, 11:30am-7pm: \$4 margaritas, \$4 Mexican beers. Tuesday, 11:30am-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$3 domestic drafts. Wednesday, 11:30am-7pm: \$5 stillets, \$4 pink lemon drops, \$3 cosmos. Thursday, 11:30am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic beers. Friday, 11:30am-7pm: \$4 bartender shots. Saturday, 11:30am-7pm: \$4 white Russians. Sunday, 11:30am-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic bottles/drafts; \$4 premium & import bottles/drafts. \$3.50 mahi taco, discounted nachos, calamari.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Daily, 2-7pm: 50¢ off beer, wells, and calls.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Dave & Buster's: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: 1/2 price cocktails, \$1.00 off pints, 1/2 off selected appetizers.

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: Friday, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: Monday-Thursday, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Rosie O'Grady's: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams). Tuesday, all day: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams).

Triple Crown Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls. \$1 off Heineken.

Imig's Kitchen and Bar: Monday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$5 burger and local draft beer. Tuesday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 gourmet tacos, \$2 Tecates. Wednesday, 4:30-6:30pm: 1/2-priced wine by the bottle. Thursday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$4 beers; \$4 well cocktails. All day: \$3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock and PBR. Saturday, All day: \$3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock

and PBR. Sunday, All day: \$15 bottomless mimosas, \$22 with brunch entrée, \$5 bloody marys.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Sabuku Sushi: Daily, 4-6pm; \$5 Shiso Craze, \$5 Buku Bites, \$5 Buku Nachos, \$7 Twice Baked Mussels, \$7 Seared Ahi Tacos. \$5 Large 20+oz Asahi or Sapporo, \$5 Rock Sake's, \$7 All cocktails & wines (by the glass)

OCEAN BEACH

Mother's Saloon: Monday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Tuesday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Thursday, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Saturday-Sunday, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

Ocean Beach Kabob: Daily, 11am-7pm. 50% off all draft beer! \$3.50 Sculpin, Lagunitas IPA, Dogfish Head 90-min. IPA, and more! \$2 Dos Equis all day!

OCEANSIDE

Pier View Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off pitchers.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: 50% off select appetizers, \$3.99 select drinks.

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

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

The Beach Grass Poway: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: panko-crusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

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.

SANTEE

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Old Globe Theatre opens its Shakespeare Festival with the Bard's comedy of mixed identities and dreams that may be real. Ian Talbot directs [Note: the play runs in repertory with *The Merchant of Venice* and *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*.]

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: The Musical

Intrepid Shakespeare Company reprises its hugely popular, musical version of Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identities. Co-directors Christy Yael and Colleen Kollar Smith have incorporated songs from the 1960s.

SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY, 800 SANTA FE DR., ENCINITAS. 760-752-1121. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 18.

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Cygnat Theatre presents Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning exploration of marriage and commitment. Sean Murray directed. CYGNAT THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST.,

OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 18.

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.

Freedom of Speech

Moxie Theatre presents Eliza Jane Schneider's solo performance about her "spiritual quest" across America "in a second-hand ambulance" asking all she met "what's going on?" Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directs [Note: the show will be staged at Diversionary Theatre].

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It's Just Sex

OnStage Playhouse presents Jeff Gould's comedy about three married couples, an "innocent" get together, and life-changing results. Jay Mower directs.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD

AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 10.

John Ball's In the Heat of the Night

Matt Pelfrey wrote a stage adaptation of the Academy Award-winning 1967 movie, starring Sidney Poitier as Virgil Tibbs, African-American police detective extraordinaire, who solves a first class murder, much to the dismay of a racist police chief. Pelfrey's script unfolds like a movie: short scenes hit like cinematic flickers. Ion's initial performance, though capable in many ways, needed to pick up the pace, and internalize the Mississippi accents. Both are doable, given an all-star cast, talented director Francis Gercke, and high design standards. Best of show: Vimel Sephus (Tibbs) and Tom Stephenson (Chief Gillispie) begin as exact opposites. As the play unfolds and suspects come and go, the two men move toward a sense of common ground. *Worth a try.* ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JULY 13.

Last Train to Nibroc

Different Stages closes its 2012-2013 season with Arlene Hutton's love story. December 1940: a cross-country train carries not only the bodies of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Nathaniel West, but a young man and woman who may, or may not, fall in love.

OCEAN BEACH PLAYHOUSE, 4944 NEWPORT AVE., OCEAN BEACH. 619-222-0836. 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JULY 27.

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Meet Me in St. Louis
Vanguard Presents the popular musical — music and lyrics by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane, book by Wheeler — about American family living in St. Louis at the time of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition World's Fair in 1904. WESTMINSTER THEATER, 3598 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-224-6263. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY.

National Comedy Theatre
The National Comedy Theatre, now in its 14th season, presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM & 9:45PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect." 760-489-2496. MIKE'S BBQ & SPORTS BAR, 1356 WEST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-4444. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Out on a Limb: New Plays from America's Finest City

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents three new one-act plays written by local authors: *A Slip from Reality*, by Steven Oberman; *Mermaids*, by Emily Sperling; and *Blackout at Battery Cliff*. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 21.

Perfect Wedding

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Robin Hawdon's farce about "mistaken identity, wit, and wordplay." Matthew Wiener directs. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS.



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Ion Theatre stages John Ball's murder mystery In the Heat of the Night through Saturday.

7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 11.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

The Old Globe Theatre presents Tom Stoppard's behind the scenes philosophical comedy about Prince Hamlet's "friends." Adrian Noble directs [Note: the play runs in repertory with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Merchant*

of Venice.]

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South Pacific

Moonlight Stage Productions begins its 33rd summer season with Rodgers and Hammerstein's tale of love in time of war. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREngle TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JULY 13.

