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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Wife-cooker in court

Sixty-nine-year-old man denies the crime
Vista — Frederick Joseph Hengl, 69, was brought into court in a wheelchair today, July 8, 2013.

His public defender, Deborah Kirkwood, said the man is too ill to sit through a preliminary hearing, and his next court date was set for August 20. He is held in lieu of \$5 million bail in San Diego's downtown jail, in their medical unit.

Hengl was first brought into court eight months ago, when he was charged with murder and cruelty to an elder and unlawful act with human remains. At that time, his public defender stated that Hengl had a "heart condition." The man looked even thinner and more frail today.

Last November, Oceanside police said they went to his home on North Ditmar Street when "neighbors reported a foul odor coming from the residence."

Police found parts of Hengl's wife cooking in three pans on the stovetop, a prosecutor claimed. "The officers saw clear evidence of cooking, in that the heat was on and that it was actually in the process of being cooked," prosecutor Katherine Flaherty said at Hengl's arraignment on November 21, 2012.

The head of Anne-Marie Faris, 73, was found in the freezer, wrapped in plastic. The prosecutor claimed, "He was in the process of dismembering his wife."



Frederick Joseph Hengl was caught "in the process of dismembering" and cooking his wife.

Hengl is accused of killing his wife between November 1 and November 16. "The timing is something that we're still trying to nail down," the prosecutor said. She also said the exact cause of death is not yet determined.

Eva Knott, July 8

Lifeguard enters council race

Spokesperson for Lifeguard Union files run for District 2 council seat
San Diego — Longtime lifeguard Ed Harris has officially jumped into the race for the District 2 council seat.

Harris, a spokesperson for the local Lifeguard Union, filed the papers necessary to kick off his candidacy with the city clerk on July 3. The filing should come as no surprise.

The former lifeguard has been stating his intention to run for months. Back in May, Harris came to the rescue of his fellow lifeguards in the comment section of an article in *U-T San Diego* entitled, "Lookout: lifeguards with six-figure pay."

"San Diego Lifeguards perform 4000-6000 water rescues per year," wrote Harris. "We also make approximately 60 cliff rescues and thousands of medical aids. We



Pro-union Ed Harris will take on conservative, pro-business, pro-development Lori Zapf for the District 2 council seat, which should prove to be an important, hotly contested race.

operate a wide variety of vessels, conduct dive recovery, river rescue, and marine fire fighting. Permanent Lifeguards are peace officers that enforce state and local laws."

Harris signed the comment, "Lifeguard Spokesperson and Candidate for City Council District Two."

Harris will be up against District 6 councilmember Lorie Zapf, who had to switch districts after San Diego's district lines were redrawn last year.

The race between the conservative, pro-business and development candidate Zapf and a pro-union candidate in Harris will prove to be an important and hotly contested race.

Dorian Hargrove, July 8

City charged with shady (illegal) dealing

Accused of subverting public records law in convention-center suit

Downtown — San Diego's elected officials have had a long and well-documented history of backroom dealings. Whether it be a midnight deal to boost redevelopment funding or letting developers dictate the size and footprint of their development, residents often find themselves in the dark on important city issues.

With the widespread use of emails and instant access to them with a touch of a screen, public officials here and throughout the state are using private email accounts and personal cell phones to conduct city business and broker big development deals. Is it an issue of convenience or a way to

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U-T San Diego owner Doug Manchester appears in a swim-meet scene in the movie *Talhotblond*, which aired on Lifetime last year.

Papa Doug Manchester in Hollywood

By Don Bauder

Papa Doug Manchester is in the movies! Actually, you can delete that exclamation point. He makes cameo appearances in films produced by Los Angeles-based Motion Picture Corporation of America. He has already appeared in two of the company's

films: *Talhotblond*, televised last year on Lifetime, and *The Sweeter Side of Life*, shown this year on Hallmark Channel. He is slated

to appear in a series called *The Saint*. It's a shoot-'em-up chock-full of derring-do, macho males, and scantily clad ladies.

Yahoo! Finance says of this film company, "Low budget doesn't always mean low-brow, but the Motion Picture Corporation [of America] has more than its share of the latter." Among its films: *Beverly Hills Ninja* and *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* 2. Oh.

Realistically, Papa Doug appears to be in mini-or micro-cameo roles. I watched *Talhotblond* twice

Neal Obermeyer



before I found him. He could be seen on the screen for one — or, at most, two — seconds. It's actually a good movie, based on a real incident. A 47-year-old man, loving father of two daughters, goes from midlife crisis to insane jealousy as a result of having an online fantasy relationship with a fetching 18-year-old female who professes to love him. He tells her he is a young Marine in Afghanistan. The middle-aged man's wife discovers the online affair and

ends of the film. One of the daughters is in a swim meet attended by the then-happy family. The camera pans the audience, and there is Papa Doug cheering, flanked by two beautiful females. Then — whoosh — he is gone, never to come back in the film, at least as far as I could determine. I scoured the other group shots and couldn't find him.

Fifteen people are listed in the credits at the end. The 13th is Papa Doug Manchester, playing himself. Papa

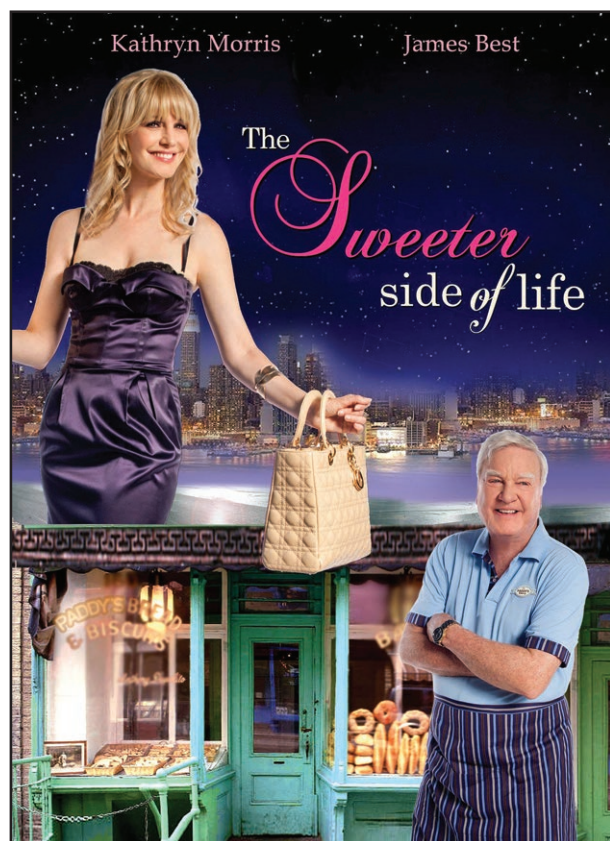
back to the 1960s but will be "rebooted," in Hollywood lingo, or revamped and revitalized. The comedy was not yet available to buy or rent when I worked on this column, and the latter, being in pre-production, is not available. But the promotional streamer for *The Saint* features a young vixen, clad in a semi-bikini, directing someone to "the Manchester suite" in a hotel.

How can a one- or two-second appearance merit a listing in the credits? Charles Hauck, longtime Hollywood producer, says there might have been a prior agreement; Manchester could have had other appearances, however brief, that "hit the cutting-room floor." However, the agreement might have held.

Why would a megamillionaire want a brief cameo role in a movie? Certainly not for the money. "It is fairly common for investors or minor producers to be given little guest cameo appearances as ego ribbons, usually in party scenes. In modern terms, it's a tweet," says David Elliott, former movie reviewer for the *Union-Tribune* and the *Reader*.

In trying to interview the chief executive of Motion Picture Corporation of America, I was only able to reach his executive assistant, a chap named Vince. I explained that I wanted to know how Papa Doug Manchester got the cameo roles. Was he an investor? Friend of somebody? Something else? Vince promised to get back and never did. I left four messages with him and got no reply. So I called Francisco González, who appears to be a very busy man. He is senior vice president of sales and acquisitions, executive producer of *Talhotblond* and *The Sweeter Side of Life*, and co-executive producer of *The Saint*. Growled González, "I am

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Manchester also made a cameo in the sugary Hallmark Channel movie *The Sweeter Side of Life*.

banishes him to the garage. But then one of his young coworkers, a close friend, also begins electronically flirting with the young lady. In a rage, the 47-year-old kills the young man. Then, the contrite middle-ager discovers that, all along, he was really conversing online with the teenager's mother, who, too, is middle-aged. But it's too late; he is on his way to a long stretch in prison.

Papa Doug gets his 1 or 2 seconds of glory in the first 7 minutes and 48 sec-

Doug is also listed in film publicity and in materials produced by the industry bible, Internet Movie Database, called IMDb.

The Sweeter Side of Life appears to be a treacly comedy about a privileged Manhattan housewife whose husband dumps her but who finds happiness resuscitating her father's bakery. It was written by actor/singer and former soap-opera star Michael Damian (who was born in Bonsall) and his wife. *The Saint* series dates

UNDER THE RADAR

Twisted tongue It's been a busy few weeks for sex-related allegations at San Diego city hall, thanks to the now self-admitted but unspecified indiscretions of Democratic mayor **Bob Filner**. If the mayor's accusers ever emerge to confront him in court, or if reported FBI forays into Filner's inner sanctum eventually bear fruit, the story may become even more colorful. But in the way of dining and lewd anecdotes, not much can compare with the saga of **Uvaldo Martinez**, a Republican city councilman back in the 1980s who seemed destined for greater things until he got caught up in what become known in some irreverent political circles as "Tongue-gate."

Martinez's political fate revolved around his habit of stopping in for dinner and drinks with male staffers at posh bistros and bars around the city, including downtown's Dobson Restaurant, a longtime city hall watering hole for such luminaries as fallen GOP mayor **Roger Hedgecock** and imprisoned Democratic city councilman **Ralph Inzunza**. One night after work, Martinez and company ran into his campaign treasurer **Bob Miller** and city hall secretary **Charlotte Sharpe**, along with Westgate Hotel concierge **Salima Din** and her sister, **Nardis**. After beckoning the party upstairs, a visibly inebriated Martinez ordered bottles of champagne and food.

Later asked by a prosecutor whether the councilman knew he was "doing or saying anything you construed as

lewd or suggestive?" Sharpe broke down in tears. "He sometimes does things with his tongue, just gestures." On cross examination, according to an account in the *San Diego Tribune*, Martinez's lawyer got Sharpe to say that the councilman's behavior was due to his being under the influence and would be considered "out of character" for him in the office.

But rumors of sexual harassment were the least of the GOP councilman's worries. In October 1986, he pled guilty to two felony counts of hitting city taxpayers with tabs for personal dinners and

drinks at watering holes and resigned. Prosecutors alleged that Martinez had run up \$1840 in charges on 20 occasions from November 1984 to June 1985 on his city-issued credit card. Martinez had submitted vouchers claiming he

was dining with officials and developers on city business, but witnesses testified he was with girlfriends and staffers, the *Tribune* said.

No kids, we're drinking It probably wasn't as exciting as

a clash in city council chambers between mayor **Bob Filner** and city councilman **Todd Gloria**, and the booze wasn't on the house, but nothing beats Adams Avenue for homespun hospitality, San Diego style. Such was the case last week when Gloria held "Cocktails with your Council President" at the new Sycamore Den watering hole near 34th Street. "Summer time is in full

swing, it's Pride Week, and hard work continues at City Hall," said an emailed invite from Gloria's official city hall account. "I hope you can take the time to join me for cocktails in Normal Heights this Thursday evening to learn the latest news and provide me with your concerns, questions, and input." Added the invitation: "Please note that Sycamore Den is a 21 and up venue." ... Someone at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club really likes **Kamala Harris**. The outfit that has the lucrative state lease to run the summer horse races by the sea

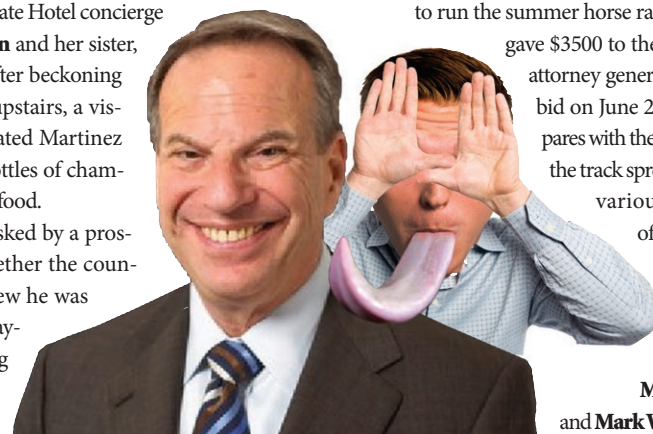
gave \$3500 to the Democratic attorney general's reelection bid on June 21. That compares with the \$1000 checks the track spread around to various legislators of both parties, including San Diego Republicans **Brian Maienschein** and **Mark Wyland**. Local Democrats **Marty Block**, **Lorena Gonzalez**, and **Shirley Weber** had to settle for just \$500 apiece.

Darrell's roadie Staff for Republican congressman **Darrell Issa** have been hitting the road frequently of late, journeying afar with the ostensible aim of picking up hints on everything from "drafting legislative policy" to "office management" and "mail." Those important tips were gleaned by Issa aide **Laurent Morgan Crenshaw** during a June 7 overnight at the Baltimore Mar-

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Todd Gloria held "Meet the Council President" cocktail hour at the retro Sycamore Den in Normal Heights.



Mayor Filner's recent sexual harassment problems awaken memories of the "Tongue-gate" scandal of the 1980s.

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Come Back, Matt!

What happened to “Straight From the Hip”? I have been reading that in the Reader for multiple years. I make a beeline for it every Thursday. “Straight From the Hip” is the first thing I go to. I guess Alice needs a break? I hope you didn’t drop it, but if you did, would you please tell us why?

I’m not going to go on and on, but I just miss it. The paper is seeming thinner these days, a little lighter. I hope you’re not losing advertising — although it’s not the advertising I go for; it’s the articles. I hope this doesn’t mean bad news for me.

Matt, if you’re within earshot, come back!

Alicia Brown
Serra Mesa

Linda Nevin, who wrote “Straight From the Hip” for more than 20 years, died in February this year. Ian Pike took over Nevin’s duties until June. We felt that Pike’s time was better directed to his food blogging (see *Feast*, page 60) and *Art Seen*, which debuts this issue (page 55). — Ed.

Taking a Pass on the Burrito

Less than half a page into the story of the “Burrito Brothers” (July 11 cover story), I came to the conclusion that Mr. Torrance should have simply described himself as “the moron writing this,” and saved everyone the trouble. Sufficient to say I didn’t bother to finish reading it.

Carl Hancock
via email

Sickly Apropos

Re “Mad Chalker” (July 4 cover story) and deputy city

attorney Hazards’s claim to represent the people in defending their “quality of life,” which is being degraded by colored chalk truisms on BofA’s sidewalk.

First, the entire justice system has abdicated its sworn duty to represent the people by ignoring the bank’s destruction of our quality of life by playing duplicitous mortgage fraud games. We finally had to pass a law just to get the banks to behave decently — not in the cynically sociopathic manner they had been willfully doing, what with “losing” paperwork duly submitted by refi applicants, by “dual tracking” (a euphemism for knife-in-back tactics of foreclosing in the midst of an alleged refi process) or by “robo signing” (euphemism for forgery by holier-than-thou lenders who jump all over you if an *i* isn’t dotted or a *t* is left uncrossed).

Such felonious behavior has been ignored by the Hazards and the holders of this world. For shame! How can you compare Olson’s chalking with the egregious legal and illegal rip-off that is the financial system? Olson is one of the few lone brave souls trying to alert the people to their mass victimization.

I find it sickly apropos that the BofA’s head of security trains “Christlike men” to blow fellow humans away with firearms. I’d love to hear his explanation of the relationship of Jesus to weaponry. I’ll be waiting eagerly.

Lastly, corporations are not people. This poison, illicitly slipped into constitutional law by a railroad CEO who, in the 19th Century, conveniently tacked it on to a judgment while somehow acting as a clerk, must be expunged from our legal system.

Norm Simon
via email

Patriotic Chalker

I saw a kid chalk a patriotic slogan on the street during a July 4th parade. What offended me were the 12-foot-high Budweiser signs on two humongous trucks that were actually in

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SUNSET CLIFFS

Bluff gives way overnight Rubble field on beach extends 25-plus feet

This morning, July 11, a beach at Sunset Cliffs displayed a reminder of the dangers of being too near the bluffs.



On a sunny day at low tide, this spot would have been crowded with surfers and beachgoers.

Many of our county beaches are backed by sandstone cliffs. While they add a majestic beauty to our golden sunsets, they are an accident waiting to happen. Lifeguards and local scientists keep an eye on and record many cliff failures and perceived weak areas along beaches such as Blacks, Torrey Pines, and Pacific Beach. On some of our more remote beaches they go unrecorded.

The collapse at Sunset Cliffs occurred

in an area that is frequented by surfers and beachgoers alike. On a warm, sunny, low-tide day, this specific place would have been crowded with people.

The bluff failure measures about 20 feet high, 20 feet wide, and 15 feet deep. The rubble field extends out onto the beach at least 25 feet. Some of the blocks of sandstone are 5 feet square.

JIMI OLSEN, JULY 12

CARDIFF

Precautious Prius plowed Two-car collision after driver stops on on-ramp

A July 10 rear-end collision on the north-bound I-5 Birmingham Drive on-ramp caused a car to be pushed over the side of the freeway.

At around 7:15 p.m., a navy-blue Toyota Prius stopped on the metered on-ramp before entering the freeway. A silver Chevy sedan subsequently plowed into the stopped Prius.

Speculation was that the driver of the Chevy was not paying attention, accelerated to enter the freeway, and missed seeing the stopped vehicle at the end of the on-ramp. However, with the reduced amount of north-bound traffic at that time of the evening, the meter's red lights are usually turned off.

A firefighter on the scene speculated that perhaps the Prius hadn't needed to stop. Another fireman said the occupants of both cars were transported to the local hospital, though none were seriously injured.

Firefighters had to disconnect the batteries of the Prius to avoid possible electrical explosions prior to cutting down the freeway's chain-link fence.

KEN HARRISON, JULY 12

ESCONDIDO

"Direct democracy" Petition gets nearly twice the signatures needed to fight development

Following an enthusiastic kick-off on May 11, a petition drive by the Escondido Country Club Homeowners Organization (ECCHO) gathered 9360 signatures for its Citizens'

Property Rights Initiative and delivered the petition to Escondido City Hall on July 10.

The goal of the initiative is to thwart the plans of the current owner, Stuck in the Rough LLC, to build 450 homes on the 100-acre property, the former Escondido Country Club.



Nearly 100 volunteers collect 9360 signatures in an effort to thwart unwelcome development.

At city hall on July 10, in front of a festive crowd of about 100 volunteers and supporters, ECCHO board president Jerry Swadley said, "The original developer was allowed to

build extra homes on smaller lots in return for providing a golf course with its green open space. Through this initiative, we are just asking that the bargain be upheld and we get what we paid for, which is a neighborhood centered around green open space.... Stuck in the Rough bought a golf course. It has the right to operate a golf course. If it doesn't want to, sell it."

In his remarks to supporters, country-club boardmember Jim Ahler said, "This kind of participation from a volunteer organization is unheard of. If adopted, this is your law. This is an exercise in direct democracy. You should all be congratulated!"

Once submitted to Escondido city clerk Diane Halverson, the petition will make a 21-mile drive south to the Registrar of Voters office in Kearny Mesa for signature vetting. To count toward the minimum 5956

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Holler From your 'hood

Ocean Beach —Are Californians too stupid for freedom? This is a very serious question. It seems those in California are willing to let go of their rights at a drop of a hat. The lack of organization, the excess of imposing on other people, the indoctrination and the complacency.... it's getting a little difficult to stick up for the people of this state. Once upon a time the Californian coast was sought after for being the place where freedom could live, the place where business could boom and inventions could take hold. Now we have to watch our step everywhere we go so that normal citizens aren't mistakenly turned into criminals. Instead of officers doing their job, we have changed the laws to accommodate the wishes of a few (no drinking on the beach, no smoking on the grass, no fires at the beach or in the beach home areas) little by little we are turning into a socialist community. And while I know that there are many in the town that love this idea, in the long

run it is going to be bad, very very bad. we are literally steps away from having designated human routes in which if we were to veer off and 'harm' wildlife (step on grass) we would be subject to penalties. Please people open your eyes! Freedom isn't about what you can prevent, it's about what you can create. I think everyone needs to think about this and what freedom is just a little bit more. I am VERY open to continuing this conversation and getting insight from others in the neighborhood.

kittycat, July 12

Ocean Beach —You make some very valid points kittycat. We are becoming more and more of a regulated society. Some laws seem like they are good for us, others seems quite intrusive. I've heard that California has more laws, rules and regulations than most other states. Do you find this to be true?

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Black is the new black

Every year a different hue gets dubbed the new black. This year the new black is black. In the words of Karl Lagerfeld, "One is never over-dressed or underdressed with a little back dress."

I ran into three San Diego women who used black as a palette to individualize their looks.

At the UTC mall, Grace Francais used accessories to add a personal flair to a basic black dress.

"I'm a big fan of basics. I'm wearing a black tank dress from



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The day I ran into Francais, she dressed up her black tank with a denim vest, leopard-print tights and gold-toned jewelry.

The 22-year-old works at Brass Plum in Nordstrom. She wore a Marc Jacobs gold watch, Aldo tights, and a Brandy Melville necklace. Her lace-up combat boots are Steve Madden Troopas.

In Mission Valley I found Shalom Love wearing statement jewelry paired with a simple black tank and shorts.