Technomania Circus

Circus and variety acts with a twist. A different show every Saturday night throughout June and July. Some adult language and content. VICTORY THEATER, 2558 IMPERIAL AVE., GRANT HILL. 619-236-1971. 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JULY 27.

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.

The Merchant of Venice

Adrian Noble directed Shakespeare's controversial play as a comedy of bad manners. *Merchant* contains anti-Semitism. But what is it pro? If it's for Christianity, then it has an embedded critique of un-Christian behavior — all of which pulverizes Miles Anderson's extraordinary Shylock. He begins as both wary and chipper. By the end he threatens to tear down the confining walls of

comedy. The production is funny, stern, and opulent, thanks to Deidre Clancy's late 19th century costumes and Ralph Funicello's Venice (bridges and canals)/Belmont (golden hued) scenic design. The director adds a cameo near the end for the mightily wronged Shylock. But it's unnecessary, since Anderson has already built a profound, artistically-earned case for unstrained mercy. **Critic's Pick.**

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Tribes

Billy was born deaf. His family are "hearing" and refused to have him learn sign language. And though each is involved in communication, they stifle

it at home. Almost by accident, Billy strays outside. He falls in love, learns to sign, and to see his family in a brand new way. Nina Raines's drama's a bit uneven. To stress her points, she creates an imbalance between likeable and un-likeable (even irksome) characters. But while the play oversells the cacophony, the David Cromer-directed production also fascinates. It's a multi-faceted display of communication theory: almost every possible form (even of miscommunications): words, sign and body language. The entire cast has performed their roles before and play them with conviction (even when caustic). Russell Harvard (Billy) and Meghan O'Neill (Sylvia) are eloquent. *Worth a try.* 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 JULY 21.

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Hey, did you hear the one about how the foreign market now accounts for 75 percent of the take on big studio releases? How 'bout the one where China, Japan, and the U.K. are the biggest box-office markets after the U.S., with Germany coming in at number 7, Russia at number 9, and Australia at number 10? Even if you haven't, it's a safe bet that director Guillermo Del Toro has. And, so, he's bringing us the blockbuster action flick *Pacific Rim*: modeled after Japanese anime, set in Hong Kong, featuring Chinese, Russian, and Australian heroes operating giant robots named with the German word for hunter, and offering a Brit (Idris Elba) as its emotional core. Welcome to the new normal.

Given the reach for an international market, anime was a smart choice for a storytelling template. There's an entire movie packed into *Pacific Rim*'s prologue, but it threatens to become a dark satire, heavy

on politics and social commentary. Short version: giant monsters called Kaiju start slipping through an under-sea portal between dimensions and attacking coastal cities. Once the global scale of the threat becomes apparent, the world rallies together to create an army of giant robots (Jaegers) to battle the Kaiju. And, hey, the robots win! These devastating creatures become pop-culture punchlines and black-market commodities, while the Jaeger pilots become international celebrities. The movie's tagline, "To fight monsters, we created monsters," starts to take on unpleasant overtones.

But before anything can get too heavy, the story shifts from world-political to personal-emotional. The Kaiju start winning. The Jaeger program falls from grace. Our hero Raleigh (Charlie Hunnam) loses his brother and fighting partner, the guy he mind-melded with in order to pilot the Jaeger. (A single mind tends to get



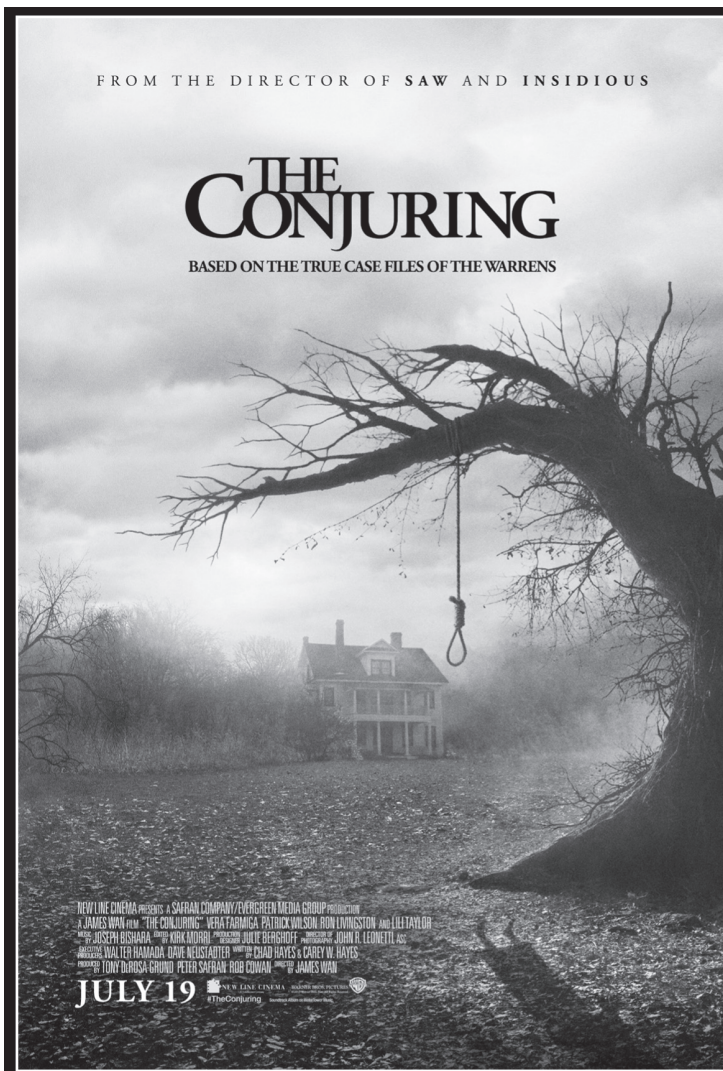
Michael Bay on *Pacific Rim*: "Pfft. The giant robots don't turn into cars for some reason? Whatever."

overloaded.) Suddenly, we're down to the last few Jaegers and their pilots, preparing a last-ditch effort to stop the Kaiju and working through their various issues. Cue the feverish emotion, baleful glares, dramatic battle poses, and on-the-nose dialogue so often seen in anime. Politics are divi-

sive and satire is corrosive, but we can all get behind a little girl who lost her family, a rivalry between handsome hotshots, and a motormouth scientist with a crazy theory.

So, yeah, the film's heart is a bit mushy and melodramatic. But it's protected by a steely exterior, one made

of big punching robots. Del Toro does wonders with his CGI, even as he gives shout-outs to old-school technology (formulas on chalkboards, physical photographs, analog operating systems, etc. etc.). The scale of the Jaegers is breathtaking, and the fight scenes are just varied enough to keep from grow-



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ing repetitive. The Kaiju are almost always partially obscured — by water, by buildings, by explosions, you name it — and so their mystery and menace are largely preserved.

But however thrilling the visuals, Del Toro's greatest achievement with *Pacific Rim* is its sense of fun. What could have played like a cynical cash-grab instead feels like a bit of goodwill-ambassador work, an offering from a movie-loving director to the movie-loving world.

— Matthew Lickona

INTERVIEW WITH *THE WAY, WAY BACK* CODIRECTORS AND COWRITERS NAT FAXON AND JIM RASH

The Way, Way Back tells the story of Duncan (Liam James), a pouty-slouchy teenage boy who heads off for a month's vacation at the beach

house of his mom Pam's (Toni Collette) new boyfriend Trent (Steve Carell). It doesn't go well, and he winds up seeking refuge at the town's water park, where he is taken under the wing of longtime employee Owen (Sam Rockwell). Writer-directors Nat Faxon and Jim Rash also play employees: the blissful Roddy and the miserable Lewis, respectively.

Matthew Lickona: First off, tell me about the car that Trent is driving in the opening scene.

Nat Faxon: That was a 1970 Buick Estate Wagon. Our propmaster found it in Western Massachusetts. Pristine.

Jim Rash: The owner had two of them, a 1970 and a 1971. It was our launching-off point for the movie.

NF: They're gorgeous cars, and obviously, they had the quintessential way, way back seat that was vital to our movie. It was certainly a character, and a big part of Steve Carell's character.

ML: Do you have memories of riding in the way, way back?

JR: Yeah, we both rode back there

as kids. That first scene, that conversation between Trent and Duncan about where Duncan would rate himself on a scale of one to ten? That was sort of a verbatim scene from my own life, when I was 14 and riding in a station wagon with my stepfather.

ML: Typically, when a guy hits midlife and thinks about starting over, he'll buy a Corvette. But Trent restores this old station wagon to cherry condition.

JR: I think he has a connection that he's holding onto with his dad. We were trying to establish that Trent is probably one of those people who, if you asked him when he was young, would say he didn't care for the way his dad treated him. But subsequently, he's probably used a lot of his dad's parental cues with his own daughter. That attachment to dad and the way things were is very important to his character.

ML: One of the things that struck me about that conversation with Duncan was that, even though Trent is being an ass about it, he really wants something good for Duncan. He's trying to encourage him to get out there.

JR: Yes. When my stepfather said it, I understood the context of it. I understood the message, even though there wasn't much tact. He was telling me to be confident, to make something of myself.

ML: But as we see, Trent isn't really ready for Duncan to follow his advice.

JR: It's the vicious cycle he's stuck in. He proclaims that he wants a family, that he knows he has to be better than he is, but he has no ability to evolve.

ML: Still, I admired the film's refusal to make Trent an asshole. He really tries, despite the cheap hypocrisy he sometimes shows.

JR: He wanted to have a summer. He spends all year working, and he's thinking, *This is my month to drink and party, and I'm sort of done being a dad.*

ML: Tell me about your collaborative style.

NF: We met over 15 years ago, coming up through the L.A. sketch-and-improv company the Groundlings. Over time, you establish connections with other people, and I think we were drawn to the same type of humor. We enjoyed writing together; we had similar sensibilities. We really like to get specific about characters, to find out what their flaws are. We usually enjoy the moments where they make bad choices or say things they could regret. We connect to material that toes the line between being tragic and maybe being hysterical. And also the broader, sort of silly stuff that just makes us laugh.

JR: The balance is fun — comedy and drama existing within our lives from minute to minute. That makes it interesting.

NF: And we can use it to provide a release after something that's a little bit heavy. You can enjoy both, without becoming too mired in either one.

ML: I certainly saw that in Betty (Allison Janney). When she showed up, I thought, *This humor is as broad as a barn door. Are we going to have this through the whole film?* But she pulled quite a shift as the film started getting into the interpersonal dynamics of the beach community. Changing subjects: why did you decide to make this particular story into a movie?

JR: It was the first screenplay we ever wrote.

ML: So, you wrote this before you did the screenplay for *The Descendants*?

JR: Yes. And after that had its sort of success [the pair won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay], it was able to provide the momentum where we could say, "We would love to at least engage in this one again." We both grew up on the East Coast and had that sort of destination summer vacation. Year after year in the same place that never seemed to change, but all this stuff changes between visits. The things that have always resonated with us are things that we connect with personally or understand. When there is something we can't let go of, that you can't stop thinking about, that's usually the path we follow.