Love purchased her necklace from Forever 21. "I'm a bargain shopper," she told me.

Just about every wardrobe item she purchases is from discounters like TJ Maxx and Nordstrom Rack.

The 26-year-old nurse was in town vacationing for the week from Idaho while her husband interviewed for a job in SD.

At Fashion Valley Mall I found Leah Hartnett. She wore black leggings and a black tee with a military jacket, brown ankle boots, and a chunky statement necklace.

The 22-year-old Nordstrom employee's favorite wardrobe items are her collection of ankle boots because they go with everything. ■

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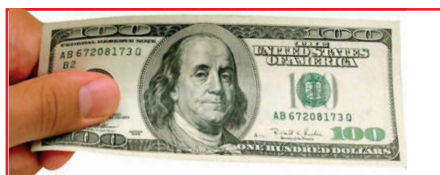


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Hail, **Part Three** Filner!

*Emperor Tibobius
Accused of Sexual
Debauchery by
Fellow Members of
the Ruling Class*

Former member of the High City Council Donafria turns on her former ally against the Developing Hordes that have grown fat off the spoils of our realm, calls for his removal. The scene, as recounted by Donofria in her impassioned speech just before she took her own life on the floor of the Senate Deli:

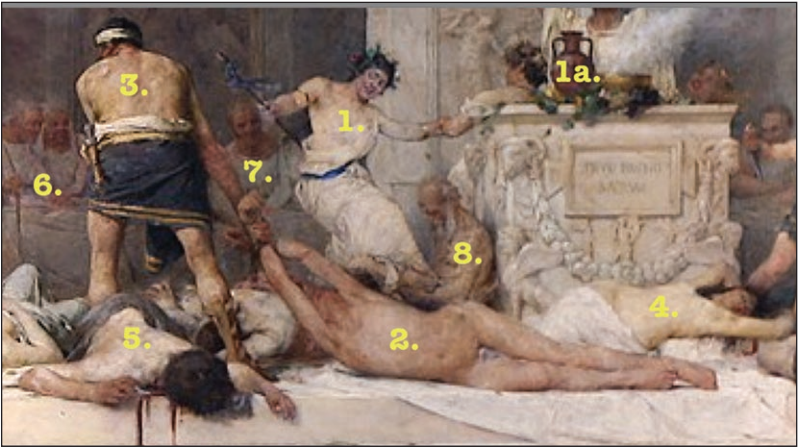


UPDATED:
*Tibobius
responds,
“Qui
licit Jovi
non licit
bovi!”*

Hail, Filner! **Part Four**

*First Picture of City Hall Debauchery Emerges
Warning: Sensitive Viewers May Find Orgastic Image Disturbing*

Emperor Filner (1) is rejoicing over the spoils of “donations” (1a) sent in by developers who hope to see their projects approved in the traditional “Sunroad Walk” fashion. At Filner’s feet, City Attorney Goldsmith (2) is being forcibly removed from the meeting by a member of the San Diego Police Department (3). Meanwhile, an as-yet-unidentified female staffer (4) attempts to recover from the Emperor’s alleged sexual harrassment. On the left, a former political ally (5) lies bleeding and possibly dead, presumably punished for having publicly asked the Emperor to step down from power. In the background, an ineffectual City Council (6) tut-tuts over the horrors playing out before it, but ultimately refuses to act. But wait! Who’s that in the shadows behind the Emperor? Could it be Carl “Antony” DeMaio (7), rising up to claim the throne he was so cruelly denied? Is that why he made a statement about Filner being “simply incapable of running the city”? Do the dejected people of San Diego (8) have a champion? Dare we hope?



WIMPy

*In wake of scandals, Mayor
Filner to propose new
Weak Mayor guidelines*

The power of Strong Mayor is simply too much for some men

On July 11, Emperor, er, Mayor Filner issued a video apology to the City of San Diego for his “inappropriate and wrong” behavior toward women who work both for him and with him. “I have diminished the office to which you elected me,” said Filner. “If my behavior doesn’t change, I cannot succeed in leading our city. In the next few days, I will be announcing fundamental changes within the mayor’s office, designed to promote a new spirit of cooperation, respect, and effectiveness.”



Today, *SD on the QT* obtained a draft proposal from the mayor’s office regarding the precise nature of those changes. Termed the Weak and Inoffensive Mayor Program (WIMP), it should go a long way toward curbing Filner’s more abrasive mannerisms. Below are a few of WIMP’s more notable changes:

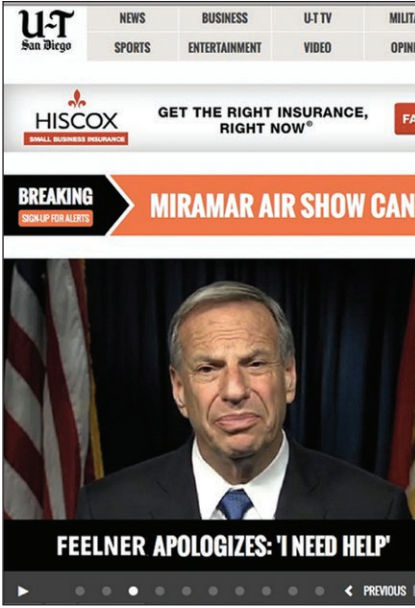
The mayor must, at all times when serving in an official capacity, wear a “Kick Me” sign on his back. Any city employee may take advantage of the offer, after which, the mayor must

say, “Thank you very much.” Unless he is actually signing documents, the mayor must wear mittens at all times. Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., the mayor must speak in a whisper. When flogging the city attorney, the mayor may use nothing stiffer than a pool noodle. The mayor must buy the first round of piña coladas at the city council’s weekly 10 a.m. Friday Fun Time meetup at the Tilted Kilt in the Gaslamp. At said meetup, he must refrain

from commenting on or leering at the waitstaff, no matter how high Belinda’s kilt rides up as she serves the drinks or how many buttons bartender Cindy leaves undone on her blouse. When the mayor tells a greedy, corrupt bastard, “Get out of my office before I stick your head in the same shithole where you keep your sense of civic responsibility,” he must also say “please.” Finally, once a year, the mayor must meet with the city fathers; i.e., the developers who run things around here. The mayor will don a Speedo, slather himself with bacon grease, and run around the conference room for no less than five minutes. If during that time any of the developers are able to catch the greased mayor and hold onto him for ten seconds, that developer will be allowed one project free of government oversight.

No Hard Feelings *U-T San Diego issues apology for Filner typo*

“These things happen”



Statement from U-T San Diego chief copyeditor Ti Po: “U-T San Diego remains committed to quality, objective journalism. Sexual harassment is no laughing matter. We regret the error...that Bob Filner made.”



SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

Hail, Part Five Filner! The Unkindest Cut



Emperor Filner's beloved First Lady of San Diego Bronwyn Ingram deserts him in his hour of need, citing "a devolvement in our personal relationship" and "a recognition of which way the wind is blowing."

Unclearing the Air

Mayor's former Transparency Czar repeats murky call for his resignation



Apparently, Donofria wore a necklace made of money to the press conference.

The less you know, the better.

"Saying 'sorry' isn't enough," said Donofria at a press conference on July 12, in which she repeated her call for the mayor to step down. "He must be punished because he is guilty. I know that no charges have been brought, that no victims have been identified, and that no details of his crimes have been provided. But trust us on this, just the way you've always trusted people who claim to have your best interest at heart. That's what you do, San Diegans. It's what makes you so wonderful. It's what makes this America's Finest City."

Bob on the Throne, Meet Jack in the Box

Local fast-food exec vows to complete remodel on North Park restaurant without "traveling down the Sunroad to drop off a sack of cash for the mayor's latest pet project."

"Bob Filner thinks he can put a stop to a restaurant remodel approved by his own Planning Department," scoffs Jack I.T. Box, CEO of the Jack in the Box fast-food restaurant chain. "But there's less merit in his case than there is milk in a McDonald's milkshake. He knows he's got no real standing; that's why he's trying to deprive me of my drive-thru via legal drive-by."

Box is referring to Filner's argument that, since the remodel is so extensive that it essentially involves rebuilding the restaurant, the new structure should be required to meet current zoning codes. And current zoning codes prohibit drive-thru windows. (The original restaurant had gone in before the prohibition, and so was allowed to keep the drive-thru.)

"It's true that I'm replacing several exterior walls," continues Box. "But I'm not changing the footprint of the restaurant; I'm just



A photo sent from Mr. Box's office to Mr. Filner's office and later obtained by SD on the QT via outright theft.

replacing extant parts of it. So, let me ask you a question, Bob. If I have an axe, and the handle breaks, and I replace the handle, and then the head breaks, and I replace the head, do I have a new axe or the same axe with new parts? You ever heard that? It's called Theseus's paradox; it's in Plutarch. Look it up while you're trying to get over losing a court battle with a guy who wears a pointy yellow hat."

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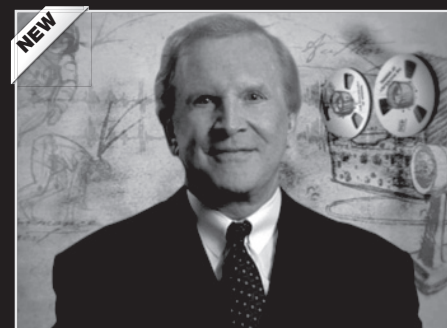
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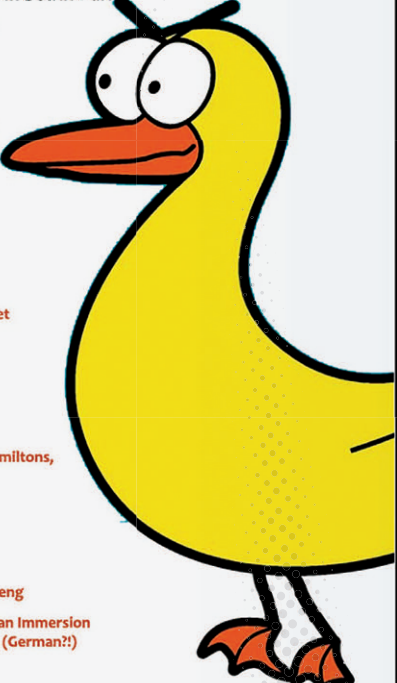
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 - <Put my kid on the wait list at the local German Immersion elementary school and hope to be above #150 (German?!)

Sample comment from SDReader.com/holler:

NORTH PARK HOLLER

I am still trying to figure out how the owners of the old post office building managed to get permission to build such a huge building in the neighborhood, I thought nothing more than 3 storeys high could be built and yet here is this building with at least 4. It would be nice if they asked for neighborhood input like they do with bars. This was a quiet street even though it was so close to university....not sure it will be that way after this is built.

BLOG DIEGO

TITLE: **Once Upon a Time in Mexico** | ADDRESS: crazybeautifulmadnessinmexico.blogspot.com
AUTHOR: **Tristan Nichols** | FROM: **San Diego** | BLOGGING SINCE: **June 2012**

From the blog's "About" entry: "Tristan is an award-winning multi-media journalist from England. Up until June 2012 he spent 13 years as a news reporter and defense correspondent for *The Herald* newspaper in Plymouth.... He left the UK in June 2012 after meeting and falling in love with the beautiful Jacky — a Mexican girl he had been in email correspondence with for seven years after they met on MySpace. Tristan quit his life in the UK to relocate to Tijuana in Mexico to learn Spanish and be a boyfriend to Jacky. She's now his fiancée and he's recently landed a job as a TV anchorman on U-T TV in San Diego. Lucky git."



Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun!

Don't get me wrong, I get it. We're starved of the sun in the UK, so when the sun does shine, why not make the most of it? "The BBC says the sun's out for like 15 minutes in North Cornwall tomorrow...let's go to Polzeath, hammer a wind break into the sand and get a tan!" Gotta love the English.

Of course, over here, it's different. I've been here for a week and I haven't seen one spot of rain. Just sunshine. "It's going to rain in a few minutes..." I said to Jacky's dad a few days ago as I gazed up at a huge black cloud. "No, no, no," he replied. Sure enough, by the time you could say "cagoule" the sun had

burnt off the cloud and it was once again brilliantly sunny.

Yesterday, I made a few curtains twitch by sitting outside the front of the house in the sun with my top off. A guy walked past looking surprised.

"Esta MUY calor," (It's very hot) he said.

"Si! Me gusta!" (Yes, I like it) I replied.

"POR QUE?" (WHY?) he asked.

"Um... Soy Ingles!" (I'm English!) I said proudly.

Cue laughter and a shake of the head.

"Bueno, bueno..."

When the sun shines here, everyone scurries inside into the shade. But somehow, watching a movie inside, knowing it's like 25 degrees and simply divine outside, just doesn't feel right. Besides, I want a tan. I don't want to be known as the "pale English boy" (or sex pest) living up the road.

In a way, I like being the odd one out over here. I can't say it enough... "I have a Latin girlfriend."

But Jacks seems to be equally proud to say she has an "English novio."

Anyhow, the search for the holy kettle!!! You know, after six days I found one! It was tucked away in a House of Fraser-style department store over here wedged in between lemon squeezers and electric whisks. I guess they just didn't know what it was and gave it its home there.

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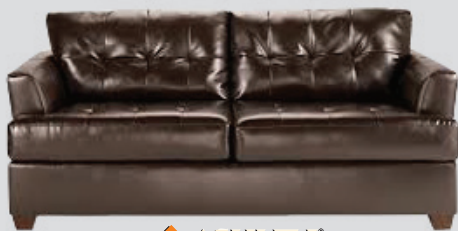
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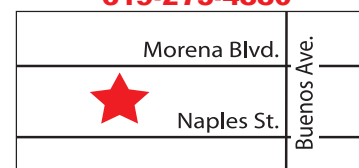
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**The guys onstage
were Mike McFarland
and Chris George,
known as
"Mike and Chris,"
a long-form
improvisational
comedy duo.**

On this particular Saturday night, they were performing at Sidestage Improv, a comedy club McFarland produces with two other improv comedians, Marina Mastro and Charles Webber, at Swedenborg Hall in University Heights. Tickets at this sold-out show were \$5, with the promise of "FREE BOOZE." (On offer were chilled cans of Crush and Coke Zero; bottles of water; red and white wine; and beer.)

It was my first experience watching long-form improv. I'd seen short-form at National Comedy Theatre in Mission Hills; to this point, I'd believed it to be the only type of improv. In Mission Hills I first saw McFarland onstage, as host and referee of the production's small scenes and friendly, competitive games. With short-form, he explains, "every three or four minutes you stop and start something new that is totally unrelated. It's very digestible — every three minutes the audience learns what's going to happen for the next three minutes. Like a variety or sketch show, it's a bunch of little unrelated things in a row." Long-form, however, "is more akin to a narrative — like traditional theater, only it's improvised."

McFarland looks like the kind of guy who likes to go on hikes. He's tall and lean, with dark hair, friendly brown eyes, and an easy smile; his resting face could be described as "mildly amused." After ten years of performing and teaching short-form improv at National Comedy Theatre, he left to start his own club and pursue long-form improv as his new creative outlet.

"From one simple suggestion, [long-form performers] start to improvise a story, and that story will be much more recognizable as a traditional story, with a beginning, middle, and end, and it might take half an hour to tell it," McFarland says. "It's like a one-act play, only being improvised. Because it's improvised, every show is funny, though the story-

LAUGH LINES

Comedy duo Chris George and Mike McFarland say with long-form improv, "The expectation is, 'We're just going to be entertained, however that manifests itself.'"



PHOTOGRAPH BY HOWIE ROSEN

line might have a more serious undertone."

Onstage, McFarland sat on a stool and assumed a coy, feminine expression. Following his partner's lead, Chris George took on the role of a male suitor. Eagerly he announced that he was in possession of a condom. As the scene unfolded, I noted that the audience was mostly quiet, with the occasional titter. There was no raucous and rhythmic wave of laughter, nor was there any sense of an obligation to laugh. I empathized with George's character, who, despite his mimed chivalry, seemed to be getting the brush-off by the "girl" on the stool. I found myself wondering how the poor chap would fare at the end of the scene. When I did smile, my amusement was comparable to what I might feel when a character in a drama movie makes a droll statement.

With short-form, McFarland says, "the expectation is that, in the next 30 seconds, the audience is [either] going to have to laugh or feel let down." With long-form, "they tend to laugh a lot, but the expecta-



PHOTOGRAPH BY HOWIE ROSEN

Michael Maury and Ashley McGuire of LifePlay use improv comedy to help kids "explore self-expression, learn conflict resolution, and gain confidence."

tion is 'We're just going to be entertained, however that manifests itself.'

Comedy as Therapy

Most improv artists perform in teams. They spend a lot of time practicing together and learn-

Theatre, Gary Kramer stresses as essential to the craft.

"If you deny someone else what they're setting up, it's funny for three seconds," he says. Though he frequently performs, Kramer is also the artistic

"If you deny someone else what they're setting up, it's funny for three seconds [and] you might get a laugh, but it blows up the scene."

ing to trust each other, because onstage each plays an equally supporting role to propel a scene forward. The agreeable, mutually reliant nature of improv is something that, in classes offered at National Comedy

director for the theater's mostly G-rated shows, during which improvisers play a series of games and scenes based on audience suggestions. It's similar in structure to *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*

I spoke to Kramer by

phone while he was in New York overseeing operations at the National Comedy Theatre, which he founded in the Big Apple nine years ago. Between the two locations, he produces up to 600 shows a year.

Kramer explains what he means. "If I say, 'Hey, Mom, can you help me with my homework?,' and you say, 'I'm not your mom, I'm your dad,' everyone will laugh. But then everything else goes away. You might get a laugh, but it blows up the scene." For a scene to work, all team members must abide by the "central idea of agreeing and moving forward."

This basic tenet makes improv games ideal for team-building workshops — National Comedy Theatre offers such workshops to corporations and organizations — but learning and practicing improv also benefits troubled kids.

"The number-one rule of improv is *yes, and*," says Ashley McGuire, founder and CEO of LifePlay Productions, a local organization that offers programs for children and adults that use theater to "explore self-expression, learn conflict resolution, and gain confidence." With improv (for the reasons Kramer outlined), saying no to any newly improvised information is forbidden.

One of the afterschool programs LifePlay provides is an anti-bullying workshop. It relies heavily on that first rule. "Comedy is owning who you are and finding the humor in your life," McGuire says. "If someone says, 'Oh, you've got braces, ha-ha,' you can say, 'Yes, *and* when I'm 20, I'm going to have beautiful teeth.'"

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One of LifePlay's teaching artists is San Diego Regional Director Michael Maury, who also performs regularly at National Comedy Theatre. Maury specifies that while he's not a therapist, in his experience working with kids, "you're able to tear down walls through comedy that you might not be able to tear down through a therapy session. If you're able to help people dig into what ails them within, whatever pain they have, and face that through laughter, it's cathartic."

Maury describes one kindergartener whose father was deployed in the military, and how the girl's need for attention had become disruptive. "When dad or mom is away, they feel it. Kids are trying to communicate how they're feeling, but they don't know how to



Gary Kramer (right) says improv is "easier [than stand-up] because the audience might be more forgiving," but "harder because we don't get a chance to rehearse."

put it into words. Improv allows an outlet for them to express themselves. Maybe they're feeling angry — they can play

an angry character and let it all out." By giving each child equal time to share, Maury helped diminish the young girl's desperation to always be front and center.

When it comes to dealing with bullies, Maury says the *yes, and* rule is the most successful approach. "By calling someone a bully, you're fueling the altercation. If you *yes, and* the situation, they have nowhere to go with it. You're almost working in cooperation with them." Maury details a role-play situation in which one kid made fun of another for wearing glasses. "He was, like, 'Nice glasses, Four Eyes,' and the other kid took them off, looked at them, and said, 'I know, it's so embarrassing — I can see now.' Then he put his glasses back on. Not letting [the bullying] affect him allowed him to keep his power."

In his after-school workshops, Maury incorporates common improv games, such as "Switch," to help kids build empathy. "Switch helps people

understand someone else's situation. You start a scene and have them opposing one another in some way. For example, Jimmy's an old man, and Baxter is his grandson. Grandpa is trying to fix a toilet, and all Baxter wants to do is go play baseball, and he doesn't understand why Grandpa won't play baseball with him. You do the scene, and then re-do the scene exactly the same way, but have them switch roles."

Of Maury, McGuire says, "Mike has a real passion for helping people tap into their emotional selves, [and for] helping young people move beyond the silly, petty crap that they deal with all the time and into a place of compassion and empathy."

Stand-up

The cathartic benefits of comedy are not limited to improv. Stand-up comedian Kim Thompson says, "[Stand-up] saved me. It's like my antidepressant. Some of my most favorite jokes are based on such dark,

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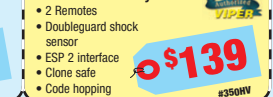
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tragic moments. If I'm going through a breakup or something, being able to write material that not only makes people laugh but gets them to connect to you, that's the greatest thing. It helps you realize that you can't get stuck on certain things in your life."

Thompson, who performs regularly at the Comedy Store in La Jolla, is not really interested in improv. "It just didn't speak to me the way stand-up does. I enjoy writing so much, and the writing and performing of my written word appeals to me more." Despite this preference, Thompson admits that stand-up is a particularly difficult road. "People get fickle, you get fickle. It's such a roller-coaster. But if you love it, and you're committed to it, and really connected, you kind of live off it." An audience might not connect with the specific material performed, but Thompson believes they should be able to relate to the human emotions revealed through her self-deprecating humor.

The night I saw Thompson perform at the Comedy Store, my husband, David, pointed out a "love bite" on Thompson's neck. The following night, having realized how obvious it was to others, she worked it into her set. She gestured at the bruise and announced, "My homeless ex-boyfriend gave this to me, and I don't know if it's a hickey or a premature AIDS lesion." She was happy with the response to the new joke. "They loved it — I got applause."