— Matthew Lickona

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20 Feet from Stardom — Darlene Love is the Jackie Robinson of session groups, a black backup singer who worked furiously to crack the majors by lending her formidable talent (and tonsils) to everyone from Bobby "Boris" Pickett to the Chairman of the Board. Forced to "ghost" for Phil Spector under whatever band name he decided to stick her with that week, Love eventually took to cleaning houses to keep afloat. Morgan Neville's *20 Feet From Stardom* introduces us to Love, Merry Clayton (the clarion voice crying "Rape! Murder!" on the Stones' "Gimme Shelter"), Tata Vega, Claudia Lennear, and many other unsung vocalists whose talent frequently outshines that of the headliners. It's rare when a feel-good "triumph of the human spirit" picture gets to me. But watching Ms. Love's climactic induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame left me wet-eyed. With Mick Jagger and a sorely-in-need-of-subtitles Bruce Springsteen. 2013. — S.M. ★★

(LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE; READING CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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. ★ (ULTRA-STAR CHULA VISTA)

The Attack — Seated in a packed auditorium and just seconds away from receiving a prestigious award, a Palestinian doctor operating out of Tel Aviv takes a phone call from his wife. Upon returning home, he spies her purse and phone on the counter, thinks nothing of it, and heads to bed. Open on a pair of back-to-back lapses in logic and it's going to take an Electrolux to suck me back in. Turns out wife is a terrorist, and after hubby ID's her remains, he steps up to investigate the origins of her martyrdom. Did I mention that he's Muslim and she's Christian? Don't worry: writer-director Ziad Doueiri makes a point of it. Known more for the controversy it stirred — the Arab League called for a boycott — than its artistic aspirations, I would have been much happier if they did away with all of the obvious messaging and simply made a rousing genre picture titled *I Married a Suicide Bomber from the Middle East*. — S.M. ★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

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 (Julie 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. ★★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Despicable Me 2 — Harmless fun, like a machine gun that shoots jelly. The plot is as innocuous as the most cookie-cutter sitcom — former bad guy Gru must go undercover to expose current bad guy and must also deal with personal issues. (One of his daughters wants a mom, another falls in love.) The animation is brightly colored and serviceable and full of exaggerated features: noses, wattles, bellies, stork legs, you name it. And while the humor can't help but plunge into the potty, it does pull back on the one-liners, instead relying mostly on star Steve Carell's not inconsiderable charm. Oh, and there are minions everywhere: yellow, capsular, spouting gibberish, and acting like indestructible six-year-olds on a sugar high. With Kristen Wiig as the voice

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of Lucy, Gru's zany, gawky partner. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The East — Sarah (star and co-writer 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 Skarsgard). Marling, together with director and co-writer 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. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; 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. ★★ (REGAL PARKWAY PLAZA; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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)

Grown Ups 2 — Adam Sandler tries to prove that you can, after all, go home again. Take that, Thomas Wolfe! (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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. ● (READING GASLAMP; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

Hannah Arendt — A surprise departure from Margarethe von Trotta, Germany's answer to Ingmar Bergman. This softball

biopic, filmed in the manner of a stiff '60s melodrama, chronicles a crucial point in the life of the famed German-Jewish philosopher. It also pays homage to her mentor, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, and his cinematic skipper, Douglas Sirk. We follow Arendt, played with ease and elegance by

Barbara Sukowa, as she takes a trip back to "dark times," returning to Jerusalem to cover the trial of Adolf Eichmann for the *New York Times*. Perhaps the film takes on its somewhat lighter tone because, unlike the real-life characters whose stories the director has chronicled in the past (Rosa

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Luxemburg, Gudrun Ensslin), Arendt didn't sacrifice her life for a cause. *The New Yorker's* Richard Brody has already called out von Trotta for her trivial deployment of actual trial footage, and its conspicuous incorporation into the finished product is almost equally culpable. 2012. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN; READING GASLAMP)

The Heat — It's snob vs. slob as a tenacious Sandra Bullock stars alongside Melissa "What the fuck's your problem?" McCarthy to form an unlikely pair of detectives (Laurel & Sharty?) forced to partner on cracking a dope ring. Set up, punchline, setup, punchline: Ms. Bullock puts the gags on a tee for Ms. McCarthy to drive into the stadium seats. All but a few make it past the first row. What's so funny about Ms. Bullock's vagina? Everything, according to former *Mad TV* gag writer and first-time scenarist, Katie Dippold. It's difficult to completely hate on the misogynistic men-folk when the most foul-mouthed, chauvinistic character in the film is a woman. Not as bad as I feared (hoped?) it would be, there are at least six intentional — and aggressively mean-spirited — chuckles spread thin across a strenuous two-hour running time. In that sense, it's a ground-level step up from director Paul Feig's previous sewer, *Bridesmaids*. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

A Hijacking — This fictional reenactment of Somali pirates kidnapping the crew of a Danish cargo ship probably would have played better had the Digital Gym not screened the documentary account, *Stolen Seas*, earlier that week. Instead of sticking to the drama inherent in the story — the filmmakers went to great lengths to cast actors (and ships) identical to those involved in the incident — director Tobias Lindholm tacks on a false, sentimental ending. Is it a director's responsibility to remain faithful to the facts? Spielberg, Affleck, and countless others have been rewarded with a Best Picture Oscar for similar behavior. If Lindholm is bucking for a career in Hollywood, he's doing an ace job of following their gingerbread crumbs. Worth seeing if only for the performances and cinematographer Magnus Nordenhof Jonck's glacial deployment of light and space. 2012. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

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. ★ (AMC FASHION VALLEY; ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; READING GASLAMP)

Laurence Anyways — It begins like a modern-day vampire movie; eye-line closeups of gawking spectators intercut with low-angle views — taken from behind so as to obscure the face — of a woman clad in tasteful business attire striding purposefully

amid misty cityscapes. Is it writer-director Xavier Dolan's desire to depict a transexual as a monster? Flash back ten years and our heroine is a man named Laurence (Melvil Poupaud) who stands before a classroom lecturing students on examples of rejection and ostracism in classic literature. Can it get much more self-indulgent? Hopefully, yes, for nothing succeeds like excess in Dolan's world. Shot full frame and in colors that make Douglas Sirk's output at Universal look achromatic, this almost-three-hour epic melodrama about a budding filmmaker (Suzanne Clément) and her transwoman fiancé trying to attain the unattainable is this year's most moving love story. With Nathalie Baye and Yves Jacques. 2012. — S.M. ★★★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

The Lone Ranger — Hi-yo, Silver, stay away! Johnny Depp stars as Tonto, the vengeful Native clown without a tribe, in a film that is inexplicably named after his sidekick (Armie Hammer). Well, perhaps not inexplicably: the white man often gets top billing in these buddy pics. Still, it's Tonto who gets the backstory, the narrative arc, the final confrontation, and the character development (there's a reason he wears a dead bird on his head). Director Gore Verbinski is happy as ever to insert slapstick humor amid scenes of mass slaughter, but what worked in the fantastical world of pirates and krakens doesn't play amid the grim realities of cowboys and Indians. But the film's greatest weakness isn't the tone or the focus or even the overstuffed plot and structure. Rather, it's self-hatred: *The Lone Ranger* devotes great time and energy to mocking the Native mysticism and Ranger heroism it ultimately affirms. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Man of Steel — Director 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. Turns out it's not that easy being invincible; for once, we have a Superman whose greatest enemies are boredom and his own indestructibility. But in place of hanging a left down this avenue of pursuit, Snyder hit a brick wall by staging an endless (and paradoxical) third act battle to the death between CG immortals. As this year's Zod, Michael Shannon comes off looking uncomfortable beneath his Penn Jillette chin-bristles. With Snyder to guide him, Shannon pitches his performance at two levels: growl and grumble. With Amy Adams, Diane Lane, Kevin Costner, and Laurence Fishburne as the first black Perry White. 2013. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Monsters University — Everybody loves Mike and Sully, the scaresome monster team from *Monsters, Inc.* So maybe they'll be happy to see them again as college students in *Monsters University*. So happy that they won't mind the clichéd plot — lovable band of misfits in loser frat must rally to beat arrogant jerks in various feats of skill. And maybe they won't mind the shoe-horning of Disney-style affirmation-speak: "I just wanted to be special." "Stop being a Sullivan, and be you!" (Neither makes sense: Mike doesn't want to be special, he wants to be scary. And Sullivan doesn't want to be something other than a Sullivan, he wants to live up to his illustrious name.) The story's finest moment comes in its final minutes, when it finally refuses to be completely, utterly conventional and expected. But even then, it never attains to inspired. You may very well chuckle. But you almost certainly won't care. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Much Ado About Nothing — Director Joss Whedon invites a bunch of friends into his home for a weekend of Shakespearean partying, and films the proceedings in intriguingly muted black-and-white. The friends are actors, the house is designed by his wife Kai, and the goings-on involve a lot of drinking and deception (lighthearted and otherwise) on the way to the altar. Everyone acquits themselves well, though Amy Acker's willowy-gangly Beatrice and Nathan Fillion's bulky-blustery Dogberry stand out as the star turn and the show stealer, respectively. Almost more importantly, everyone seems to be having a grand time with the endeavor — hey kids, Shakespeare can be fun! (Plus, you know, brilliant.) Whedon is indulging himself, but he's not being simply self-indulgent; he aims to please us, too. It's the sort of successful microbudget experiment that makes you wish other directors would test it for repeatability. 2012. — M.L. ★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE; READING GASLAMP)

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. ★★ (ULTRA-STAR 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)

Oz The Great and Powerful — Insert sinking balloon joke here. James Franco mugs his way through director Sam Raimi's candy-colored CGI wonderland as a carnival magician who finds himself called upon to rally the oppressed people of Oz to believe in him. Or at least, to believe in the power of their dreams? Anyway, belief is important. But the actor proves as insincere as his character, and it's up to Michelle Williams as Glinda the Good Witch to keep things interesting as you follow the well-worn turns in the yellow brick road. (That she manages to do

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PACIFIC BEACH

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POWAY

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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) Fri. (9:00a.m.); **My Little Pony: Equestria Girls** (Not Rated) Sat-Sun. (10:00a.m.); **Swan Lake Legends (1966 Vienna State Opera House)** (Not Rated) Sun. (12:30p.m.)

so without letting her sweetness turn saccharine is the real great and powerful thing here.) She gets dubious help from Zach Braff doing schtick as a flying monkey, and from Joey King as a spunky china girl who reminds the ersatz wizard not to be a cad. Mila Kunis and Rachel Weisz play Glinda's dark-haired sisters. 2013. — M.L. ★ (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

Pacific Rim — Reviewed this issue. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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 meat-head 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 damndest), Rob Corrdry. 2013. — S.M. ● (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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”



Grown Ups 2: Guess what Adam Sandler is saying to Salma Hayek!