It's that yearning for connection that drives many stand-up comedians, says Rajan Dharni, a comedian who performs both improv and stand-

up. "Most stand-up [comedians] feel constantly like they're the odd man out. They're the weird one wherever they are, and they're hypersensitive about that. I think one of the things that stand-up might offer these people is that, when they say something and people laugh, they know people can relate to their thought or sentiment or

I just fell in love with watching comedy," she says. A friend who manages Mad House Comedy Club downtown, encouraged Thompson to step up to the mic. "He kept pressuring me, and I finally gave in. I had a week to prepare. I did a joke about a bad blind-date experience — I was actually stood up by a blind guy. It went over

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whatever they were feeling. Stand-up offers validation. Also, approval — a lot of stand-ups have this obsession for approval, and they get it through laughs."

Mike Vinn, who is both the manager and a regular performer at the Comedy Store in La Jolla, cautions comedians who take the stage against expectations of getting the laughter they seek. "What comics need to realize is that it's their job to make the audience laugh. It's not the audience's job to make you feel good about yourself."

Vinn happens to be Kim Thompson's brother. When Thompson first moved from Chicago to San Diego six years ago, she lived with Vinn, who'd arrived in San Diego by way of the military. Vinn was first to the comedy scene, but his sister, who attended many of the shows, soon followed. "I didn't have a car, so I went around wherever he went, and

well, and I've been doing stand-up ever since."

Once his sister was on the circuit, Vinn realized that if he and his sibling/roommate were going to get along, he had to keep his joke ideas to himself. "When we lived together, we would constantly battle." Of their shared experiences, he says, "We would fight and argue and debate over whose joke it was, who should have it, to where it got to be frustrating."

Thompson recalls those days as well. "When I first moved here, anytime I did something stupid, Mike seemed to have a joke about it. When I started doing comedy, I was, like, 'Hey, man, when I do something stupid, I think I should be able to write about it.'" It got to the point where Thompson began punctuating phone conversations with her mother with the phrase "You can't tell Mike" — all to protect potential material.

"Luckily, our styles are

very different from each other," Thompson says. "What inspires me about my family is a lot different than what inspires him."

starts nagging, she says, 'I'm just giving you inspiration for the stage.' She loves it, and it's my little way of rebelling. I was

"The number-one rule of improv is 'Yes, and.'"

Vinn draws frequently on childhood memories, whereas Thompson focuses on the present. "He goes for a goofier point of view. I like to pull out darker things and try to find humor in those." For example, "We have a dad that is in and out of mental hospitals and stuff. He's a kooky character. And our mom's on her third marriage."

Their mother doesn't seem to mind playing comedy foil. "She has the biggest heart in the world, but she likes to nag a little bit," Thompson says. "Now, when she

such a good kid growing up, and now I can be, like, 'Hey, Mom, listen to this joke I wrote about you.' It's almost made us learn how to deal with each other. It's pretty funny." Thompson doesn't

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find it as easy to write about her father. “It comes out really dark.” That’s not necessarily a bad thing, as she also says that dark humor is her “guilty pleasure.” One of her favorite jokes right now is about her father, who she refers to as “a Casanova.” In the joke, Thompson shares that, when he was between mental-hospital stays, her father once said, “The hardest part about hooking up with mental patients was figuring out who was going to choke who during sex.” This quip was based on a true story about his tryst with a woman who’d been committed to the institution for choking her



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husband. “The material is there,” Thompson says.

“I just need to figure out how to present it better.”

Improv vs Stand-up
“Most stand-up comedians think improv is just a bunch of theater geeks running around and pretending to be animals,” Dharni says. “Stand-up

coproduces (also with Spicer) a monthly show called “Improv vs Stand-up,” where improv and stand-up comedians perform in their preferred style and then give a sec-

fanatics of improv that there’s great stand-up out there and vice versa — to show they’re both good.”

Kramer, whose decades-long experience is all in improv, says, “There is a rawness to improv, a sense of surprise to it.” That doesn’t mean it’s easy. “Everyone’s reliant on everyone else.” With the same vigorous energy he puts into his stage time, he adds, “You better be there to catch the ball as someone throws it to you.” Still, Kramer believes stand-up is more difficult overall. “It’s a tough business. It’s a dark world.”

When pressed, Dharni says he also chooses stand-up as the more

“People get fickle, you get fickle. It’s a rollercoaster.”

is darker and more gritty. Improvisers tend to be happier, supportive; they have each other to lean on. Stand-up is lonely.”

In addition to co-hosting the weekly Les-tat’s Comedy Night with Christian Spicer, Dharni

and performance in the other style. The audience decides which person or team reigns supreme in both categories. “Not which discipline, but the actual performers themselves,” Dharni clarifies. “We’re trying to show

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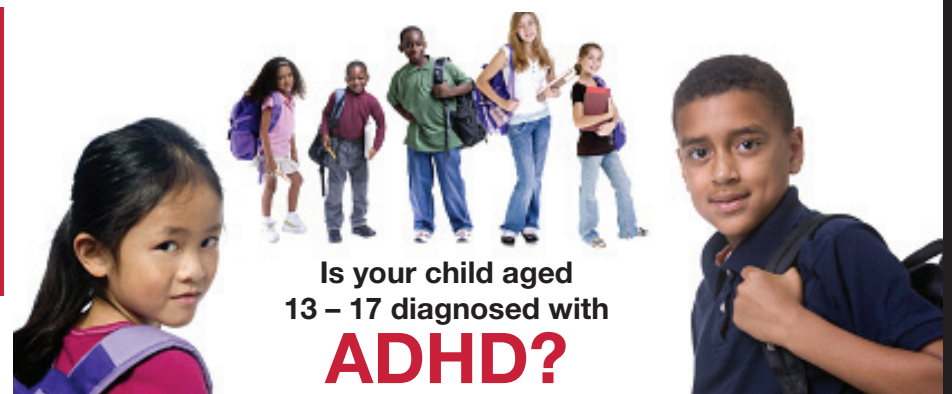
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demanding of the two comedy disciplines, not so much because of the method, but because of the accompanying lifestyle. To hone stand-up material, comedians must run through their jokes as often as possible, mostly at open mics. "You get yelled at by drunk schizophrenics, which makes you into a bitter curmudgeon. But," he adds, wanting to be fair, "if you're not one that gets along with others, I'd imagine that improv would be harder. You have to rely on everyone."

According to McFarland, there's another reason (aside from whether one plays well with others) you don't see a lot of crossover between the two disciplines. Stand-up comedians, he believes, have a difficult time finding success with improv.



"Comics need to realize," says Mike Vinn, "that it's not the audience's job to make you feel good about yourself."

"Stand-up comedians are, like, 'I have to tell jokes, I have to tell jokes.' Whereas with good

improv, in general, if you're trying to be funny, the audience senses it and they turn off. Improv is

funny only because the people doing it are committed to the reality they are trying to make."

Kramer realizes that audiences are harder on stand-up comedians and on other forms of comedy where performers rehearse. "Saturday Night Live is sketch comedy, which is related [to improv], but it's written and rehearsed. You don't forgive a bad sketch because you're, like, 'You had time to work this through.' It's the same with stand-up. With improv, we get a bit more of a pass because we're making it up as we go along." In this way, he says, improv is "easier because the audience might be more forgiving," but "harder because we don't get a chance to rehearse."

When asked what he

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likes best about stand-up, McFarland focuses on its most improv-y aspects. "What I appreciate are those things that are unique to the set that I'm watching, [the things that] make that night special for that performer. Usually, it's the stuff that's going wrong, like dealing with the guy in the front row or a mic that doesn't work. If something throws them off, suddenly they're there in the moment, talking to you *right now*, rather than, 'I've told this joke many times and am expecting you to laugh at this moment.'" McFarland recognizes his bias. "As an improviser, I want the performance to be special

for me, and for that person onstage."

Despite her disinterest in performing improv, Thompson hopes to take a class sometime soon. "It could really help you deal with hecklers," she says. Contrary to McFarland, she feels that it's not the mishaps that connects her to her audience, but practiced material. "When you're writing about your life, it's unique — your life is *your* life. And hopefully people can relate to it."

Unlike his sister, Vinn has benefited from studying improv. "You have to go off-the-cuff right then and there. That sharpens your mind. It's helped me with stand-up, to

think quickly, trust your judgment, and go into it decisively." Nonetheless, Vinn remains a stand-

to trust them. You learn what they're thinking of before they're thinking it. With stand-up, it's

"Everybody gets stuck in a rut.... You're supposed to be able to tell the same story over and over again, like it just happened, and you're just now telling it."

up guy. "With improv, you have to work with a bunch of other people — you have to learn how

all you. You don't have to rely on anybody to do things that you need them to do."

Vinn would rather work alone to hone his material than perform on the fly. He feels more confident when he can prepare, and a performance that is dependent upon audience suggestions means that thinking up jokes in advance is impossible. "With stand-up, you write jokes, and you figure out which jokes work. That's why comics get onstage so much during the week in their hometowns — to test out material. With improv, you just go at it. There's no testing anything. You're kind of in the water with the sharks, and if you make it out, you make it out. If you don't, you don't."

This doesn't mean Vinn thinks stand-up is without its challenges. "Everybody gets stuck in a rut, where you can't think of anything new. You're supposed to be able to tell the same story over and over again, like it just happened, and you're just now telling it. After a while, you get tired of the same jokes. Comics always have to write." Vinn aspires to Louis C.K.'s practice of writing a new hour's worth of comedy every year. "He writes five minutes a month, and by the end of the year, he has a whole hour."

Dharni, like Thompson, sees stand-up as a path to both catharsis

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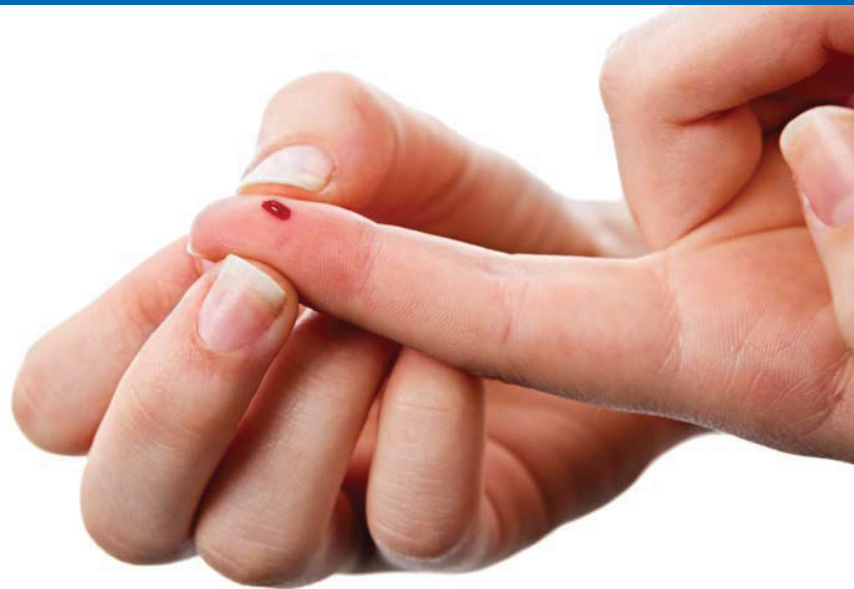
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and connection. “You get to really delve into yourself. The kind of stand-up I like is baring it all, baring your soul, talking about deep, dark shit, and tying it into the human experience.”

One of the most memorable open-mic moments for Dharni was when, intending to perform pre-written jokes, he found himself improvising instead. It was two years ago, after a “nasty” breakup. Dharni was waiting to go onstage at the open mic at Winstons in Ocean Beach, when a sudden need to work through his emotions led to a change in plans for the set.

“I had just gotten off the phone with my ex,” he recalls. “I got onstage, and I don’t even remember what I said. It was a really cool breakthrough



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“Most stand-up [comedians] feel constantly like they’re the odd man out,” says Rajan Dharni. “They’re the weird one wherever they are.”

moment. I started talking about what the conversation was about. I was so pissed. My eyes were closed — I was just ranting into the microphone. I forgot I was even onstage, forgot I was even talking. It was like I was thinking in my head.”

When he finished, Dharni remembers, “I opened my eyes, and

people were laughing, like, losing their shit, and I wasn’t even trying to be funny.” From that experience, he derived a joke he’s recited countless times since. “When my ex was being weird about something, she’d make you feel like *you* were being weird. She’d say, ‘Why are you being weird right now?’ and I’d say,

‘I’m not,’ and she’d say, ‘No, you’re totally being weird,’ and then that would *make me weird*.” When he delivers this joke, Dharni says, “I try to break it down. I go into this whole explanation onstage, and I lose my breath trying to explain it. Then I take a deep breath and say, ‘That’s how you know a girl isn’t for you — when your body can’t even breathe because you’re trying that hard to understand or explain something. It’s not worth it at that point.’”

Dharni is rare in that he both performs and regularly associates with comedians from both improv and stand-up, despite how separate the two communities can be. Thompson, on the other hand, says she knows more musicians, primarily because open

mics tend to incorporate “comedy and music.”

“I love stand-up,” Dharni says, “because you really get to express your point of view — you get to better know yourself. With improv, you get to

“It’s set-up, punch line. Improv stretches it out. You take a comic situation and add a curlicue to it.” The improv veteran compares the two forms to different sports. “Ours tends to be scary to a lot of

“I was a such good kid growing up, and now I can be, like, ‘Hey, Mom, listen to this joke I wrote about you.’”

pop into a character and be someone else, and you never know what’s going to happen next. So, basically, I learn from one, and I surprise myself in the other.”

“Stand-up gets right to the joke,” Kramer says.

people. You hit that stage, and you don’t know the first thing you’re going to say. You have to trust in your teammates. With stand-up, you’ve got your set memorized and just hope it’s good enough.” ■

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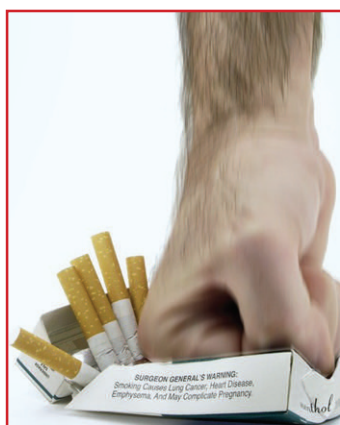
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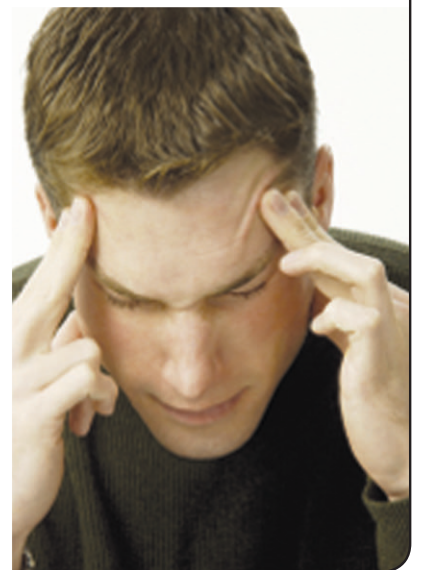
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Lisa Badgett was double-parked in front of her boyfriend's Oceanside house in August of 2012. She'd come to pick him up and bring him back to her brother's, where she was housesitting.

Robbie Robbins had just gotten into the brand-new pick-up. As Badgett

SHOT IN THE FACE

started the engine, she saw something out of the corner of her left eye. "I turned and looked out the window, and he was standing there."

Badgett recognized him. She had been coming to that neighborhood for years. The young man was part of a large family that lived across the street. Her window was rolled down, and she clearly heard him say, "I warned you this was going to happen." Then Badgett saw the gun. He held it pointed up toward the sky. It was a long gun. In that moment, Badgett wasn't scared. "I thought maybe he was trying to show it off to Robbie."

But Robbins was scared. He yelled at Badgett from the passenger seat. "Go! Go! Go! I heard the distress sound in his voice."

Later, Badgett said she didn't remem-

ber any gunshots, though she was shot in the face. "It took out five teeth." She can't chew without those molars. She was also shot in the arm; the bone in her upper left arm was so shattered that doctors inserted a metal plate to hold it all together.

Badgett believes she may have blacked out. The next thing she remembers, her truck was rolling to a stop maybe three homes away from where the shooting started. Badgett remembers watching her boyfriend get out of the truck. She put a hand to her mouth and felt the blood flowing out. She saw that Robbins was all bloody, too. Then he walked in front of the truck. He staggered in the driveway of a home. That's where Robbins collapsed and died.

Neighbors

Badgett was 49 and Robbins was 47 in August of 2012.

Badgett said she knew



Diego Martinez pled not guilty to two felonies: one murder charge and one attempted murder charge.

her boyfriend wasn't perfect. "He had his issues with drugs."

For three years, Badgett and Robbins lived together at his mother's home on Calle Solimar in Oceanside. She grew to recognize some of the neighbors, including the family who lived across the street, the Martinezes. They had a food truck; it was often parked in their driveway. Badgett bought a soda from that food truck once.

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The night of the shooting, SWAT officer Gary Cababa found a gun in the yard adjoining the Martinez home.

In late August 2012, Badgett was housesitting for her brother in Orange County. After about a week, on the night of August 29, her boyfriend phoned and asked her to come pick him up. He phoned at about 8:00 p.m.; she didn't get to Oceanside until midnight. The plan was for them to go back up to Orange County that night.

There was no place to park on the street when Badgett arrived, so she double-parked in front of 4764 Calle Solimar. She put on the emergency blinkers. "My brother just bought the truck. It was brand new."

She was in the home maybe five to eight minutes. She brought out a few things. "I took my blanket, my comforter, out to the truck." Robbins brought his backpack and a black box with him. He

put a couple of things in the back of the truck, then got in on the passenger side.

Claimed by Mesa Locos Police say that the neighborhood is claimed by a gang called Mesa Locos. Twenty-year-old Diego Arturo Martinez is a member of that gang, according to Oceanside police.

Even after being shot in the face, Badgett was able to speak to officers.

Officer Jason Thompson said Badgett described a black gun with a "fat tip." It sounded like a sawed-off shotgun. Badgett told police that she'd recognized the shooter as one of the people who lived across the street, at the house with the food truck. Oceanside gang specialists immediately knew which house that was, and they set up a perimeter around the home.

Police say Diego Martinez barricaded himself in his bedroom for awhile, before he was taken into custody by SWAT officers. Martinez was brought to Oceanside police headquarters,

"He had his issues with drugs."

where he was put into an interview room. He tried barricading himself in the room for awhile, after all the officers left the room. When they returned, the interview continued.

Gang specialist Torino Valdovinos spoke with Martinez. By that time, Martinez was sitting on the floor of the interview room in handcuffs. All the room's furniture had been removed.

Detective Valdovinos began the interview in English, but when Diego Martinez switched to Spanish, he did, too.

Martinez told the officer that he'd caught Robbins stealing or siphoning gasoline out of his family's vehicles. Martinez said he found Robbins to be "disrespectful." He told Robbins he didn't want him around their home because he "brought too many problems." Martinez said the last time he spoke with Robbins, the neighbor was rude or threatening, saying something to the effect of "I'll be back."

Martinez claimed that Robbins had stolen a black bag out of his family's garage.

A gun in the yard

SWAT officers surrounded the Martinez home that night, while Officer Cababa walked along a cinderblock wall behind the Martinez home. When he looked over the wall, he

saw a gun in the adjoining yard. The weapon lay on the ground between the wall and a neighbor's shed. Cababa left the weapon as he'd found it and guarded it until it could be collected as evidence.

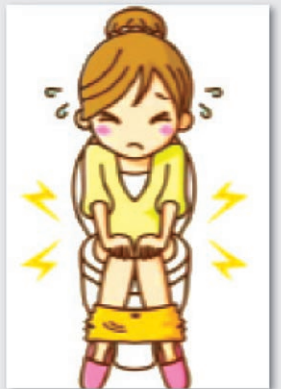
A San Diego County medical examiner stated that Robert Earl Robbins, 47, died of gunshot wounds to his face, neck, chest, arms, and leg.

Martinez, now 21, pled not guilty to two felonies: one murder charge, and one attempted murder charge. His next court date will be almost one year after the shooting, on August 20, in San Diego's North County Superior Courthouse. ■

— Eva Knott

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Papa in Hollywood

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not allowed to give out any information like that.”

I concluded that Motion Picture Corporation of America doesn't want to talk about this. I sent queries to Manchester's assistant. I got nothing back. That didn't surprise me: in my 40 years of covering San Diego, I can't remember an instance in which Manchester answered one of my queries.

I think it is a safe bet that Manchester gets into the movies as a perk related to film investments. I contacted people I knew in the industry — producers, critics, executives — and detected either an ignorance of this investor quid pro quo or a reluctance to talk about it.

But an internet check shows that the practice of rewarding investors with cameo roles is not unusual. The Movie Fund helps recruit investors — hedge funds, rich individuals — for various films. One of the lures: “speaking cameo roles,” says the fund. Scarlet Cherub Productions, fishing for investors for *The Road to Transylvania*, offered as an additional benefit a “cameo role (if you like).” The makers of a flick called *Crooked Arrows*, about young people playing lacrosse, said a perk would be “consideration for your kids in a cameo role.” Director and screenwriter David O. Russell, hunting money for a movie, attempted to auction off a cameo role with an estimated value of \$50,000.

In his promotional material, Manchester does not mention his roles or investments in movies. He lists numerous companies he founded or cofounded, his real estate deals, his multiple charities — but no movies. And his role as owner of San Diego's major newspaper puts him in the spotlight.