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. ● (READING GASLAMP; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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)

The Way, Way Back — Summertime, and the living is horribly painful and awkward, because you're a pouty-slouchy teenage boy (Liam James) stuck riding in the titular seat of your mom's boyfriend's restored station wagon on the way to his rented beach house for a month of inarticulate misery. Your mom (Toni Collette)? She's lonely and frightened. Your mom's boyfriend (Steve Carell)? He's well-meaning, but kind of an overbearing jerk. (And maybe not such a good guy, despite his good intentions.) Your romantic prospects? Let's not even discuss those. Just thank God for Owen (Sam Rockwell), the wisecracking, sympathetic water-park employee that every lonely teenage boy wishes would show up and show him the ropes. Cowriters and codirectors Jim Rash and Nat Faxon do a good job with the feeling and the place, even as they bounce between blunted emotionality and broad parents-being-bad humor. With Allison Janney, Rob Corrdry, AnnaSophia Robb. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

White House Down — This might be our generation's *Die Hard*. If so, woe be to our generation. Like the NASCAR spoof *Talladega Nights*, *White House Down* works hard to appeal to yahoo sensibilities (the presidential limo doing donuts on the White House lawn while being fired on by rocket launchers, *wa-hoo!*) while at the same time telling yahoos that they are awful, stupid people (you didn't think the terrorists assaulting the White House would hail from the lucrative foreign market, did you?) Comedic violence rests torn cheek by bloody jowl with horrific carnage — the one-liners aren't cathartic so much as they're camp. Channing Tatum does himself proud as a divorced dad who wants to join the Secret Service and also win his daughter's affection via a White House tour. But even if he can take out the bad guys, he can't overcome the cynicism on display here. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

World War Z — The only permutation trudging along within Hollywood's latest walking-dead pageant can be traced to its purported pricetag: who pumps \$250 million into a zombie movie? Well, there's Paramount and Brad Pitt for starters, both eager to fudge together a money-minting tentpole they can hammer into multiplexes over the next three summers. A fairly good ride for its first half, the four screenwriters — with Max (son of Mel and Annie) Brooks's bestseller to guide them — have no idea how to end it. What with activist Pitt on board, one would expect at least a grain or two of substantive social satire or commentary. Alas, fearing that messages might take a bite out of business, all parties involved play it PG-13 safe. Double that in the case of director Marc Forster, the man responsible for riding herd over the single most deleterious non-Roger Moore 007 picture. His characteristic watery inefficiency once again proves no match for staging big action scenes. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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Film Night Screening of *Dear Governor Cuomo*, the concert protest film by New Yorkers against fracking. **Thursday, July 11, 7:00pm**

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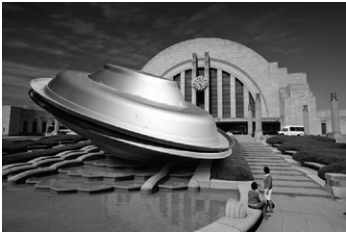
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Films in the Garden: Sunset Boulevard Examine the complex notions of fame and anti-celebrity in Arnold Newman: Masterclass. Compare them to this story about the effects of Hollywood fame on Norma Desmond (Gloria Swanson). Billy Wilder's *Sunset Boulevard* presents the grand and bizarre tale of an increasingly reclusive silent-screen star, her once-husband and now-butler, and the young screen writer who is consumed by her madness. The Sculpture Court Café will offer a variety of snacks and beverage options, including a full bar. No outside alcohol will be allowed into the venue. **Monday, July 22, 7:00pm**

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Fan Favorite Film Festival In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the center screens the nine best IMAX films of all time for a Fan Favorite Film Festival. One film will play twice a day each week, Friday through Thursday, from July 5 through September 5. Films include: *Hubble* (start date July 5); *Yellowstone* (start date July 12); *Dolphins* (start date July 19); *Adventures in Wild California* (start date July 26); *Mysteries of Egypt* (start date August 2); *Everest* (start date August 9); *Coral Reef Adventure* (start date August 16); *Lewis and Clark* (start date August

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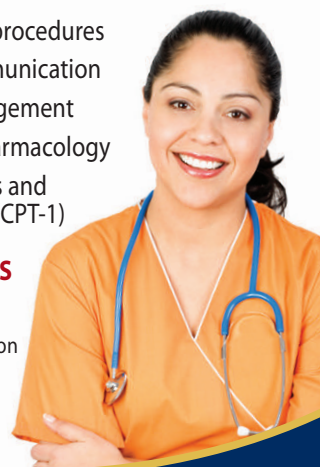
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situation can be dealt with and manpower needs can be assessed.

JIMI OLSEN, JULY 4

Comments

NOSTALGIC JULY 4 @ 2:04 P.M.

Thank you for this informative article about a truly natural park in the heart of Point Loma. For those of you who don't know where it is: Go through Ocean Beach on Sunset Cliffs Blvd to the very end, make the left turn on Ladera, and the Park entrance looks like a time-travel doorway to San Diego backcountry. If you have not been there, I promise you will be amazed.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Get off the beach, dog

IB Groomin' booted from corporate-sponsored beach event

A woman wearing a dog costume at the annual Surf Dog Competition in Imperial Beach found out she was *caninus non grata* when sheriff's deputies asked her to leave at the request of the event's sponsors.

According to Elizabeth Pearson, the owner of the pet-grooming business IB Groomin', a representative of Loews Coronado Bay Resort requested that deputies ask her to leave the

beach where the event was about to start on Pier Plaza on Saturday, June 22.

Pearson said she had been handing out flyers in her costume as she has done in previous years. This year, her business was one of several local dog-related businesses that were not invited to participate because Loews was working exclusively with Petco in sponsoring the event.

"I was in a bright yellow dog suit," Pearson said. "As soon as we set foot on the beach, one of the Loews people asked us if we have a vendor permit." Soon after, Pearson was approached by sheriff's deputies several times until she left about an hour later. She said she was told "I wasn't allowed to be promoting my business," and the whole incident was "kind of confusing" because "I've been doing this with Loews since 2009.... It was like we were being shunned."

Lt. Marco Garmo at the Imperial Beach substation of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department said there is a "gray area" to such disputes.

"Is wearing a dog costume on the beach a criminal act? No," Garmo said. "Is handing out flyers for your business at an authorized event a criminal act? Maybe." He said officers in this kind of situation prefer to use mediation rather than treat it as a criminal matter, and if the situation had gone further, "we'd

do the mediation thing."

Pearson said she was particularly irked when two additional deputies came and questioned her when she was getting into her car to leave. "I was already gone," Pearson said. "I don't understand why they were coming after me."



IB dog groomer Elizabeth Pearson was asked to leave this year's Surf Dog Competition after partnering "with Loews since 2009."

The owners of IB Pet, another company that was not invited this year, started a "Support Local" campaign in response to not being allowed to participate in the Surf Dog Competition. "We have supported Loews for years as they are a pet friendly hotel/resort just up the road from us," said Lori and Russell Blauert in an open letter they posted online, "and this news is very disheartening to us, our staff, and our local customers!"

VINCENT FARNSWORTH, JULY 3

Comments

JAVAJOE25 JULY 3 @ 11:37 P.M.

This is a consequence of the "corporatization" of community events. Petco, yes/Locals, no. Since when does an event coordinator tell the police what the law is?

IMPERIAL BEACH

Residents say no "Y" to sports park

Brakes put on city's handover to YMCA at meeting

At the Imperial Beach City Council session on June 26, the council worked out a plan to hold a series of meetings to enable the public to take part in the decision of whether or not to privatize the city-run Sports Park Recreation Center & Park.

During the meeting, an Imperial Beach resident who has been active in the effort to stop the privatization announced that he could not work with the city any longer as part of a task force.

Tim O'Neill, a vocal supporter of the sports park, cited "lies, mistruths, deception, and biased information to neuter the task force." O'Neill said that the city was proceeding based on figures in past staff reports that contained intentional falsehoods, making negotiations impossible.

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"If we rely on past information that's been included in staff reports that have been produced by our city leaders," O'Neill said, "there's no way that we can have an absolute, unprejudiced decision."

At issue are council claims that the city cannot afford to run the park. The council's financial reports to support this claim have come under criticism, and a San Diego County Grand Jury in May concluded that the city has seriously mismanaged its budget for years.

Most estimates put the cost of the park at around 1 percent of the total city budget of \$26 million. A public effort against the privatization started when the council appeared ready to turn management over to the YMCA with little public input.

A YMCA representative attended the June 26 council meeting but did not make a public comment. The YMCA has been the target of the public's wrath after disclosures that most of the free access to the park would be eliminated under their management.

Tensions increased when South Bay Family YMCA associate executive director Lisa Johnson admitted that

children of low-income families who can't afford the fees would only be able to use the park if they qualified for "scholarships."

Councilmembers tried to assure Imperial Beach citizens of the fairness of the process.

"I don't see this as a conspiracy to bring the Y in," said councilmember Robert Patton during the session. "I have ethics...I would not volunteer to be on a meeting if I wanted to do something backhanded, if I wanted to bury you. I'm here for the good of you. No conspiracy. Truth," he said, raising his hand as if taking an oath.

VINCENT FARNSWORTH, JULY 1

TIJUANA

More orphans on the streets

Nearly half of orphanages have closed

More children are being abandoned on the streets of Tijuana to fend for themselves because nearly half the city's orphanages have closed during the past few years, according to the director of an orphanage specializing in the care of youngsters with HIV/AIDS.

"We don't know why, exactly. Some could be because of administrative changes, others because of a reduction in economic support,"

Juanita Ortiz Quezada, general director of Eunime por Tijuana, an orphanage specializing in the care of children with HIV/AIDS, told the Tijuana daily *El Mexicano* in a recent interview.

Just a few years ago, there were a little more than 70 orphanages in the city taking care of about 2000 children, Ortiz said. That number has since fallen by about 50 percent. The 40 or so shelters now available are insufficient to meet the needs of children in conditions of necessity, she said.

The number of abandoned children has grown at every shelter, but, at the same time, the number of children turned out into the streets continues to climb. In some instances, when an orphanage closed, its records were lost, which means it is possible that some of the children they once housed were left to wander the streets, Ortiz told *El Mexicano*.

While the state and municipal governments are offering some help — a single temporary shelter operated by the state and some financial help from the city for existing orphanages — the help is insufficient, she said. As a consequence, orphanages are being forced to engage in extra activities to raise the money needed to pay rent and buy food for the children in their care.