Papa Doug may feel that his movie roles would put him

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in a spotlight he would like to avoid. Cracks retired critic Elliott, “It must feel strange to be known as Papa Doug when your main achievement is orphaning journalists by canning them.” ■

Contact Don Bauder at 619-546-8529

Under the radar

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riott Waterfront hotel, paid for by the Congressional Institute, funded in large part by donations from corporate fat cats. “I am the Legislative Director for Rep. Issa,” wrote Crenshaw on his disclosure form. “I oversee the policy for his office. This retreat will focus on management training for legislative staff, the landscape for 2013 and best practices for drafting policy.” The lodging tab ran \$225.25, and food was \$204.72.

A week before, Crenshaw had been off to Palo Alto for a tour of Pixar, Genentech, Apple, HP, and Google, thanks to the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, which picked up \$485 worth of travel, \$559 in lodging, and meal expenses of \$182, according to Crenshaw's disclosure of his May 29 through June 2 excursion. “I specifically handle technology and intellectual property issues for the office,” he wrote. “This trip is focused on meeting with leaders in technology in Silicon Valley.”

According to its website, “The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation is a non-partisan research and educational institute — a think tank — whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity internationally, in Washington, and in the states.” Past funding for the foundation has come from Cisco, eBay, the Communications Workers of America, and Google.

— Matt Potter
(@sdmattpotter)

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avoid public scrutiny?

The law is clear: Any city business, regardless of device or method of transmission, is subject to California's Public Records Act.

In the past year alone, city attorneys in San Diego have repeatedly found themselves defending the city in court for refusing to release public documents and violating the state law.

San Diego city attorney Jan Goldsmith has been asked about the practice. Now, he and his attorneys will have to defend the city again, this time in a lawsuit from workers advocacy group Coalition for Fair Employment in Construction, over the project labor agreement (PLA) reached in the \$520 million expansion of the San Diego Convention Center.

The case could have widespread ramifications for former mayor Jerry Sanders and the fate of the convention-center expansion.

The lawsuit alleges that Sanders, along with his chief of staff Julie Dubick, conspired with labor-union president-turned-California assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez to enter into a labor agreement with Clark Hunt construction groups in their bid to manage the massive project. The backroom deal, according to the lawsuit, sidestepped Proposition A's ban on collective bargaining for all city-funded construction projects.

Emails obtained through a public records request reveal that in the waning days of his term, Sanders and Dubick were fast at work to broker a deal that would end litigation filed by the labor unions and jumpstart the project.

In brokering the deal, Dubick made sure to use her private Gmail account to set up meetings between Sanders and Gonzalez.

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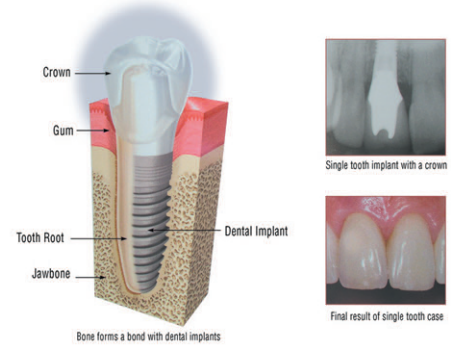
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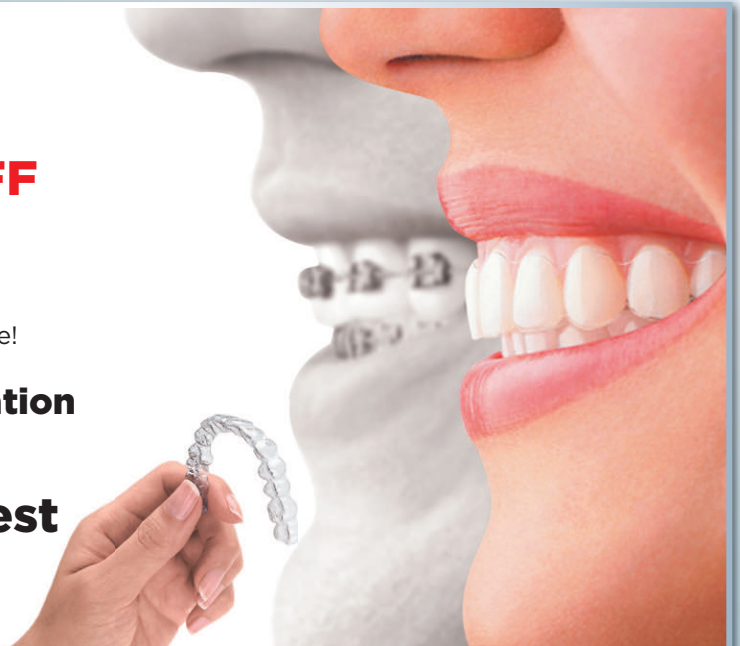
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ment]. Please confirm receipt to [Gmail address]. See you at 2 p.m.," wrote Dubick in a September 21, 2012, email to Gonzalez.

In her email, Dubick included the terms of the deal. Sanders would agree to skirt Proposition A and adopt a labor agreement similar to the one used for Petco Park. He would also meet with officials at Marriott Hotels to discuss labor issues. In return, Gonzalez would pledge her support for the project to the city council and Coastal Commission and drop all pending litigation over the expansion.

One week after Dubick's email, Clark Hunt was awarded the contract.

One month later, union-affiliated groups dropped all three of their lawsuits, which ranged from environmental concerns to objections over funding for the project.

Court documents show that Goldsmith has launched an investigation into whether Dubick's emails, and the subsequent deal, violated Proposition A.

Oddly enough, it was Sanders who pushed for a formal policy forbidding the use of personal email accounts for city business. The policy states that "any and all communication, including databases, spreadsheets, calendar entries, appointments, and notes that reside in part or in

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whole on any City computer or any other electronic system or equipment" should be made public.

But according to the lawsuit, upon entering his final months in office, Sanders apparently discarded the policy.

"Fundamentally failing to fulfill even basic government duties, the City of San Diego has engaged in a systematic program to hide public records from the public. This is not a simple technical violation of complex legal requirements but a widespread and concerted effort to prevent the public from having access to basic government dealings," reads the lawsuit.

The trial is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on July 12. Judge Joan Lewis will be presiding over the case.

Update: The trial has been continued to a later date, meaning a possible settlement is in the works.

Dorian Hargrove, July 10

Big people talk about issues, small people talk about people

Filner's personality is a sticking point; he faces tough battle ahead
San Diego — People are correctly attacking mayor Bob Filner for personality problems, but citizens, including those of his own party, should not forget the issues on which he was elected. Wisely, he is eating humble

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pie on the sexual harassment revelations, apologizing to the city, and seeking professional help.

There is no doubt the media — especially those beholden to the downtown corporate-welfare crowd — will continue beating this drum. Remember Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky? The public can understand a sex scandal, but, unfortunately, often doesn't realize it when its pockets are being picked.

The *Union-Tribune*, in particular, is slamming Filner over the \$100,000 quid pro quo to benefit Sunroad. But you won't find the *U-T* referring to a very similar case, earlier revealed by the *Reader*.

In 2010, *U-T* owner Doug Manchester's Texas wing, on a zoning matter, agreed to donate \$750,000 to nonprofits beautifying downtown Austin near the hotel Manchester is building. The *U-T* claims that, under the law, government can't condition permit gifts unless the payment is related to the project. Thus, Manchester's \$750,000 gift (which of course the *U-T* doesn't mention) would pass legal muster, but Sunroad's \$100,000 gift to nonprofits would not because those gifts aren't related to the project. This seems a rather silly distinction.

If the U.S. attorney is investigating, it should drop the matter, just as

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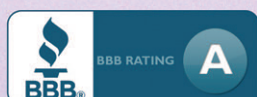
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city attorney Jan Goldsmith should have dropped his asinine pursuit of the chalker. As Charles Dickens's Mr. Bumble said, "If the law supposes that, the law is a ass." Filner or his aide should have known the law, but this should not be a major issue.

Filner was elected — despite his prickly personality — because he favored moving money from downtown corporate welfare projects to the neighborhoods and to the infrastructure, which has a billion-dollar deficit. But the politicians whose names are being thrown around to replace Filner, if he can't overcome these obstacles, are those who would turn the city back

to the downtown boosters. Now that is a BIG problem.

Don Bauder, July 11

Comments

Burwell July 11 @ 9:25 p.m.

Filner's fate rests on whether he merely made crude sexual comments to these women or whether there was groping and physical contact. The fact that Frye broke into tears may indicate that Filner was a groper. If Filner was grabbing handfuls, then he will likely be prosecuted for sexual battery. I think Filner is being given the choice of either resigning and facing civil suits, or not resigning and facing civil suits and possible prosecution. In my opinion, the U.S. attorney is going to pull out the stops to find a way to turn the Sun-road donation into a crime,

to get Filner out of the way because he supports medical marijuana.

Filner needs to find a criminal lawyer and raise money for his legal defense. He probably needs to hire Milton Silverman or another lawyer of his caliber. He's in real trouble.

Where did all the fish go?

Study finds massive decline in local fish population

UCSD — Local fish populations have dropped dramatically in the past 40 years, according to a new study in the scientific journal *Estuarine, Coastal, and Shelf Science* led by Eric Miller of MBC Applied Environmental Sciences in Costa Mesa and John

McGowan at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego.

Data for the study was derived from a unique source: a detailed cataloging of fish captured in the tens of millions of cubic feet of water used for cooling California's coastal power plants since 1972, including San Diego's shuttered San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

According to the scientists' report, fish population fell by 78 percent between an early monitoring period from 1972 to 1983 as compared to data compiled between 1990 and 2010.

The study's co-authors say that similar findings spread among a wide range of species, including both "forage" fish, such as sardines and anchovies, as well as commercially fished varieties, point toward a culprit different from overfishing by commercial and sport anglers as a reason for the decline.

"Factors beyond fishing, such as oceanographic change, appear to be involved, including temperature changes from global warming," says McGowan, an emeritus research professor of oceanography at Scripps.

Dave Rice, July 11

"Stop the stonewalling"

Edison redacts names of engineers involved in generator leak

San Onofre — Southern California Edison, which owns almost 80 percent of the now-closed San Onofre nuclear facility, is redacting names of its engineers so investigators can't depose them, says San Diego attorney Mike Aguirre.

In a filing yesterday (July 8) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Aguirre and partner Maria Severson asked the CPUC to force Edison to release the names of its engineers who worked on the faulty unit that developed a leak that led to the eventual closure. As part of the discovery process, Edison redacted the names of the engineers working on the project. But those engineers should be deposed, says Aguirre.

His filing also alluded to the fact that Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E, which owns 20 percent of the nuclear facility) continue to charge ratepayers for "installation of the flawed steam generators and generation, distribution and transmission costs from San Onofre, despite its non-production of energy since January 2012. It is time

that the California Public Utilities Commission stops the stonewalling."

Don Bauder, July 9

Cate gets hotel push for council run

Big cash for the GOP establishment's hand-picked contender

San Diego — As previously reported here, the city's establishment Republicans and their lobbyists are vigorously working to clear the District 6 city-council field of other members of the GOP to make way for their candidate, Chris Cate, vice president of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, a downtown lobbying group closely tied to Mission Valley hotel magnate C. Terry Brown.

The GOP insiders' campaign for Cate has included an early endorsement for him by the county party and a stealth foray against former Republican turned independent Mitz Lee, a former school-board member who is also seeking the newly redistricted sixth district seat.

Another Republican, veterans advocate Don Azul, attempted to get the party's endorsement but was turned back. He has vowed to stay in the race.

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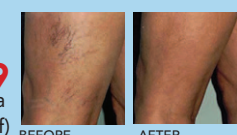
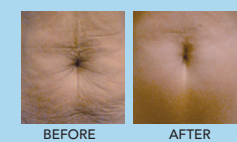
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hotel allies are deadly serious about their efforts to keep other Republicans out of the contest came yesterday with the filing of a lobbyist disclosure statement by Richard Ledford, first cousin to Bill Evans, who runs the Evans family's string of luxury hotels and commercial holdings here, most notably the Bahia on Mission Bay and the Lodge at Torrey Pines, both on city-owned real estate leased to the family.

According to Ledford's lobbying disclosure statement, covering the second quarter of this year and posted online by the San Diego city clerk's office, the Evans kinsman was a member of a group that collected \$24,705 for Cate's campaign at a June 27 fundraiser.

Matt Potter, July 9

Comments

HonestGovernment July 9 @ 5:14 p.m.

Cate's qualifications are thin.

The 4- or 5-month stint at Jefferson Government Relations in Washington DC (Jan-May 2006) was somehow accomplished at the same time he was getting a BA in Poly Sci at USD (Sep 2002-May 2006). Some of the key people at JGR during that time aren't people I'd want influencing my 20-something-year-old.

Other than staffing for Faulconer for less than a year, he has been only at SDCTA, giving him less

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than a world view. He's only 30 years old and all of his experience has been acquired in a Republican cocoon of pretty much the worst type — the San Diego type. Wouldn't want him for my councilperson.

Big drug seizures at the border

Border agents haul in estimated \$5.4M in narcotics

San Ysidro/Otay Mesa — U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials announced two large narcotics busts on July 1 and July 2 at the San Diego area port of entries. During the seizures, an estimated \$5.4 million in narcotics were seized.

The first seizure, on July 1 at the Otay Mesa port of entry, occurred when a female Mexican citizen was arrested with 209 pounds of methamphetamine. According to authorities, the port's imaging system detected anomalies in the vehicles doors, which led to the seizure and arrest.

The second seizure, which took place on July 2 at the San Ysidro port of entry, revealed a male U.S. citizen carrying 102 pounds of cocaine. The man, who was arrested with a handgun in his possession, was driving a commercial van that held the narcotics in the gas tank. A drug dog detected the odor of narcotics during a routine inspection.

K. Mennem, July 8

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signatures required to put the petition on the ballot, each signer must be a registered voter and reside in the city of Escondido. The Registrar of Voters has 30 business days to submit their count of valid signatures to the City of Escondido for further action.

Once the initiative is validated, the city council will then have three options: (1) Pass the ordinance as written in the petition, (2) put the ordinance to a vote in the next general election in November 2014, or (3) order a report to determine effects of the proposed ordinance prior to acting on option 1 or 2.

In a later statement, Ahler said, "We now pass the torch to the mayor and Escondido City Council, and we are confident that they will take the next appropriate step to preserve this iconic Escondido neighborhood and they will do so promptly. There is no need for a public vote on this issue."

On June 27, Stuck in the Rough filed a lawsuit to invalidate the initiative. The company named both ECCHO and the City of Escondido and claimed the initiative was illegal and that no signatures should be validated.

When asked what effect the lawsuit would have on the initiative, Swadley said, "The

city clerk is following the law and the office she was elected to, which says that when you receive a petition, you get them [signatures] and you count them. Until somebody tells her, 'No, don't do it,' they will go forward."

A representative of Stuck in the Rough could not be contacted for comment.

MICHAEL MULLENNIEX, JULY 11

OCEAN BEACH

Skateboard Eddie hits the bowls

But this sexagenarian skater prefers asphalt

You may know him, you may not. You may have heard about him, but if you haven't, let me introduce the man, who is not a myth, but he is definitely a legend in San Diego. He would prefer not to disclose his birth name, but his friends know him as "Pops," "Skater," "Skateboard Eddie," or just "Skateboard."

"The good Lord has gifted me with the ability to sidewalk surf," says Skater, "and I started skateboarding in 1956, on a little red skateboard with metal wheels."

Skater, at 64 years old, is still an avid skateboarder. He says he got his first board while at his grandparents' home in Orange County.

After watching Skater on his board, I was amazed at his footwork and his stance: he appears to be surfing. The way his whole body

moves with the skateboard and the smooth motion is quite beautiful.

I decided that I should take him to the skateboard park in Ocean Beach, to see his reaction to the younger generation's version of skateboarding. Well, at 64 years of age, you would think that he would have some kind of fear of hurting himself if he tried one of those fancy tricks; he had no fear, just didn't want to look "silly" trying some of the tricks. Although he tried some of the bowls, you could see he appeared to be uncomfortable.

After returning home, Skater got on his board and showed me once again how the street was his domain. He did turns and fancy foot tricks on the street without ramps or bowls.

LOIS HOFMANN, JULY 11

DOWNTOWN

Bike-sharing coming to San Diego

Company will install solar-powered kiosks here in 2014

Decobike has won a contract with the City of San Diego to put 180 solar-powered kiosk locations around the city for the first-ever bike-sharing program here, according to Andy Hanshaw of the San Diego County Bicycling Coalition.

The company already operates similar

programs in Long Beach, New York, and three cities in Florida. The model for the enterprise has been used for many years in Paris and Barcelona.

Many details still need to be worked out for the approximately 1800 bikes and their locations, said Hanshaw, but the program will



Decobikes will be available for rent by the hour or on a monthly basis.

be implemented in the first quarter of 2014.

The bikes will be available for rent by the hour for about \$8 (with the first 30 minutes free), or one can opt to buy a monthly membership for about \$23.

The multispeed bikes are a design exclusive to Decobike and can withstand the elements, as the kiosks are out in the open. They will be maintained and repaired by a staff of about 70 employees, who will be hired to work at a central location.

Once implemented, users will be able to find locations of the kiosks on the Decobike

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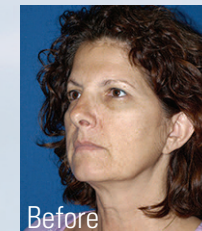


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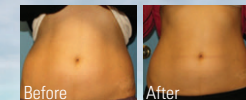
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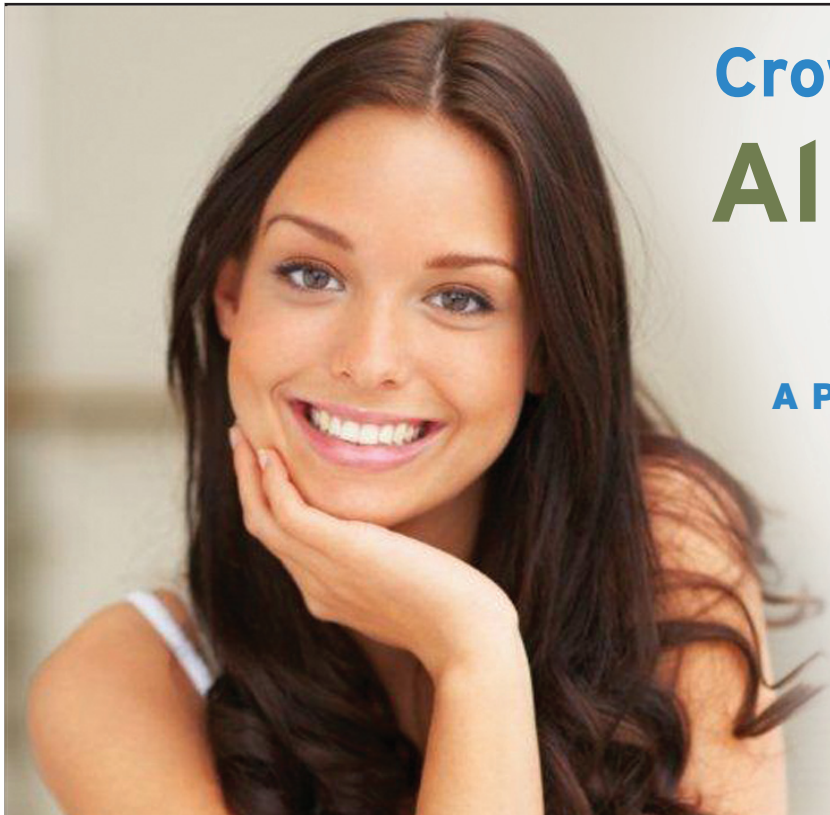
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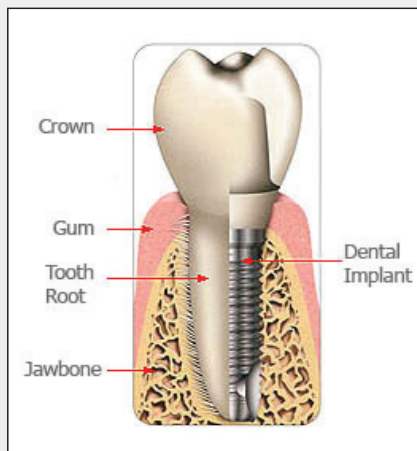
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the parade.

A truly patriotic local jury on Monday acquitted 40-year-old Jeffrey Olson on 13 misdemeanor counts after Olson chalked protest messages on the sidewalk outside some San Diego branches of Bank of America ("Mad Chalker," July 4 cover story). "This is a nonsense prosecution," the obstreperous San Diego Mayor said.

In the early morning of November 20, 1969, some 80 Native Americans sailed to Alcatraz and moved in. This was shortly after the prison closed. "We will purchase said Alcatraz Island for \$24 in glass beads and red cloth, a precedent set by the white man's purchase of a similar

island about 300 years ago," said the Indians. Federal marshals removed them June 11, 1971. The former prison — Alcatraz — is now part of a national park.

Chalking "Custer had it coming!" is a federal offense. However, the government has made an exception for that circa 1970 graffiti, and several others left behind during the Indian occupation of the island. In fact, the Park Service spent \$1.5 million earlier this year restoring the messages painted by hand on the Alcatraz water tower.

Richard Thompson
via email

Speech Is Not Physical

In regards to your article "Mad Chalker" in the July 4 issue, defendant Olson is guilty of not only vandalizing

public walkways, disturbing the peace, causing the bank expense, effort, and time, but he wasted his time and efforts. Absolutely nothing beneficial will come of it for either side.

What he is practicing is the right of free speech, which does not and should not include physicality. My definition of speech is verbal or written communication of thought, which is my reason for arguing against money as a form of speech. Olson and others make the mistake of confusing the "right" to express themselves, with the probable effect of doing so in an effective way.

I'm certain that no one who saw his vandalism had, or is, closing one's accounts with the bank; no positive effect will result from his actions. His life is now

swallowed up by organized crime — political and big business — and the natural order of things civilized.

The only "speech" that has a chance at changing things is what would move the mass to rise up and take the time and effort to do what Lafayette wrote to Paris about American success with democracy. The American people learned to associate for greater impact. The only problem now is the fact that not enough of us do that.

Now, with the internet, and the wherewithal to associate in common cause, with intelligent and well-organized presentations, and communication through email, we should be able to beat up the banks, as well as our governments. Wisdom is not magnetic.

Mister Olson will eventually bow to the BofA in defeat, as will my website, TBEPP.org, when the annual payment comes due.

Absolutely nothing will help, certainly not picketing or vandalism. The American people will not rise to the need.

Saul Harmon Gritz
via email

Not Weird Enough

I would like to comment about a "News of the Weird" item that appeared in the July 4 Reader, "Backward Incentives." Basically this is about a barmaid who got fired by her boss for calling the police on

an inebriated customer. The guy was arrested. So, her boss fired her.

According to News of the Weird, this is apparently seen as a strange thing, that someone would get fired for calling the police on their customer. In New York, at least, the barmaids and bartenders are responsible for their customers. If they give them too much to drink, they're the ones who get into trouble. They're responsible for making sure their customers don't drive off, whether they get apprehended or not.

To me it's odd that anyone would consider this weird to begin with, that it would be unusual enough to published in News of the Weird. The bartender is — and should be — responsible for making sure they don't give their customers too much to drink.

Vivian Dunbar
Playas Tijuana, Mexico

Incompatible Uses

Re "Hard to Breathe in Barrio Logan," June 27 cover story. Sadly, the zoning changes proposed for the Barrio Logan Community Plan Update will accomplish little to eliminate the diesel truck-generated pollutants, such as fine particles.

Fortunately, Los Angeles has already solved the problem by banning older diesel trucks. The *Huffington Post* reports: "Since 2008, the program has taken more than 1,500 older trucks out of

operation and reduced diesel truck pollution at the port by some 90 percent, according to port statistics."

I have brought this solution to the attention of the planner, the Environmental Health Coalition, and politicians. So far, nothing has happened. Often retrofitting or changing the engine to take advantage of low-sulfur fuel and introducing a particulate filter should be sufficient to permit the continued use of trucks. These trucks can also have their engines upgraded to hybrids, which will permit them to have the engines stopped during idling and to have an advertised fuel consumption decrease of between 40 and 60 percent.

The Environmental Impact Report admitted that the proposed land use changes would not have a significant effect on the level of pollution. This would also be true for the solution suggested by the Smart Growth Coalition. I have made the suggestion of separating the Barrio along its short axis at Sicard Street into a southeastern part, which will contain the industrial and heavy commercial uses, and to a northwestern part that will contain the residential, mixed use, and light commercial parts. This choice results in the largest physical separation of "incompatible uses."

In short, the present plan

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Robert Leif, Ph.D.
via email

Not Nicey-Nicey

I'm calling about an article that was written about Barrio Logan a couple of weeks ago ("Hard to Breathe in Barrio Logan, June 27 cover story). Generally I don't react too much, but that story was so out of context and so bad that I ended up throwing my *Reader* away.

Whoever that author is, they don't know what they are talking about. To begin with, the people from Logan, they weren't nicey-nicey and wanting to do a park there. The only reason that you have Chicano Park is because the Highway Patrol was going to put a substation in there and they didn't want the police in their neighborhood.

Second of all, it states that the only thing between Logan and the naval base was National City. Well, hey! There's a place called Shelltown that's between National City and Logan Heights. If your author would have known, or would have researched, they would have known what was there.

I am Mexican, or Latino, or whatever label we're using now. I'm 71 years old. I was born and raised in National City, basically OTMC. Having said that, what purpose does it serve to show a little girl with that ugly phantom costume as the cover? It has no meaning!

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Portrait of a Father

This letter is for Terri Mitchell who wrote your cover story for the Father's Day issue ("God, Country, and My Dad," June 20).

Miss Mitchell, not only are you a good writer, you're a woman of strength and courage. Your portrait of your father was touching, but sad. Just remember:

1. He's a drunk.
2. You can't argue with a passive-aggressive person about religion or anything else.
3. He's jealous of your accomplishments and your

strengths, for which you probably received inspiration from your mom, not him.

4. He's a drunk.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Private Hellhole

This is about "75 Reasons

to Love San Diego" (June 13 cover story). In the article it talks about creepy homes in Hellhole Canyon. I live up there, and that is *not* part of Hellhole Canyon — by about three or four miles.

The property that you're talking about is *private*

property. The roads you need to walk on to get there are *private* property. There is no way that anyone just hiking around should be in that area. I'm not sure why anyone would want to visit houses full of garbage anyway.

My girlfriend who lives in that area said she's had groups of hikers looking for "the commune." She has no clue how they got out there, why they were there, or where they were going.

There are some interesting places to hike out there, but

it's all private land.

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Comparing Casinos to School Districts

The last three months I have been out of service and missed the last editions of the

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LETTERS

San Diego Reader: Now that I'm back I found two articles that seem to be the same history, just with different actors: "Can You Find the Big Secret in This Casino" (June 6 cover story) and one in Neighborhood News, "Did He or Didn't He?" (June 13).

The casino's executive committee and the board of trustees with Mr. Brand has its heads act like they are not accountable to anyone for whatever they do. Both of them have managed for many, many years the finances of casinos and schools like these are their own businesses. They cut the cake assigning the biggest chunks to themselves and the remains to the closest to them: siblings, friends, and of course, in the case of schools, to the unions — the unions that sell themselves for power, money, and good jobs for the same reasons: siblings,

friends, and unconditional people that show and yell wherever the unions need to show power. Extremely bad, but true.

The first ones they want to keep happy are the authorities, so the unions need to make sure those have a good chunk of the cake. They surround themselves with whoever has power or political presence. That way they feel secure. Who can touch them? The law is by their side.

Many family members of these law representatives are already part of the payroll of the school districts. Both of them have a mission statement that is as heart-touchable as it is fake: *Our community and our children are our priority.*

See the reality? Both of them are fighting for money and power. Both of them want to get rid of whoever causes a problem for their wealthy living. The casino cannot be ruled by the state and federal government. Schools create their

own government, making a "governor" of one who is working for them, creating and signing propositions that keep the money increasingly flowing.

Think about it. Mr. Smith and bandits are using the money that casino players are happily willing to spend, hurting the Pala community members, and, in some way, all of us — because their profits are not taxable, right? Mr. Brand and his bandits are taking all California citizens' money and hurting the future of all our children when they just pretend to educate them, prioritizing the well-being of union members and themselves.

As the "Dig Deeper" letter writer says (June 13), "There is much more going on, you should dig deeper into this story." I'll say! Way more is going on! After all, Brand and bandits aren't the only ones. Most of the school districts have their own corpses, very stinky ones.

Name Withheld
via email

Diminishing Puzzle

I'm an avid *Reader* reader and an avid puzzle solver. Even though I wear glasses and can see to read papers and books galore, I'm not happy with the puzzle. It's diminishing. Every week it gets smaller and smaller. Last night I had such a splitting headache trying to see the clues.

Every Thursday it's such a highlight. I say to my husband, "We've got to get the *Reader!*" But I had to put the puzzle aside last night because my head was going crazy. I'm just not happy.

Why are you doing this? I know economy is a factor, but this is ridiculous. It's too small for anybody, let alone a person in their seventies to look at. At least find a compromise, because this is utterly impossible. I kicked it aside last night. It's sad, because I love it so.

I hope something can be done to improve it.

Ellie Tucker
La Mesa

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Faux Libertine Rebellion

Dear Barbarella:

1. You stole your name from Jane Fonda, which tells me you have no real originality.

2. Faux libertine rebellion is not cool anymore. (That was the point of punk.) The glam rock stars of the 1970s already used ambiguous sexuality to stroke themselves and their fake discontent that was really boredom (bad spelling intended, see how clever?).

3. After the gay rights movement, isn't it disrespectful and insulting to still do all that? The gay people I know that are in healthy relationships really don't do that anymore.

3. If my children ever happen to see a pig in pink pants exposing himself on a public road because he thinks he is all that and a bag of chips, he is going to jail — please believe me.

4. Oh, and you can't write worth a damn. Grow up.
Greg Cobb
Point Loma

Coach Closed

I don't know why you have happy hours for the Coach Stop in Lakeside listed in your happy hours for the *Reader*. The Coach Stop has been closed for several months now.

Lynda Bowden
via voicemail

Weak-O-Rama

I'm an avid reader — read your publication every week, page to page. But since Jerry Schadt passed on, Roam-O-Rama is really weak. You never have anything related to mountain bikers. And your maps are absolutely horrid because you can't read anything on them. I can't see any of the diagrams or anything.

I think maybe you need to get some new guys involved with that column who are a little more in tune with the current profile of San Diego. Something a little more trendy.

Other than that, I love you guys! Just wanted to let you know.

Thomas Johnston
via voicemail

Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 18

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Moxie Theatre presents Eliza Jane Schneider's 34-character 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.

WHEN: 8:00 p.m. (through August 11)

WHERE: Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-220-0097; moxietheatre.com

Friday | 19

THE WALKING DEAD ESCAPE

Experience the early days of the Apocalypse. Climb, crawl, hide, and slide through the Evac Zone. Clear quarantine testing or join the undead in the Official Obstacle Course of the Walking Dead. \$75.

WHEN: 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. (July 19 and 20)

WHERE: Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard, East Village. Thewalkingdeadescape.com



Saturday | 20

HEROES BREW FEST

A superhero-themed beer festival benefiting San Diego Coast Keeper and Surfrider Foundation. Featuring 150 craft beers, solar-powered live music, costumed crusader contest, food trucks, and more. Ages 21+. \$20-\$60.

WHEN: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Embarcadero Marina Park North, 500 Kettner Boulevard, downtown. Heroesbrewfest.com

Sunday | 21

FIESTA DEL SOL SAN DIEGO 2013

A street festival featuring performances, arts and culture, children's area, and resources on health, education, civic engagement, and green/technology.

WHEN: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (July 20 and 21)

WHERE: Logan Avenue between César E. Chávez Parkway and 26th Street, Logan Heights. 619-884-8833; fiestadelsolsandiego.org

Monday | 22

BEER U: SENSORY EVALUATION

Stone research and small-batch manager Steve Gonzalez delves into the art of tasting the differences between

beer styles, explains "off" flavors, and helps guests put words to those tasty brews. Guests will sample a variety of beers while engaging in educational conversation. Ages 21+. \$32.

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

WHERE: Stone Brewing World

Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway, Escondido. 760-471-4999; stonebrew.com

Tuesday | 23

FILM FORUM: IO SONO LI (SHUN LI AND THE POET)

Andrea Segre's rapturous visual poem captures the flowering friendship between a young Chinese immigrant

and a middle-aged Croatian fisherman nicknamed "the Poet." Mandarin and Italian with English subtitles.

WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street, Point Loma. 619-532-1539

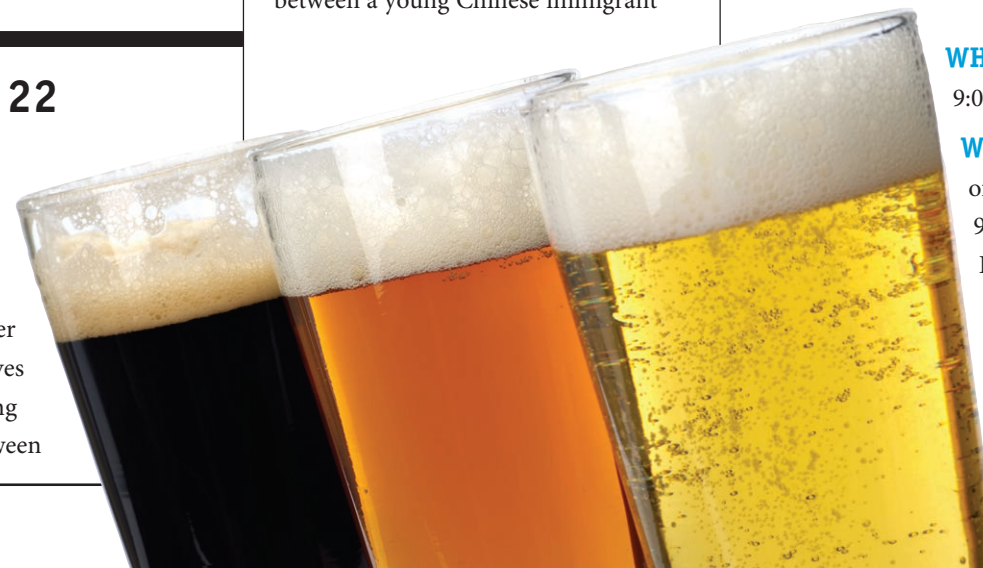
Wednesday | 24

THE EXOTIC TAJINE

Executive chef Arleen hosts an evening of adventure as participants learn the how-to of cooking lamb tajine, chicken tajine with olives and preserved lemons, and a vegetable tajine. Participants with their own tajine are asked to please bring it to class. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring an apron, a chef's knife, and containers to carry leftovers home. Pre-registration required. Ages 21+. \$65.

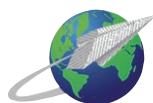
WHEN: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L, San Marcos. 760-233-2433; alchemyofthehearth.com



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You could walk across the pond on the backs of hippos, but they would kill you if you tried.

Hippo pool, Tanzania

By Joe Tuborg

Even during the dry season, there is water in the Serengeti. One of the region's most notable watering holes is the hippo pool. Fed by the Seronera River, the site is located toward the northwest border of this Tanzanian national park and is most easily accessed via the Ikoma entrance.

When you step outside your Land Rover, the first thing that you notice is the unpleasant odor. Once the pool comes into view, it's evident why the smell is so powerful.

The pond, which could more aptly be described as a mud hole, is home to

over 100 hippos. It's difficult to count them; they are either completely submerged or partially submerged. Those large herbivores not resting on the lake bed's bottom expose only the tops of their backs or the tops of their nostrils. The animals are in such close proximity to one another, it would be easy to walk across the pool without getting wet. That is, of course, if hippos were gentle animals.

On the contrary: they're one of the most aggressive mammals in Africa and are responsible for more deaths annually than any other four-legged animal on the continent. Due to their dangerous nature, it felt odd to be separated by only a one-rail wooden fence.

If you have any thoughts of getting a better view, they're quickly dashed by the number of rather large crocodiles sunning themselves on the warm rocks. The reptiles' skin blended in so well with their surroundings that it was difficult to see them even when they were pointed out.

The hippos broke the stillness with constant snorting and fighting. Add in the expulsion of gas and dung and the pond was little more than a bubbling, dark, murky cauldron of filthy water.

Hippos are cantankerous and quick

to fight. Their large mouths seemingly unhinge to expose dull but very large teeth. They bite at one another, bumping into others, causing a stir throughout the ranks. Slowly they resume their feeding and settle back down — only to have an attack break out minutes later in a different section of the pool.

Alaska's Matanuska Glacier

By Debra Schroeder

I had less than eight hours before my flight and I wanted to hike Matanuska Glacier, a two-and-a-half-hour drive each way from the Anchorage airport.

It had been a fun weekend visiting friends, seeing the sights, and drinking beer, but the unexpected snow had put a damper on my hiking plans. I wasn't



Glacier hiking involves "fear that I'd take a wrong step and end up falling down a 40-foot crevasse, never to be seen again."

about to leave without having gone on at least one hike.

The drive on Glenn Highway to Matanuska Glacier can be scenic and relaxing...except when you have limited time and take Old Glenn Highway, adding another four miles of winding roads.

At mile-marker 101, I made a stop at the Matanuska Glacier State Recreation Site for a glimpse before I

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Other Adventures



scottysav: Friends forever — Egyptian guide and his camel in front of the Pyramid of Khafre



Devlinwestbrook: Yes, those are human bones at the Chapel of All Saints in Kutna Hora, Czech Republic



kaylat27: Chihuly Gardens in Seattle



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LAKESIDE LINKAGE PRESERVE AND WHITAKER TRAIL

This ridge climb to a historic site has panoramic views of Lakeside and East County mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 23 miles. Allow 27 minutes. Take CA-163N and merge onto I-8E toward El Centro. Drive 17.5 miles and exit left (north) on Los Cocheros Road. Drive 1.4 miles and park on street, past Ha Hana and just before Los Cocheros Ct. The trailhead signs are on the right (east). No facilities. Dogs allowed on a leash.

Hiking length: 2.8 miles round trip. **Difficulty:** Moderate because of total elevation gain of 732 feet. This is a ridge climb. Trekking poles are recommended. Carry water.



The trailhead is clearly visible from Los Cocheros Road.



The Whitaker house is only accessible via the preserve trail.

Begin the hike to the Whitaker house from the trailhead on Los Cocheros Road that is well signed, describing the preserve as a coastal sage scrub habitat.

This type of habitat is native to the coastal and inland hillsides of Southern California and is considered endangered. Only 15 percent of it is left because of urban devel-

opment. It is home to endangered species like the California gnatcatcher and the coastal horned lizard. The gnatcatcher is a small gray bird with a call similar to a kitten's

cry. The gnatcatcher depends on the coastal sage scrub habitat to feed, mate, and reproduce. Other sensitive species in this habitat include the coastal cactus wren and the orange-throated whiptail.

The first quarter of a mile winds up the ridge and then follows it to the north. Common plants on this hike include chamise, buckwheat, chaparral broom, laurel sumac, and California sagebrush. The trail joins a dirt road for one small section and then breaks off to the left. The trail skirts several houses that were built along the ridge in years past. There are many viewpoints along the ridge hike, but the best views are at the Whitaker house. At mile 1.29, the trail appears to end at the steep paved road leading up to the Whitaker house, which can be seen above. However, the trail does continue to the left, around the property leading to stone steps up to the driveway area. Several benches are located around the house to sit and rest. Visible from the top are Lindo Lake and El Capitan. Follow the same route to return to the trailhead.

Nationally known master architect Mary Jane Coulter (1869-1958), who designed and constructed buildings for the Harvey House in Grand Canyon National Park, inspired the design of the "Hilltop" house in what is known as National Park Service rustic style. The Whitakers built the stone house over a five-year



period from 1935-1940. They used stones found on the property. The rocks were broken into building blocks by Hale Whitaker, who used a sledgehammer to expose millions of years of crystallization and petrified moss faces. The house is surrounded by trees and shrubs originally planted by Mildred Whitaker. The Whitakers and Mildred's mother are buried

on the property. The county has a caretaker who lives in a trailer on the premises. The hilltop area is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. The house is open for public viewing only on special occasions.

Hale and Mildred Whitaker donated their 7.5-acre hilltop and 1500-square foot stone home to the county in 1992 so "that it never be broken or cut up, but it be recognized as God's Hill" for all to enjoy. It was a donation that created a problem for the county. The only road to the property was a single-track steeply paved road to the top that was unsafe to open to the public. For years, the property languished. In 2008, the county designated it as a historic site, allowing improvements and then designating adjoining open space areas as a preserve under the Multiple Species Conservation Program. The Lakeside Linkage Open Space Preserve is 100 acres in size and has a trail that now "links" to the historic site, making it available to hikers.

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

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BOOK SIGNING

Stacey Hayashi The San Diego Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League hosts a meet-and-greet with Stacey Hayashi, creator of the manga, *Journey of the Heroes: The Story of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team*. Friday, July 19, 8pm; \$20. SOAR: Sushi on a Roll, 1620 National Avenue. (BARRIO LOGAN)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Artist Real Estate Workshop "Building a vision for collaborative owned artist property." Speaker Jonah Mesritz, co-founder of the Emerald village international community in North County, explores current examples of potential artist collective properties. Elizabeth Hahn will review and prequalify pre-filled-out loan applications so participants can have a clear understanding of what direction to take to qualify in this tricky market. Please download the loan application and bring it to the event. Please RSVP: 619-702-6742 or rsvp@pulsegallery.org. Saturday, July 20, 11am; \$20. Pulse Gallery at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #103. (POINT LOMA)

Chakra Energy Hike This hike will be led by an "energy master" who will invite participants to pay attention to certain parts of the

body and mind, to provide a deeper sense of connection to intuition and a fulfilling interaction with nature. Contact: Victor, 619-606-2479 or victor@razeempowerment.com. Saturday, July 20, 4:45am; \$25. Cowles Mountain, Navajo Road and Golfcrest Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Country Basics Dance Class Learn the basics of Country Dancing in this ongoing group class taught by instructors Rodney and Liza. Dances covered include Country Western Two-Step, Cowboy Cha Cha, Country Waltz, Nightclub Two-Step, and Country Swing. Partners not required. Drop-ins welcome. 619-861-6260. Friday, July 19, 6:30pm; \$10. Lion's Club, 3927 Utah Street. (NORTH PARK)

La Jolla Pen to Paper A drop-in writing group. Bring a notebook and participate in an hour of free-writing fun and writerly camaraderie. Prompts supplied. No critique. No registration required. Hosted by Diane Malloy. Thursdays, 12pm; through Thursday, October 31, \$5. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Open House Experience hands-on workshops taught by faculty, learn about the program, and meet with students and graduates. Workshops will offer a glimpse into life as a student at Design Institute of San Diego. Attendees will create projects that incorporate space planning, color theory, and quick sketching. Saturday, July 20, 9am; **free**. Design Institute of San Diego, 8555 Commerce Avenue #402. (MIRAMAR)

Play in the Mud Clay plaster and natural building workshop. No experience necessary. Donation for materials appreciated. Saturday, July 20, 9am; **free**. Corner of Quince and 6th Avenue

Screenwriting Read and Critique An ongoing read and critique group led by Carlos de los Rios. Designed for aspiring or accomplished screenwriters.