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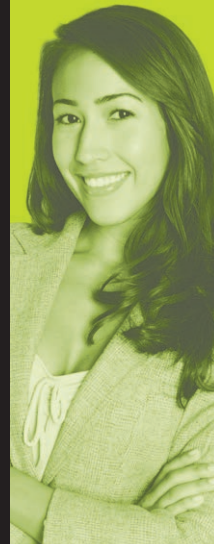
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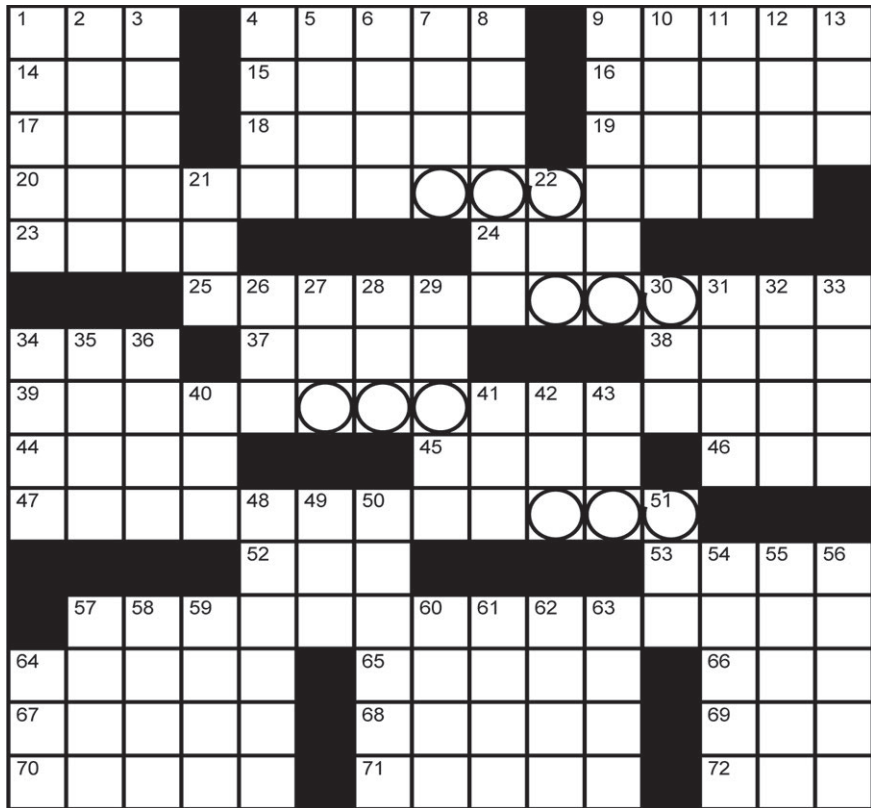
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9. He's a doll
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16. Fly united?
17. Sample
18. First name in rap
19. "In your dreams!"
20. Device often used on a toddler suffering from a high fever
23. Bonehead
24. Opp. of multiply
25. Incurred a common back injury
34. Boozehound's sound
37. "Fifty Shades of _____"
38. Words before occasion or account
39. Ailment of many cigarette smokers
44. Humdinger
45. "Bill & _____ Excellent Adventure"
46. Check the box (for)
47. Condition that commonly affects older women
52. Homeric cry?
53. Skeptic's rejoinder
57. This puzzle's theme
64. "Hawaii _____" (2010 CBS revival)
65. Transnational cash
66. Awards ceremony rental
67. Elementary sequence
68. In concert
69. Chapter
70. AARP and NAACP, e.g.

Down

1. Worshiper of the rain god
2. Spreading fast on YouTube
3. Packaging foam prefix
4. Sitz _____
5. Together, in music
6. Not an orig.
7. Smile from ear to ear
8. Black-and-white pixelated square readable by smartphones
9. Home of the World Health Organization
10. "How could _____ this happen?"
11. "By _____!"
12. Button between * and #
13. Suffix with puppet or profit celebrations, for short
21. Causes of end zone
22. Central
26. Apparel abbr.
27. Sports org. that oversees the Rugby World Cup
28. _____ diem
29. Composer Tchaikovsky
30. Question that may be answered "And how!"
31. Fascinated by
32. Short cut
33. Price
34. Beyonce hit with the lyric "I got my angel now"
35. Closely monitored hosp. areas

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40. Day of the wk.
41. Prefix with conservative
42. DJ's stack
43. Chinese philosopher Chu _____
48. Repugnant
49. McCain or McCaskill, for short
50. "Is that so?"
51. Dog command
54. Morsels
55. Make used (to)
56. Many an oilman
57. Cries of disgust
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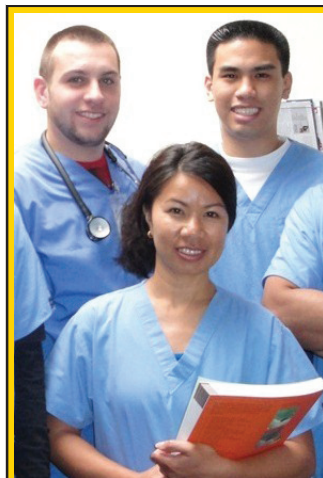
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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.
- 3) We will reward 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

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- 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.
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- 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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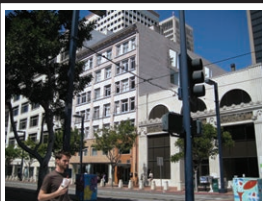
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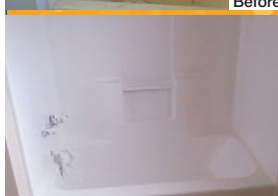
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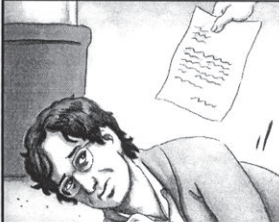
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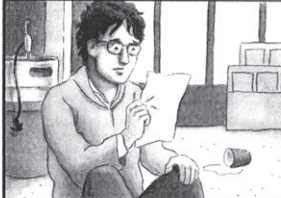
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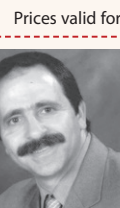
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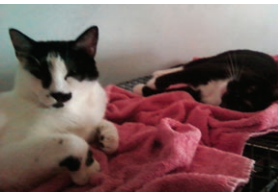


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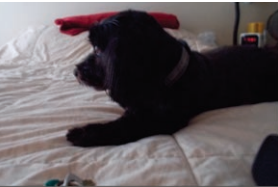
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Born and raised in Cheboksary, Russia, Maryam had little time to play as a child. She was busy taking ballet, piano, singing, and French lessons, and dreamed of becoming an actress (or maybe a doctor). She became the first Russian student to finish high school at 14, and she then moved to LA to attend the LA Music Academy for Jazz singing. The following year, she moved to NYC and studied acting at the New York Film Academy. Maryam returned to Russia after receiving early acceptance into a university at 15, and completed this degree last month at the age of 17. She plans on following up these studies with an MBA in Health Care Business Management, but is currently working for the Russian Government. Though it's hard to believe she has any, in her free time Maryam likes to practice her oil painting, record music, experiment with photography, do hot yoga – and she also finds time to run 10 kilometers every day! We don't know how she does it, but Maryam makes room in her schedule to model for us, which she very much enjoys. Maryam is pictured here wearing the Cotton Spandex Jersey Bra Bodysuit and the Hampton Short.

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