Classes limited to 10 participants, and each will have the opportunity to read up to 10 pages of their script before peers every other week. Five students max read per week. Members pay monthly for their ongoing participation. Thursdays, 7pm; through Thursday, October 31, \$100-\$125. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd. Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Summer Wellness Workshops One-hour workshops with topics including healthy weight loss tips, the art and science of happiness, keeping kids healthy, laughter yoga, and more. Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, July 28, \$15. Amara Wellness Center, 5252 Balboa Avenue #202. (CLAIREMONT)

Summer Yoga on the Bay All levels, beginners welcome, plenty of modifications and motivation offered. No class July 4th. Thursdays, 6pm; through Friday, August 30, \$10-\$12. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Thursday Writers A fast-paced writing practice session where participants can expect evocative prompts, focused time for writing, and a safe and friendly community of like-minded writers. Bring a notebook. Hosted by Steve Montgomery and Judy Reeves. No registration required. Thursdays, 5:10pm; through Thursday, October 31, \$5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

COMEDY

Brian Posehn. Comedian/actor/writer from Sarah Silverman and Conan. 619-795-3858. Friday, July 19, 7:30 & 9:30pm. Saturday, July 20, 7:30 & 9:30pm. The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Andrew Norelli. He's performed with Jay Leno, Dave Chappelle,

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continued to mile-marker 102, turned off the highway, and followed the dirt road to the Matanuska Glacier gift shop.

Access to the glacier is located on private property. I paid the \$20/person access fee and drove another two miles down rutted dirt roads to the station.

Orange construction cones marked the path to the toe of the glacier. An easy 10-15 minute walk and I was on the ice. But this was just the tip of the iceberg, as they say.

I headed for the icefall and giant seracs (columns of ice formed by intersecting crevasses on a glacier). Without a clearly marked path, only the path to the toe of the glacier is

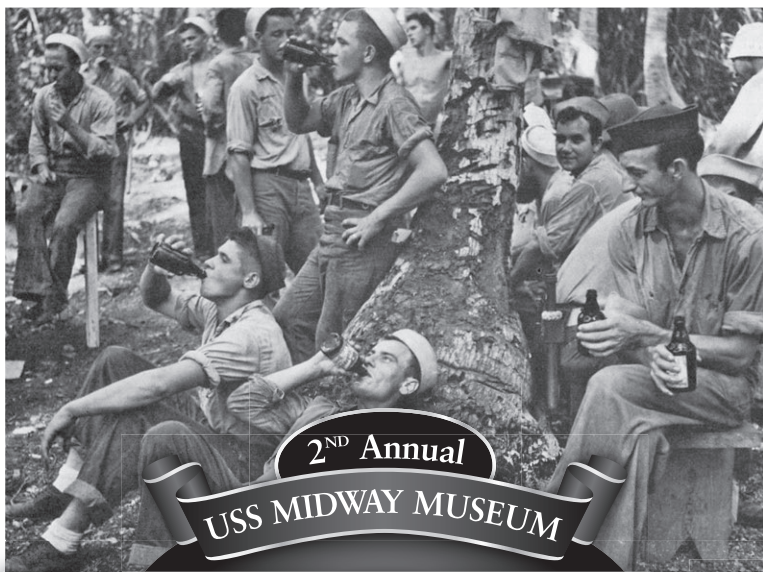
marked. I didn't know how long it would take, but I was going to reach the icefall.

Getting out to the icefall and seracs was exhilarating — a feeling of excitement mixed with fear. Fear that I'd take a wrong step and end up falling down a 40-foot crevasse, never to be seen again. I wanted to explore more and venture further, but it was after noon. I had to be at the airport at 3 p.m.

It had taken me an hour and a half to reach the icefall, stopping for photos and navigating a safe passage. Pressed for time, however, I made it back to my car in 40 minutes.

Driving like Speed Racer down the mountain, I arrived at the Anchorage airport with a few minutes to spare.

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Drunkards and Dragons A band of experienced fantasy-loving improv nerds perform a long-form improvised adventure based on audience suggestions and periodically involve the audience in 20-sided die rolls that determine various outcomes in their scenes. With each die roll, the audience shouts "HUZZAH!" and swallows a gulp of their drink launching the show into further debauchery as the hour charges on. Friday, July 19, 9pm; \$7-\$10. 21 and up. Moniker Warehouse, 705 16th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Deathsquad Supershow Deathsquad is a podcast network created by Brian Redban that broadcasts all programming live on Ustream. Redban hosts live stand-up comedy shows at The Ice House in Pasadena each week, featuring the cast of The Ice House Chronicles. 619-795-3858. Friday, July 19, 11:59pm; Saturday, July 20, 11:59pm; \$15. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Nerds Of Comedy Live Headliner Erika Innes. Features: Michael Delvey, Dan Bubblitz, Ed Greer, Ron Swallow. Host: Michael Castleberry. Thursday, July 18, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

You Make Me Laugh! A Love Song to Gilda Radner Martinis Above Fourth hosts a musical biography of the popular comedienne: "her loves, her peevs, her rise

to stardom, her marriage to Gene Wilder, and her brave battle with cancer, all told through song and Gilda's own words." Thursday, July 18, 8pm; \$15-\$20. 18 and up. Martinis Above Fourth, 3940 Fourth Avenue #200. (HILLCREST)

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Baratanatyam (Indian Classical Dance) Performance Dvayam... [dualities] by acclaimed classical dancer Divya Devaguptapu. Guest dancer and cymbals: Venkatakrishnan Mahalingam. Vocals: R. Sreedev. Mridangam and Tabla: Ramesh Babu. Violin: Easwar Ramakrishnan. Sunday, July 21, 5pm; \$15-\$20. Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (CITY COLLEGE)

Contradancing No partners needed, and no experience necessary. Calling by Frannie marr. Live music by the Old Twine String Band. Teaching from 7:30-8:00. Dance starts at 8:00. Discounts for teens and children, college, and military. Soft soled shoes only,

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Good Wives Don't Drive

A poem by Joan Jobe Smith

My father refused to teach my mother how to drive his car. He said it wasn't ladylike in 1949; a woman driver

was no better than a streetwalker. She was to take the bus and be a good wife like his mother was, so my mother took secret

driving lessons, the instructor man coming every day in his grey sedan to show her how to let out the clutch

just right so the car wouldn't jerk, how to work the choke and the radio, make turn signals, arm bent up for right,

straight out for left, down for slow, me in the backseat watching as we drove the L.A. streets: Firestone, Rosemead,

Sunset Boulevard, Pico, La Brea and Santa Fe and the day she got her driver's license she bought herself a green 1939

Ford coupe and waited in the front seat in the driveway for my father to come home, honked the horn at him when he arrived

and said Hey handsome, need a ride?



Joan Jobe Smith is the founding editor of the literary journals *Pearl* and *Bukowski Review*. She worked for seven years as a go-go girl in Southern California before receiving her BA from CSULB and MFA from UCI. Her literary profile, *Charles Bukowski: Epic Glottis: His Art & His Women (& me)*, was recently published by Silver Birch Press, and her memoir *Tales of An Ancient Go-Go Girl* is forthcoming from World Parade Books. "Good Wives Don't Drive" was included in a 2001 City Lights publication, *Another City*, edited by David Ulin, and will appear shortly in *re(verb)*, a Long Beach-based literary journal.

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please. Friday, July 19, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Country Basics Dance Class Wear your cowboy boots to this class that teaches the basics of Two-Step, Waltz, Swing, and Cowboy Cha Cha. Partners not required. Drop-ins welcome. Contact: Liza, 619-861-6260. Fridays, 6:30pm; through Friday, July 26, \$8-\$10. North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

Dinner and Dancing Start the evening off at Country Kabob, eating a Greek meal served family style. After dinner, head to Ballare for dancing and socializing. Club style music followed by Latin line dancing for the whole evening. Contact: 619-255-5100 or ballare.academy@yahoo.com. Saturday, July 20, 5pm; \$15. 18 and up. Ballare Academy of Dance and Performance, 3125 Rosecrans St. Suite B (LOMA PORTAL)

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Girls Burlesque, hosted by Mr. Snapper & Mr. Buddy. Burlesque by Angie Cakes, Fever Blister, Holly Go Darkly, Fleur Mystique, Mercury Troy, and Marie Jo. Friday, July 19, 8pm; Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. (LINDA VISTA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Should Undocumented Immigrants Receive Amnesty? This month's topic at the San Diego Debate Club will be a four-against-four panel debate, and will include an audience participation segment. Both sides of the issue will be heard and and respectfully engage one another. Friday, July 19, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 1155 Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Summer Literature and Video Series John Lee presents documentary videos for discussion. His

major focus is technology, however, this summer course will also be peppered with the arts, culture, history, and music. Contact: 619-223-3193 or church@westminstersd.org. Thursdays, 9:30am; through Thursday, August 22, free. 18 and up. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3598 Talbot Street. (POINT LOMA)

The Global Classroom A summer evening seminar series based on *Plan B: Mobilizing to Save Civilization*, a book by Lester Brown of the Earth Policy Institute. Participants will be immersed in the trends, projections, and solutions of our most challenging issues. Interns and experts will present their findings in the large format 12-screen surround facility so that attendees can "see" each issue to better understand the interconnected relationships from one week to the next. No meeting July 4. Thursdays, 5:30pm; through Thursday, September 5, free-\$10. 18 and up. World Resources Simu-

lation Center, 1088 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FILM

'Sweet Summer' Series: Turbo A season-long party that includes sweet treats, games, photos, and more. Pairing family movies with interactive treat-making, activities, and photo ops with kids' favorite movie characters. *Turbo* is an animated tale from Dreamworks about an ambitious snail keen on winning the Indy 500. Activities include creating candy race cars, and taking pictures as an Indy winner. Saturday, July 20, 1pm; Sunday, July 21, 1pm; ArcLight La Jolla, 4425 La Jolla Village Dr., Suite H60. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Film-Con A film networking event featuring special guests, speakers, and panels on a variety of film, comic, and gaming topics. Highlights include: short film screenings, comic book artist exhibition,

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Monkey Paw Cask Thursday. Low & Slow w/ Chilies: our back to back gold medal winner Rauchbier is loaded in the cask with a variety of peppers to provide aroma, flavor and of course some heat! Come down and try this cask with our piggy back fries or wings for a blow your mind experience! Thursday, July 18 at 5pm. Monkey Paw, 805 16th Street (EAST VILLAGE)

'90s Night at Solare! We will crank up our sound system and focus purely on the music of the 1990s Happy times for all who join us! We had a rockin' '80s Night on

May 31 and it was so much fun. '90s Night will only be better! Saturday, July 19 at 9pm. Solare Ristorante Lounge, 2820 Roosevelt Road (LIBERTY STATION)

Best Damn Bourbon & Beers II Second annual event offers five pours of bourbon (3/4 oz each) and five pours of beer (3 to 4 ounces each). RSVP required. Saturday, July 20, 5:30pm; \$50-\$55. 21 and up. Beer Company, 602 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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

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

Flavors of the Middle East Sample a variety of dishes as chef Joe Salim of Sahara Restaurant presents a culinary journey exploring the foods of the Middle East. Please sign up in advance. 619-660-5370. Saturday, July 20, 12pm; **free**. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Free Food at Comic-Con The Elder Scrolls Online food truck will distribute food and giveaways to hungry fans. Complimentary fare

will include Pressed Eidarmelt with a choice of three specialty dipping sauces: Fire Petal Dip, Emperor's Garden, or Tomato-Mammoth. Sandwiches will be accompanied with Tangy Ninroot, Corkbulb Crisps and Alocasia Fruit Juice. All complementary fare is first-come, first-served. Thursday, July 18, 11:30am; **free**. Park Boulevard and Imperial Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Immersion Blender and Food Processor Demo A one-hour demonstration of what's possible with immersion blenders and food processors. No tastings provided. Thursday, July 18, 10:30am; **free**. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Manzanita Brewing Company Third Anniversary The celebration includes live music from local bands, MC Grace Fraga, and the brewery's current and past seasonals along with their six core beers. Food provided by Chubby's Food Truck, Pubcakes, Sweiners, Bella Vista Cafe, and Slater's 50/50. The Drunk Driver, a local tour and charter company, will provide transportation for attendees that live in the neighborhoods of Tier-rasanta, La Mesa, El Cajon, Santee, Lakeside, San Carlos, and Del Cerro. Please contact The Drunk Driver at info@thedddvan.com, subject line: Manzanita VIP Ride Home to RSVP. Saturday, July 20, 12pm; \$25-\$40. 21 and up. Town Center Community Park East, 550 Park Center Drive. (SANTEE)

Rancho San Diego Food Truck Gathering Event supports the Val-

halla High School Athletics Department. Thursdays, 5:30pm; through Thursday, April 24, \$3-\$15. Valhalla High School, 1725 Hillsdale Road. (EL CAJON)

Summer Dining Chef Urs Bau-mann leads a two-hour class featuring poached asparagus wrapped in prosciutto ham, butter lettuce salad on a lime vinaigrette with grapefruit filets, drunken shrimp with a tarragon/honey/mustard sauce, summer flavored pearl couscous, roasted summer summer vegetables, and "marinated" watermelon balls with lime sorbet. Please RSVP. Contact: 858-459-0831 or ljccinfo@gmail.com. Thursday, July 18, 6pm; \$40-\$45. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Sunset Dinner Cruise on San Diego Bay Cost includes a three-hour cruise, a boarding glass of champagne or sparkling cider, a three-course dinner, DJ, and views of San Diego that change with each course. Thursday, July 18, 6:30pm; Friday, July 19, 6:30pm; Saturday, July 20, 6:30pm; Sunday, July 21, 6:30pm; \$75-\$105. Hornblower Dinner Cruises, 1800 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Taste Of Critics Challenge Wine Tasting Sample tastes of the winning wines from the 10th Annual Critics Challenge International Wine Competition. A selection of cheeses, meats, and other light refreshments will be available. Info: 619-234-5757. Sunday, July 21, 2pm; \$40-\$50. 21 and up. Fifty Seven Degrees, 1735 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

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

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erty Station: Barracks 15, Studio 103, 2750 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Especially for Families: ARTie Party Celebrate the birthday of the museum's new family mascot, ARTie. Guests are encouraged to wear ARTie's favorite color—yellow—while enjoying, ARTie-themed activities and treats. Sunday, July 21, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Science Saturdays: BioInspiration BioInspiration involves studying designs and processes found in nature and attempting to imitate these systems to solve human problems. Participants will draw and build models to see what structures, processes, and principles emerge and how they might be applied to human pursuits. Activities included with admission. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, July 27, Reuben

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LECTURES

The Testosterone Story. New Women's Health Summer Lecture Series. Learn about the Risks of Testosterone to Women. Reservations: 858-997-0212, www.DrTimDelivers.com/office. Free. Tuesday, July 23, 7pm. Saturday, July 27, 2013, 9am. Office of Dr. Timothy Bilash, 765 Academy Drive (SOLANA BEACH)

Across Worlds A multimedia, lecture/theater event about a Lost Boy of Sudan and an American mountain climber and how their lives converge. Friday, July 19, 7pm; \$5-\$20. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Basic Sales and Use Tax Class Vice chair Michelle Steel hosts California State Board of Equalization's class, which covers: how to obtain a

seller's permit with eReg; sales and use tax, and how to pay use tax due; resale certificates; common exemptions and deductions; California district taxes; record keeping, and more. Morning class in English, afternoon class in Spanish. Thursday, July 18, 10am and 1:30pm; **free**. California State BOE, San Diego District Office, 15015 Avenue of Science, Ste. 200. (SAN DIEGO)

Computer Genealogy Society Meeting Program includes information on using BLM Government Land Office records and Google Earth to find ancestor owned property. Led by Blythe Stokes. Bring a netbook, laptop, iPad or tablet loaded with Google Earth. Saturday, July 20, 9am; **free**. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Eat Well as You Age This class will focus on staying healthy as you age, highlighting important nutrients for the senior years. Saturday, July 20, 12:30pm; **free**.

Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

How Doctors Choose to Die Five doctors will talk about what they included in their Advance Directives and what precautions they are taking to make sure their wishes will be followed. Hear Drs. Geoffrey Gordon, David Allan, Sally Hall and Karl Steinberg. Sponsored by the Hemlock Society of San Diego. 619-233-4418. Sunday, July 21, 1:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

MiraCosta College Lectures In her talk “Concepts Driving Modern Medicine,” Betty Yost, discusses bio-science, genomes, DNA, viruses, immunity, “killer” bacteria, transplants, stem cells, and more. Bradley Fikes, *U-T San Diego* reporter presents, “San Diego's Life Science Community.” Held in the Administration Building, #1000. Free parking pass at campus police building, #1100. 760-721-8124. Fri-

day, July 19, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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Coastal Hike and Yoga on the Beach Meet at the San Dieguito Lagoon trailhead, located behind Albertsons, to hike to North Beach for yoga with Susan McCrea. Voluntary donations accepted. Saturday, July 20, 9am; **free**. San Dieguito Lagoon Boardwalk and Trail, San Andres Drive at Via De La Valle. (DEL MAR)

July Sojourning An easy, informative trek to the base of Mission Gorge and the San Diego River. Pass through multiple habitats as the trail guide opens a world of discovery. Saturday, July 20, 9:30am; Sunday, July 21, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Summer Twilight Walk Experience nocturnal world of Mission Trails Regional Park as dusk sets in and transitions into night on a trail guide-led walk in San Diego's open space areas. Bring jacket and flashlight. Meet at Bushy Hill parking lot, across from Campground Entry Station. Saturday, July 20, 7:15pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

Tsunami Sweepers Cleanup I Love A Clean San Diego leads one of a series of beach cleanups funded by the California Coastal Commission to clean up debris from the 2011 Japanese tsunami that is expected to wash up on California's shores. Contact: Lexi Ambrogio, lambrogio@cleansd.org or 619-704-2778. Please complete and bring the waiver. Saturday, July

20, 10am; Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, North Torrey Pines Road. (DEL MAR)

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Sri Lanka Ayurveda Ancient Healing Wisdom With Dr. Jayanath Abeywickrama. Medical Director Rankema Healing Cen-

ter - Sri Lanka. Sunday, July 21, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. RSVP to social@rankemaworldsummit.com and Rankemaworldsummit.com (ENCINITAS)

ACTS Brigade Clothes Give-away A clothing give away for families, homeless, or anyone in need. Games, prizes and face painting for children. Contact: Carlynn, 858-337-6657 or jcandcp@gmail.com. Saturday, July 20, 12pm; **free**. Memorial Park, 2901 Ocean View Boulevard. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Break Invaders Event includes a full food and drink menu, classic arcades, gaming competitions, and an interactive photo booth. Presented by Break Media. Thursday, July 18, 11am and 7pm; Friday, July 19, 11am; **free**. Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Fiesta Del Sol San Diego 2013 A street festival featuring performances, arts and culture, children's area, and resources on health, education, civic engagement, and green/technology. Saturday, July 20, 11am; Sunday, July 21, 11am; **free**. Chicano Park, Between National and Logan Avenues under the Coronado Bridge. (BARRIO LOGAN)

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Summer Orchid Show and Sale San Diego County Orchid Society will have plants on display as well as an area for vendors. Members and non-members are encouraged to submit orchids for judging at the shows. Saturday, July 20, 12pm; Sunday, July 21, 10am; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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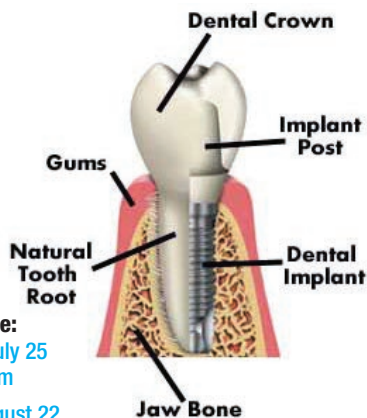
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Brandon Madrid and his art guitars

Right now, Brandon Madrid is trying to turn a vintage hi-fi record player into a custom guitar. Two guitars, actually. The plan is to have the record player remain functional and to turn each of the speakers into a guitar so that two people can jam out simultaneously, even playing along to a record if they wish. He also likes to turn vintage cocktail sets into musical



Brandon Madrid

James Mercer (Shins) and John Reis (Rocket From the Crypt).

instruments. He always leaves the cocktail shakers intact so that it's easy to mix up Martinis when the music stops.

But he doesn't just build funky art guitars, he's a professional luthier who has built guitars for

Madrid was following a career as a pro snowboarder when "The fun side of snowboarding was over, and I was looking for an out," he says. "I had always played in bands, always played music, and I had always been working with wood, so I just started building guitars."

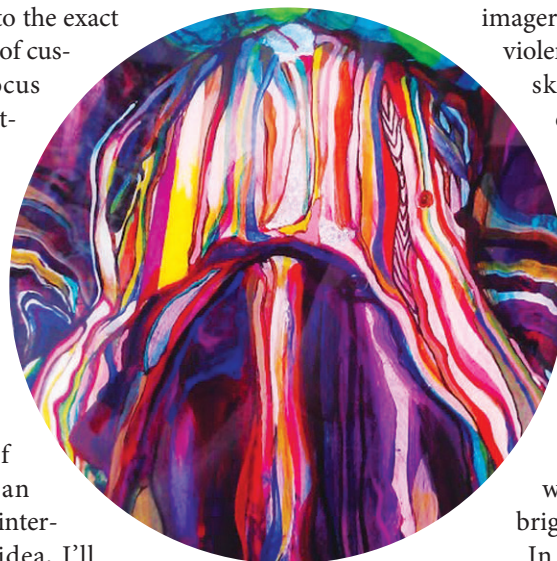
In the beginning, he started fixing his own guitars. That progressed to buying beat-up old guitars by way of the Penny Saver, restoring them, and turning them into much better instruments, which he could sell to buy more old guitars. Over the years, that has grown into a full-scale business for Madrid. He builds custom guitars, which can cost over \$4000, but he also special-

izes in repairing vintage instruments.

Madrid doesn't operate like some custom craftsman, taking orders and building to the exact specifications of customers. "I focus on being an artist. I'll build a guitar that I see, just like another artist would see a painting. If you like it, then you can buy it from me. If you present an idea, and I'm interested in the idea, I'll build you the guitar. But I don't really like a lot of ideas."

Rather than hanging in music shops, Madrid's guitars are more likely to be found in art galleries. He will exhibit alongside

his artist friends at their shows if the material fits. He organizes art shows for himself, bringing



Detail of one of Fry's skulls

his custom guitars, tube amplifiers, and collages made from broken vacuum tubes. A few Madrid Guitars are on display at

Home in North Park."

Justin Fry and his booby traps

At first look, Justin Fry's imagery seems grim and violent. But he says the skulls function in exactly the opposite way.

"It's something that unifies. We all have the same stuff underneath," says Fry. "I don't want it to be morbid, that's why I try to do these bright colors."

In fact, Fry wants to turn the very idea of the skulls topsy-turvy.

"I like to play with heavy, loaded imagery," says the Los Angeles-based artist. Sometimes, you can booby trap stuff like that by using playful colorways. Whether it's in the paint itself or the subject matter, these lighthearted booby traps can mask a loaded image and prevent it from being overwhelming."

Sometimes, Fry wants to booby-trap the nobility of portraiture with pure idiocy. *Captain Asshole*, a Mannerist portrait of a modern-day daredevil clutching an open 40, creates what Fry calls a "heavily rendered painting, but having it be so absurd that it's anchored in Renaissance style but deals with this ridiculous, lowbrow image. It's something that someone who would buy a \$10,000 painting would want, but it's a horrible image of an idiot."

Justin Fry's show, *Fractured Navigation*, at Artlab Studios, is open through July 19. ■

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The Graces

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I want to say something about *30x: Three Decades*, a self-celebratory exhibition at the Museum of Photographic Arts that marks the institution's 30th anniversary, but I'd like to get there by way of New York City, where a few months ago at a dinner party two New York artists I've known for over 20 years, Bruce Gagnier and Paul Resika, ganged up on me. They were exercised because I write about photography as a fine art. They don't believe it is. They're not cranks or reactionary hard-liners. Most of us assume the issue withered long ago, but their challenge is folded into photography's origins. In the 1860s, a couple of decades after photography's invention, Baudelaire, a great poet and prickly art critic (criticism, he said, must be "partisan, passionate, and political"), dismissed photography because it's a slave to nature, to what's there, and photographic representation doesn't truly transform what's there into something else.

For Gagnier, photography lacks plasticity. *The Penguin Dictionary of Art and Artists* defines plasticity as "the quality of appearing

three-dimensional, [of giving] the impression that the figures are fully modeled and are capable of moving freely in the pictorial space." The camera, Gagnier said, may require models as subject mat-

ter but it doesn't *model* given reality; it doesn't knead and work and fashion its material as painting and sculpture do. Resika's objec-

tion was more mysterious. Because photography doesn't possess the classical quality of plasticity, it's "inauthentic." He wasn't questioning the authenticity of the feeling a photographer experiences when making a picture, he was questioning the result. Authenticity, enabled by plasticity, enacts a fountaining of feeling from the artist, not a mirroring or reporting or manipulation (digitally or in a dark room) of what's merely there.

If you practice any art — music, poetry, performance, no matter — the past doesn't go away, though you can choose to ignore it. Every art keeps reinventing itself in some way, engaging fresher if not always shiny new issues. Plasticity is still a critical value if we choose to make it so. The impulse certainly hasn't dissipated. Some photographers use photographic material to craft

sculptures or to build or decorate installations. Performance artists use the body and its behavior as malleable entities that can be crafted and plied.

To counter my friends' arguments, I offered in evidence — evidence of the modeling photography is capable of and the realization of desire in art acts (which comes closer to *my* notion of authenticity) — a video I'd just seen in the Metropolitan. James Nares, a painter whose canvases look as if a carwash brush warped and frothed pigment across them, in 2011 cleared out the passenger area of an SUV, installed a camera, blacked out the windows except for a lens-hole, and spent 60 hours driving the streets of Manhattan, hovering whatever scene the camera-dolly/SUV panned.

Nares and crew spent a week shooting with a high-speed Phantom Flex HD camera, the kind used to film hummingbirds and cheetahs: it shoots 500 to 1000 frames a second in six-second bursts. They shot 16 hours of footage with a telephoto lens while cruising (never more than 30 miles an hour) through different neighborhoods. That was edited down to three minutes of real time. Nares slowed down the film so that those few minutes played out in extreme slow motion over an hour. The content is a city-lover's dream of space-time: you feel as if you're watching discrete bits while at any given moment seeing everything all at once. The slowed action gives *Street* a cluttered, action-every-which-way flow — it's a magisterial,



Debbie Han's *Walking Three Graces* (2007)

30x: Three Decades, on view at the Museum of Photographic Arts until October 13. 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-238-7559; mopa.org.

demotic, processional revelation. Pigeons loft through the frame, traffic cops stand sleepy watch, young people flirt, skirts turn corners, nearly everyone is in his or her own world, but not really, because now they are part of this wider, denser, slo-mo complex where a businessman fights the

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rain with a feeble umbrella, bicycles swim by, a girl with friends spots the camera eye and stares back, raindrops fall like pebbles, pedestrians study their shoelaces or follow soap bubbles through the air, and the lens sometimes sees itself in plate-glass windows.

Nares's technique models his subjects in space; its plastic values are dynamic. It's not like cinematic 3D imagery, which is used for decorative or titillating effects and has no inner life. Nares shapes space and physical content so that they enact the desire to see, and they give their subjects a classical curvilinear completeness. *Street* extends photographic possibility. Watching it, I felt like an observer, of course, someone on this side of the viewing plane but mysteriously also inserted into the rolling combinations of actions. I felt as if I could walk around the figures in their scene. *Street* became the smash of the spring season and was standing-room-only throughout its run. You can watch a clip at jamesnares.com/index.cfm/film-video/street/.

And so, all that came to mind while I looked at the pictures in *30x*. MOPA was founded in 1983, and the exhibition selects one image acquired in each one of its years of existence. In the context of what I was saying above, it amounts to a condensed history of how photographic aspiration has tested the limits of the medium and developed its own vocabulary for modeling reality. Consider the Korean-American Debbie Han's *Walking Three Graces*. The *Graces* is one of the most famous motifs of classical antiquity: three idealized female forms gesture toward and touch each other in meaningful ways. Han photographs naked Korean women, photoshops classical western heads to their bodies, then digitally scours the surfaces, pixel by pixel, to achieve the look of statuary polished as smoothly as a Canova. She sets her faux-statuary (which looks like beautifully wrought clay or marble) in deep space

so that you sense, but can't see, the figures' sides and backs. She isn't just shaping her subject for a particular tone and ambiguity, she's reviewing and critically revising the history of the motif, and also — because of the off-ness of those heads on Asian bodies — stirring up ideological questions about racial types.

30x is an anthology of the medium's ambitions, from 19th-century daguerreotypes and the earliest images made by Henry Fox Talbot and Henry Frith, to canonic 20th-century images like one of Ruth Bernard's woman-in-a-box pictures (a smart inclusion because, pictorially and ideologically, it's a precedent for Han's picture) and Andrés Kertész's *Paris Shadows*, a shot taken from his apartment window in which children on the sidewalk below come alive more in their articulated shadows than in their corporeal selves. And along the way you see image-makers continuing to blow out the apparent definitions of their art. See Emmit Gowan's close-up of his wife shot through a screen door. The screen reticulates her presence: she seems to be breaking up into identically sized platelets. Step back a few feet and her face goes into eclipse. Many of the pictures remind us of photography's enchantment with how otherworldly shadows relate to our embodied selves. Lee Friedlander's uncanny image of his wife Maria half-dressed in a hotel room is an essay on how we are creatures of light and shade and substance. One creature, a shady creature, appears in a mugshot from Stockton's police files.

In Bruce Davidson's *2 Women on Platform*, *Subway* from 1980, city life looks like pure tedium and promised risk and adventure. Two women, one dressed in white, the other in red, stand on either side of the platform, dresses blowing in the wind, the scene backlit by sundown light. Below and beyond we see the streets of Queens streaming from the el-



Paris Shadows, by Andres Kertesz

evated platform. Which brings me back to where I started, in New York, where the day after my quarrel I got a call from Resika, who could hardly contain himself. He'd just seen Nares's *Street* and had something to say: "It's authentic!" ■

ART

Street Fighter Art Exhibition Platt College San Diego, Film-Con, Space 4 Art and So Say We All pay tribute to the Street Fighter franchise. Event features Trickster "Owner Created" comic book artist exhibition, networking mixer, local short film screenings, storyboard competition, spoken word performance, and more. All proceeds go to a non-profit organization that helps develop jobs and awareness for local San Diego talent within the art and film communities. Cosplaying is strongly encouraged. Friday, July 19, 7:30pm; \$8-\$15. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Art Show: Pako Pablos Pako Pablos, contemporary mixed media portrait artist, hosts an exhibition of his latest works. The exhibit will feature new pieces created in honor of some of the most popular characters showcased at Comic-Con, as well as portraits featuring celebrity musicians, artists, and performers as showcased in recent exhibitions. Saturday, July 20, 9pm; **free**. 21 and up. Stingaree, 454 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Art in Bloom Two days of art interpreted in flowers. Artists and floral designers unite to create a

bouquet throughout the courtyard. See floral and art demonstrations and live music entertainment. Refreshments available. 619-233-9050. Saturday, July 20, 11am; Sunday, July 21, 11am; **free**. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (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: Esther Bubley A 15-minute, staff-led tour of one to three works on view. Thursday, July 18, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Bus Trip to Charles Arnoldi's Los Angeles studio Experience the life and art of Charles Arnoldi during a bus trip to his Venice Beach studio, narrated by Danielle Susalla Deery, the curator of his current exhibition. The trip will include a private tour of his studio with the chance to see his most recent work. Cost for the excursion does not include lunch, but the trip will include time to purchase lunch in Los Angeles. Reservations: 760-435-3721. Saturday, July 20, 9am; \$75-\$80. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Day Trip: Pageant of the Masters The San Diego Museum of Art Docent Council visits the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. This year, the pageant celebrates its 80th birthday of living pictures — the original freeze frame — at the Festival of

Arts. The Big Picture will add a cinematic spin with classic masterpieces that inspired legendary filmmakers. Before the pageant, spend the afternoon visiting the juried fine arts show, the Sawdust Art Festival (handmade work and demonstrations), and more. Dining options will be provided with sign-up. Refreshments will be provided on the bus. Contact: Bethany Burke, 619-696-1962. Thursday, July 18, 3:30pm; \$120-\$135. 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 21, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hisashi Otsuka: Kimono Ink Merging East and West in his art, Otsuka created a new series based on traditional tattoo design. Artist will be present for a meet-and-greet. RSVP: 800-204-0062 or pr@ecgallery.com. Friday, July 19, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. Also Saturday, July 20, 12pm & 6pm, **free**. 21 and up. Exclusive Collections Gaslamp Quarter, 437 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Painting and Vino — Couples Recreate "Mission Beach" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron)

included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, July 21, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Ray Diaz Ray Diaz *Artshow* 6. 619-231-9061. Friday, July 19, 6pm; Luminous Views Gallery, 1815 Fifth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Turista Libre TJ Street Art Trek Join Panca and Once Cero Dos — Tijuana's "it" street art kids — for a lap around the city to their favorite murals. Part of Steve Turner Contemporary's "Art Baja Tijuana" pop-up exhibition, happening July 18-21, the bus also stops at Tijuana architect Jorge Gracia's Casa GS and Pablo Rasgado's Abandoned House project. Tickets include round-trip border transportation, a taco lunch, and a post-tour cocktail mixer at Panca's downtown studio-home. Meet at San Ysidro trolley stop. Saturday, July 20, 1pm; \$40. 18 and up. San Ysidro Trolley Station, 700 E. San Ysidro Boulevard. (SAN YSIDRO)

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 bonitamusseum@sbcglobal.net. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, July 20, **free**-\$5. Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)



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Release the Kraken!

“Our dream is to make the seafood sandwich as available as the hamburger.”

Each time I’ve passed the brick building where Sushi on a Roll, “SOAR,” hangs out, I remember what Jeff, the super sushi chef, told me: “On Thursdays and Fridays we turn the space over to Christian. He’s got a seafood-sandwich business.”

Seafood sandwiches?

Now that I think about it, you never do hear about interesting fish sandwiches. This could be something new.

It’s Thursday. I’m aboard the 929, heading through Barrio Logan down National Avenue. I see the brick building and a banner hitched to a wire hurricane fence bursting with purple morning glories.

“SUPER Natural Sandwiches. Supernaturally good,” it says. It has a picture of a kraken with that big central eye.

Two minutes later, I’m off the bus and heading down into SOAR’s passageway. There’s a brick building on the left and a metal building on the right and tables lined up on either side.

At the end, they’ve set up a counter under a yellow umbrella. A girl in a pink T-shirt stands behind it. There are a bunch of seashells on top, a green felt octopus, a cashbox, a “Tipsy or Beer Fund” jar, a pile of menus, and a cooler with bottles and cans floating in ice water that the sun’s melting by the minute. Hanging on the wall are green SuperNatural T-shirts, a Neptune’s three-tined fork trident, and a sign: “Release the Kraken!” (Oh, yeah. Liam Neeson doing — overdoing — Zeus in *Clash of the Titans*, right?)

Lord. Looks like I’m the only customer here. Well, it is 2:00 p.m. That’s when they close. Hope I’m not too late.

“Would you like something?” says the girl in the pink T-shirt. Hannah.

“You’re still doing sandwiches?” I ask.

“Oh, yes,” she says.

She picks up a SuperNatural menu and hands it to me.

“What’s the name mean?” I ask.

“Super,’ because they really are super,”

she says. “And ‘natural,’ because they use only sustainable and local seafood.”

The menu has seven sandwiches, with a supernatural sea creature’s name attached to each. There’s the Harpy (named after the bird-women who steal your food when you’re wrecked on a deserted island). It’s a wedge of toasted bread with “shrimp, balsamic, and bacon,” plus some

sauce and salad (\$9).

The Hydra (“many-headed water beast”) is stuffed with blackened tuna (\$9). The Siren (“beautiful creatures — women — who lure sailors to shipwreck”) has spicy garlic shrimp (\$8). The Nessie (after the Scottish loch monster) is filled with “miso glazed fish of the day” (\$9). The Kraken (Scandinavian sea monster) comes loaded with Thai red curry crab (\$10). The Neptune is a mix of scallops and bacon (\$9). And the Kappa (named for a mythical Japanese river-child, like the Scottish kelpie) is basically a spicy crab melt (\$10).

Dang. These guys really researched their sea lore.

I’m dithering as usual when Christian Eggert comes out.. He’s one of the guys who started this place, Hannah says. “He’ll help you decide.”

“Our dream is to make the seafood sandwich as available as the hamburger,” Christian says. “We’re still working our way into this idea. Trying to make it easy for everybody to access all the fabulous fresh local seafood we have right here in San Diego.”

Wow. So, what to eat?

Christian says I should try the Neptune. “We’ve got these scallops from Baja. They’re not frozen — they’re dry diver bay scallops. That means they’re caught by divers, not dredged off the sea floor, and they’re packed dry — no chemical salt water to plump them up, no preservatives. So they’re tastier — and more expensive.”

Long and short is: I get one (\$9). It’s a pile of those scallops on a wedge of bread, with smoked

bacon, spicy aioli, avo-ponzu (avocado and that citrusy, rice-wine Japanese sauce) and greens in a crispy brioche roll that’s beautifully tender inside. Comes from Bread and Cie, Christian says.

I sit down with it at one of the marble tables lining the passageway. Gadzooks, but it’s good. The bacon gives a salty edge to the buttery scallops, and the ponzu gives a rice-wine twang to the whole thing.

It goes well with a bottle of (green activist and actor Ed) “Begley’s and Bill’s” lemon-lime soda (\$2).

Finish my Neptune. Gotta get another one — something different? — to take with me. After some thought, I go for the Siren (garlic shrimp with a garlic aioli, tomatoes, and white cheddar).

Take it home to Carla.

When I get out a knife to split it, she says, “Uh, no. You’ve had yours.”

She does give me a corner, though, and oh, yum. The shrimp are great. The whole thing is one long garlicky, breadly mess.

Christian told me that three of his buddies are in the venture with him. Tony Nguyen, Chris Perczichino, and Anthony Tran. “Plus, my wife is Thai,” he said. “So, there’s plenty of Asian influence, like with the Kraken sandwich.”



The Siren sandwich (\$8) is stuffed with spicy garlic shrimp.



The seafood theme on the counter hints at Christian Eggert’s desire to make the seafood sandwich the new hamburger.



Hannah stands at the temporary table counter



Are there cheaper sandwiches around? You betcha, ’specially here in the barrio. But I understand. These guys are into classy, interesting seafood and, like my dry diver scallops, you know a lot of this stuff doesn’t come cheap.

My only regret is that I didn’t try the Kraken crab cakes with Thai red curry (\$10). Christian’s Thai wife would have made sure that curry tasted right.

Shades of a new myth: How powerful is it to eat these sea-sandwiches? Christian said that since they started the biz, three of the four spouses have become pregnant, including his wife.

“I’m not claiming,” he said. “I’m just sayin’...” ■

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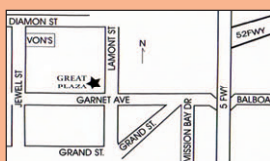
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Barbecue 81 and American Voodoo set to open

I don't always cover restaurant openings, mostly because the hype machine doesn't need my help to keep on rolling. For two places under construction in University Heights, however, I am genuinely excited. July should be a tasty month in UH! They've both dawdled in the papered-window phase for extra time, it seems, which only serves to heighten my curiosity. Why the long building periods?

For Barbecue 81 (2302 El Cajon Boulevard), right next to Gilly's, I think it's because the business has a sort of backward model. They've done plenty of catering *first*, and opening up the restaurant is the next step in BBQ81's plan. I like that step. I live nearby and the idea of having access to tri-tip and pulled pork at a moment's notice appeals to me. Maybe they do great 'cue, maybe not. Rest assured, I'll let you know when it opens.

One weird thing about Barbecue 81: I'm pretty sure I saw an altercation between the guys who are building the place out. At one point, two enormous barbecue-chef-looking dudes were chasing a third guy down an alleyway, hollering at him to the tone of, "Get back here so we can kick your ass!"

Spicy!

The other place that's set to open next month is American Voodoo. Now, I'm frankly surprised that we haven't all been hitched to the hype wagon over this place. They don't even have a website yet, although there is a Facebook page. I tried calling

the phone number listed there but got no answer. It looks like Voodoo is going to be draped in vintage Americana and employ liberal use of the word "craft" whenever possible. Usually, when places like that open up, we're greeted with a salvo of pre-fabricated news briefs about how awesome the hip new restau will be.

This time? *Nada*. A little blurb appeared on *Eater*, but that was months ago.

Weirdly, little has been done to finish off the restaurant since *March*. I cruised by just the other day and they still have construction equipment and piles of trash all over the place inside. Apparently, permitting was a hassle (they want to serve liquor!), but American

Voodoo is supposed to open in July. My guess would be late in the month, considering the disarray, but maybe with permits in place the work will fly by?

No matter what, I appreciate the lack of hype. All I can surmise is that the menu will have inflections of the American South and there will be a few good whiskey drinks.

For now, we wait to be surprised.

by Ian Pike

FEAST!



Ian Pike, who lives near soon-to-open Barbecue 81 in University Heights, says, "The idea of having access to tri-tip and pulled pork at a moment's notice appeals to me."

See and be scene!

On February 13th this year, Ian Pike reviewed Buona Forchetta (3001 Beech Street, South Park, 619-381-4844) and got into the sacred issues of what authentic pizza should be.

That's always been a total mystery to me. But in this case whatever the secrets are don't matter a jot, 'cause I'm totally seduced by the place itself.

This is the deal: I was walking up Beech at sunset (heading for Hamilton's, actually), expecting to see the usual empty outside seating area of a onetime



At South Park's Buona Forchetta, Ed Bedford finally realized his dream of finding a San Diego restaurant where most of the seating is outside.

coffee place, when I heard this buzz, and spotted this luminous little scene straight out of Renoir — a whole sidewalk full of people eating, drinking, yacking, meeting neighbors under the trees.

Most eateries give you a mean little strip of chairs and tables outside, and usually behind railings and Plexiglass to separate you from the common herd of passersby, right? And their main eating areas are inside. Typical cold-weather thinking. Like every restaurateur has shipped out here direct from New Jersey.

Not this place. At Buona Forchetta, just about all the seating's outside. That's where the scene is. They even have a table where you can doodle with chalk as you sip wine and wait to be seated.

"This feels even more like Europe than cafés in Rio," says this Brazilian gal as she waits for a table. "This terrazza is perfect for this town."

Exactly what I feel. When's everybody else going to wake up to the fact that we're a fair-weather city?

by Ed Bedford

The Works Pizza

I've been wanting to get to the Works Pizza (5608 Mission Center Road, 619-296-1400), but it was like being on a wild-goose chase. There has *got* to be a smarter way to give mall stores addresses.

The Works is this tiny little pizza place in the Friars Mission Center mall and you can't even see it from Mission Center Road, not even close. The only helpful bit of advice I can give is that it's cater-corner to the Ralphs on the southwest side. Good luck.

But, if you make it to the Works, you're in for a little treat because the pizza is fine! I walked in to find a glass display case filled with pizza by the slice (\$3-\$3.50): cheese, pepperoni, ham and pineapple, all the good stuff. Beyond that, there wasn't much to the

restaurant. Tables lined one wall, and the dining room hooked around back for extra seating, but the rest of the operation was pretty spare.

My slice of cheese pizza, by which the whole of a pizza spot can be judged, revealed a chewy crust without the extreme crispiness of some thin-crust pies. The sauce was on the sweet side and the use of cheese more restrained than some, but the slice was good and balanced. I tried another slice with "the works" (pepperoni, sausage, peppers, onions, olives, tomatoes, and mushrooms) and found it most satisfying. In terms of outright pizza quality, the Works can hang with just about any other spot in town.

Burgers and salads rounded out the menu, but I'll be frank and say that nothing looked appetizing, certainly not to the degree of "I would come all the way to a cramped mall just for these hamburgers." The pizza, yes, but not the burgers. Much better was the option to get a cold beer with my slices! Nothing super fancy, but Ballast Point and various Karls are more than adequate to wash down a hot slice of 'za.

If you want my advice, the Works is in a perfect spot for fueling up before a trip to one of the three movie theaters down in the valley. It might even be worth a separate trip for anyone who loves Luigi's but sometimes wishes the crust was just a little bit softer.

by Ian Pike

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We're standing in MooTime Creamery (1025 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-2422).

The power is out. Allegedly 3200 customers affected in this town. Since noon. Re-upping eta: 6:51 p.m.

"There's nothing I can do, except keep the freezer doors closed and lids on the ice cream buckets," says Leroy.

The problem's the same next door at Leroy's, the classy eatery with sidewalk seating. Now it's empty. Only Liz, the hostess, has to stay to tell everyone there's no point in hanging round.

Like life itself, the outage is capricious. Vons, banks like Union and Chase, Rite Aid, countless eateries, are all dark. Even though across from Moo Time, Tent City (the eatery at 1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-4611) is up and running, its daytime lights twinkling around its patio umbrellas. Starving *turistas* are jumping at the extra

tables they've laid out on the sidewalk.

by Ed Bedford

Sudden closure of 25Forty Bistro and Bakehouse

After working 90 hours a week for four years, Mark Pelliccia feels like he has nothing to show for it. After years of toil at 25Forty Bistro and Bakehouse, he claims he was close to clearing the restaurant's debts and operating a profitable business. And that's despite the notoriously poor location, removed from the bustle of Old Town proper and bereft of parking. But a quarrel with his silent partner in the business — who Pelliccia claims had been absent from operations since 2010 — resulted in the restaurant's unexpected closing. The first-time restaurateur is understandably furious over the whole affair.

25Forty was a good restaurant and a strong part of any "Old Town doesn't *totally* suck" argument. Seeing the doors shuttered puts a damper on optimistic attitudes about the restaurant industry. If a good spot can't make it, where's the hope for anyone trying to give it a go as a restaurateur?

But Pelliccia is undeterred. Though he feels like he received a metaphorical "kick in the crotch" from just about everyone, he

realizes that business is business. The restaurant industry isn't an easy game to be in, and Pelliccia learned much about entrepreneurship during his time in the office and kitchen at 25Forty.

Without the money to fight a protracted court battle, Pelliccia is more or less out of options, in terms of 25Forty. For now, he's eking out a living baking pastries for the (awesome) Roast Coach and doing a little catering. Once he gets his feet back under him, he wants to start a new place, circumventing all the problems of 25Forty right from the giddy-up. Those of us who liked 25Forty wish him luck. We would love that the news were better, that Pelliccia were closing his restaurant to open something new with a better locale, but the sobering facts of this difficult industry won't be denied.

by Ian Pike

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"Oh, my. Oh, wow. You're okay, Bedford, but this is the real thing."

Carla's working her way through most of the two donuts I got for us to share when I went back to Donut Bar, the new place at 631 B Street, downtown (310-625-5571).

I discovered it earlier this week. Only problem: that afternoon they had totally sold out already. Seems you've got to get there in the morning if you want your fix.

So, this morning I did, hoping to get one of their cro'bars, a donut that thinks it's a croissant. So feathery it could just about float away, according to the owner, Santiago Campo. 'Course he is the owner.

But, no. Gone already. So I settled for a raspberry pistachio and a coconut dream.

These are gourmet size donuts — 3½ inches — and gourmet prices. Cost \$3 each. But they do come with interesting glazes on them, like the one with Jim Beam whiskey, Vermont maple syrup, and topped with bacon. Good news is the coffee — totally essential with donuts — is only (as the menu says) a buck a cup.

I've never really lost my heart to donuts. Too cakey, too, doughy. Except and unless we're talking maple and nuts. Those I'll walk a mile for. I think Donut Bar has maple bars for \$1. Except they were out again today.

But Carla's already in a swoon, two chews in. "These are superb," she says. "So light. Never let the topping drown out the flavor of the donut."

I can see this is more than taste talking. She's thinking with each bite.

"So, what's with you and donuts?" I ask.

"Okay, it's because one summer when I was nine, in Sacramento, my cousin Gaylord went to work in a donut shop," she says. "He was 17. He'd tell us to come by around nine in the morning, and he'd take spatulas of them out of the deep-fry and give them to us kids, sizzling hot. No icing. I just loved the taste of the sweet dough. I think I was a little crazy about him, too. Ever since, I can't eat a donut without thinking of him."

By now she's halfway through the coconut dream.

"Oh, man! Dough's perfect. Here, have a piece."

Must say, with coffee, that coconut icing's delectable. Uh, the dough? For me, dough is the

price you pay to get at the icing.

I break off a piece of the raspberry pistachio. Tastes of raspberry, all right, and those are actual pistachio pieces on top.

"So, what happened to Gaylord?"

She stops picking at the coconut. The way she sighs I know I've got the kind of competition you can't fight.

"He married a girl he worked with all summer at that same damned donut shop. They became vegetarians. Here, finish this off."

I do. I mean, health food? No. I guess it's okay, so long as you don't make a daily habit of it. Plus, I can't help admire how Santiago seems to be working his tail off to make his business happen. He says he's often there at midnight and back at 5:00 the next morning.

But the part of what he told me I liked the best was how at, like, seven each morning, when the crew that has been baking the donuts through the night are heading for home, the newly arrived day crew lines up and applauds them as they leave.

"Because they're the most vital part of the team," Santiago says, "and usually the least appreciated."

by Ed Bedford

Open in South Park

The café at 1947 Fern Street (across the street from South Park Abbey) got a slick, Italian makeover six weeks back and reopened as Piacere Mio, Italian for "my pleasure."

Formerly, the space housed a different coffee shop, one that leaned toward the granola-crunching hippie side of things. The new spot is all about *Italia*. Italian language pop music blasts from the radio as the heavily accented couple behind the counter pull shots of espresso and press very good panini sandwiches (\$7-\$9).

The menu makes excellent use of various cured hams, and the bulk of the 'wiches use some kind of spread to enliven things. The "Da Vinci," for one, used a mushroom spread to add a heady sweetness to the smoky slices of speck and the bitter crisp of fresh arugula. The "Giotto" improved upon the ubiquitous (and often dull) "caprese" sandwich through the application of a briny olive tapenade. But the best part of the panini was the gentle use of the grill to toast the bread without baking it to a shingle. So often, pressed sandwiches are smashed and obliterated by overzealous hands or marred by inferior bread that doesn't retain softness after griddling. Piacere Mio's sandwich was delicate and flavorful, lightly oiled and sprinkled with dried herbs.

The coffee was also on point, with a latte served in a tall glass so that no cardboard taste marred the drink's milky sweetness. In a display case, a small assortment of sweets lurked, ready to inflict mayhem on their victims' blood sugar. Everything looked like a total sugar-bomb.

Piacere Mio's main weakness was a lack of coziness. Nothing short of a complicated mural is going to change the building's ugly façade, and the cavernous interior suffered from a sense of empty sterility. Friendly service and lots of sun helped the atmosphere, but there was no avoiding the fact that PM wanted for a few cozy nooks for the hunkering down and private, thoughtful things accomplished. Because of that, it may play better with the lunchtime crowd (who will not be disappointed by the excellent sandwiches!) than the café regulars: the artsy types like us writers who sometimes need a temporary office.

by Ian Pike

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Comic-Con companion. During this year's Comic-Con International, related music events are happening at the show and around town. On Thursday, July 18, musical comedy duo Paul and Storm perform at the Balboa Theatre for w00tstock 5.0, while living

lanos runs his band through jazz arrangements of the music of *Star Wars*, with attendees encouraged to wear costumes. On Saturday, MayStar will host a free Comic-Con Fashion Show and Costume Party when her long-running Fashion Whore event makes

Sunday, the Comic-Con Interactive Zone at Petco Park will host live music acts, including sing-speak from local William Shatner impersonator ShatMan, as well as geektastic attractions like the Hello Kitty Pop-Up Shop, an Adult Swim Funhouse, and the Walking Dead Escape obstacle course.

At the Con, Thursday's events include Behind the Music with CW3PR, featuring soundtrack composers from TV shows, such as *Fringe*, *Being Human*, and *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. Comics co-created by Wu-Tang's RZA and Ghostface Killah will be the focus of a Black Mask panel, while Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog will allow fans to sing-along with the sing-along.

On Friday, Metallica will preview their 3D film *Through the Never* at the Convention Center's Hall H, as well as performing at a still-undisclosed venue nearby. Only Con panel attendees will have access to tickets. The creators of bio-comics, such as *Legends of the Blues* and *The Carter Family: Don't Forget This Song*, will appear at a Music and Comics panel, and local colorist Jeromy Cox will spotlight his *Vampyrates* comic series, co-created with local Shambles guitarist Kevin Donaker-Ring.

Other music-themed panels include Hip-Hop and Comics, the Character of Music, Comics and the Punk Aesthetic, an interactive screening of the *Buffy the Vampire Killer* musi-

cal, and a spotlight on Guns N' Roses album cover painter Robert Williams, whose work

his label own L.I.E. (Learning Is Endless). "In 2001, I met my first producer. Then I signed



Metallica presents *Through the Never* and then plays a secret show.

also appeared in the locally published series *Tipper Gore's Comics and Stories*.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Crazy-bananas busy. If the local music scene had its Jon Taffer, the outspoken host of Spike TV's show *Bar Rescue*, it might be Shane Culpeper, a studio owner/producer/promoter who also has a soft spot for misdirected venues that are losing business.

When they listen, Culpeper says, things work out. When they don't, they fold.

First, some background. Culpeper was a '99 grad of an Escondido continuation school. ("I shared a locker with someone who brought something bad to school. I shared the blame.") He was heavily into poetry and hip-hop. ("I started when I was 15.") Beginning in his senior year, Culpeper hosted house parties. He then started

Mario McCurley from Tacoma. Then D. Dove, who is one of the most prominent MCs in San Diego." He benefited early on from the availability of a recording studio at the YMCA in Escondido.

The L.I.E. empire grew. "We did recording, promoting, tours, graphic design, websites, silk-screening." He recorded and booked tours for local artists Social Green and Ric Scales.

"Then I started throwing shows and hosting touring acts at the Metaphor. They did primarily hip-hop and funk from 2005 to 2007." Culpeper says he was happy to help the struggling coffeehouse for no money and brought them packed shows. "They were crazy-bananas busy. People would see me as the face of these shows but [the Metaphor] wouldn't let me use my [L.I.E.] logo on the posters. They said they were afraid people would think it

was my bar. So I walked away, respectfully.

"Then I was approached in 2008 by the Ups and Downs roller rink in Escondido. It was the last roller rink in North County. We threw a hip-hop show that had a car show outside, 20-by-26-foot murals that were painted live inside. It was amazing. There was no booze, and it had a huge turnout. There were no fights and no police drama, even though 500 people were there."

Then, in 2011, Culpeper says the Metaphor came back around. "I saw the place was falling apart. I brought in a team of ten. We scrubbed the floors, painted the walls, took the kitchen apart. They were psyched. They wanted to continue talking. I said give me 6 a.m. to noon. We started doing breakfasts and we brought in nurses and doctors [from nearby Palomar Hospital]." The live shows flourished. "We had painters doing live painting every day. We brought them from being in debt with the landlord to back to zero. I got employees to volunteer to work for free until the rent was zeroed."

Once that happened, Culpeper says he was prepared to bring in a quality sound system but that he wanted some consideration for packed shows he booked and promoted.

"There were too many chiefs. They wouldn't work with us, so we walked." Culpeper's devoted-to-the-cause employees

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cartoons the Aquabats make their annual Con appearance at the nearby House of Blues.

At Embarcadero Marina Park South, the San Diego Symphony will perform *Dis-*



SD Symphony will perform music from *Final Fantasy* at Embarcadero.

tant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy on Friday, accompanied by a video presentation of the game and conducted by Arnie Roth. The following night, at 98 Bottles in Little Italy, trumpeter Gilbert Castel-

lute-playing troubadours and more 10th- to 15th-century roleplaying, while Brick by Brick presents a Batman-themed edition of *Gotham Girls Burlesque*.

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"They couldn't do breakfasts anymore...they just wanted to do punk and metal. We thought the Metaphor should have more than that." The Metaphor closed last year.

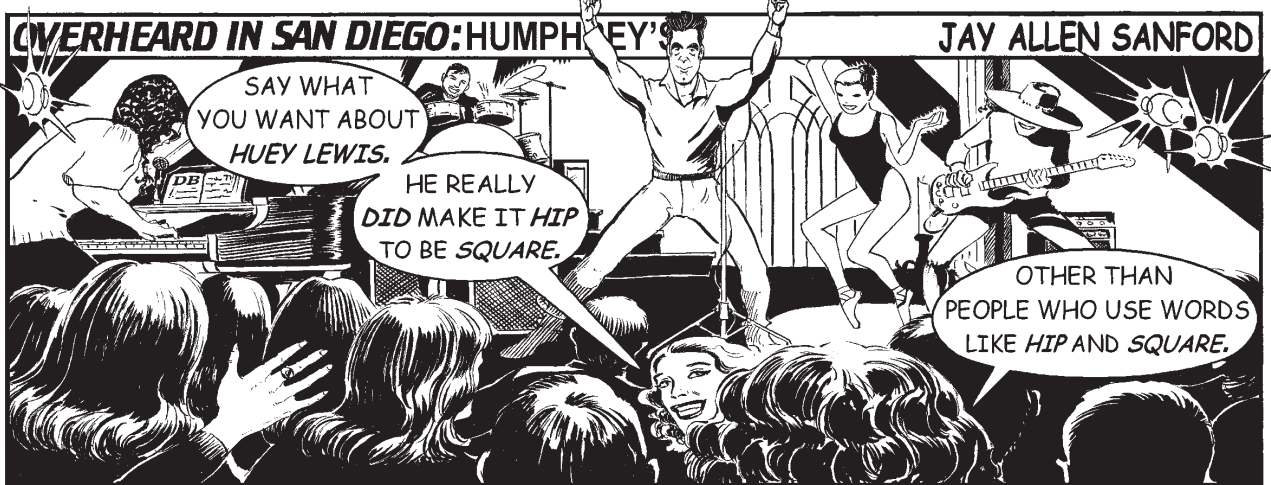
Culpeper says he and his partner Erik Lumaye currently own and operate L.I.E., which includes a 1200-square-foot warehouse in San Marcos where they produce videos and silk-screen shirts. Their 27-foot RV and tour bus have been on



Culpeper's keeping his eyes peeled for his own venue.

at least five tours of the West Coast and Southwest featuring local artists. "One day we will have a venue. We're always looking," — Ken Leighton

Void evolution. "I remember Joe Hicks had bought the Zombie Lounge; he was one of the first promoters out west to pay me a decent guarantee," says Scott H. Biram, who in 2002 was the first musician to perform at the 3519 El Cajon Boulevard venue currently known as the Void. "I kind of remember there was just a tin-shed room out the back door...he had taken



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one of the circular booths in the corner of the front room and turned it into a stage. Basically, he tore the seats out of it and put some plywood in the bottom. My equipment barely fit." Biram returns to play the venue on Saturday, July 20.

In 2001, the locale was known as Little Equity, run by the operators of Crow Bar on Kettner Boulevard and staffed by a woman bartender notorious for keeping a heavy walking stick behind the bar to bash homeless guys caught using the bathroom as their personal bidet. Around a year later, new owner Joe Hicks renamed it the Zombie Lounge, recasting the bar with greaser-punk decor, expanding the back room with a giant wall fan, and introducing live music to the venue.

In 2003 the Zombie Lounge was temporarily renamed the Silver Dragon, after the large gaudy painting over a metal-stocked jukebox and operated

by L.A. hipster-entrepreneur Heath Zuehlke. By 2005, Hicks had rehung the Zombie sign and reinstated the unisex bathrooms. Social D returned to the jukebox, and a portion of the old Aztec Bowl sign was

who partnered with several bartenders from his North Park bar Kadan to come up with the reported \$125,000 price tag. Heaney (one of the partners who purchased the Spirit in 1994 and transformed it into

embedded within the acrylic bar counter.

The bar was sold again in December 2012, with new owners Kacha and Neil Rajiv Dutta refashioning it as the Void. Blair, Borlek, and former Eleven manager Justin Bess moved on to downtown's Monkey Paw Pub. Current Void bartender Sal Gallego (Some Girls), co-owner of Three-One G Records, has worked at most of the venue's incarnations.

"I still wear both my black-and-white Zombie A-Go-Go shirts proudly," says Scott H. Biram. "The next time I came back, they had torn down the shed out back and replaced it with a bigger room with a stage. I'm looking forward to getting back in there."

— Jay Allen Sanford



Biram returns 11 years later to the venue now known as the Void.

mounted on one wall. Not even a car driving into the building (where the flyer window is now) could stem the sweaty tide of horror/rockabilly bands filling the stage several nights per week.

In summer 2008, Hicks sold the venue to Chris Heaney,

Brick by Brick) changed the name to Radio Room, enlarging the stage and installing a new sound system. By August 2010, the Radio Room had become Eleven, run by Scot Blair and Dennis Borlek (cofounders of Small Bar), who added rock memorabilia to the walls and

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Thursday 18

The Conners are coming! The Conners are coming! By the time you grok this, San Diego, you are probably surrounded by them. *Nerdus americanus*. And their annual ritual has commenced downtown, filling our hotels, motels, and Holiday Inns. *Nerds, welcome. All we ask is that you obey our traffic signals — this isn't Gay Pride, after all — and barf*



AQUABATS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

in the plastic-lined cardboard-box receptacles provided — this isn't Gay Pride, after all. Have fun and spend a ton, we got a big City Hall sex thing going on that's about to drain all our resources.... Them costumed kooks from Huntington Beach, the **Aquabats**, will flap into House of Blues to kick off the weekend's tomfoolery. MC Bat Commander and crew have now got a show on the tube, the Hub network's *The Aquabats! Super Show!*, boosting their cachet in Nerddom. Honestly, I wouldn't know an Aquabats song if it flew out of my butt, so I bent an ear and it's a ska-based new-wavey type of music. Sounds fun. And it comes with costumes!... About ten blocks east on Broadway, El Dorado and Blk Owl do a Dark Side thing with Hollywood concept-rockers **Black Lodge**, an industrial-metal act scoring a multipart graphic novel called *The Diary of a Tomahawk*. If, like me, you don't have a lot of patience for this stuff, at least go for local openers **Gone Baby Gone**, **Neighbors to the North**, and **Flaggs**.

That's an awesome triple bill. And check out Flaggs' new song on the interwebs, "Take a Ride." That's Birdy from the New Kinetics fronting a trio that sounds, inaword, badass.... Else: troubadour **Todd Day Wait** will play a farewell date up at Tin Can Ale House...Soda Bar serves up a freebie, featuring Dave Good's Of Noted act this week, indie-rockers **Grand Tarantula**, with **Hello Penelope**, the **Fixtures**, and **Neon Cough**...anti-comic **Neal Hamburger** and his hostile comblover have the mic at Casbah...while **Tar Harlos** and **Amerikan Bear** split an Operation: Mindblow psych-rock show at Bay Park bar the Griffin.

Friday 19

Eighties radio staples the **B-52s** ("Dance This Mess Around," "Private Idaho" ...so much of their stuff still holds water, but I gotta stop there..."Rock Lobster," "Love Shack," "Roam" ...I couldn't stop..."Wig," for God's sake!) kick off this summer's run at the Del Mar track. The Georgia quartet has three Grammys, a ton of platinum and gold in their catalog, and still plays 50-60

sold-out shows a year. Alas, no induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The snub is egregious. And kinda cool. The Five-Twos are too f!lling cool for the Hall of Fame. See you in the paddock. Decent list of Friday freebies at the track this year, btw: dmtc.com/season/.... Later and back down-

townward: new promotion group Disconnected (that's punk-lifer Barnesy from Shakedown) stages its inaugural show at Brick by Brick, with **Voodoo Glow Skulls**, **Vietnam Hardcore**, and the **Tramplers**. Keep your peeps

peeled for a website and future dates...round the bend from Brick at the Griffin, you got indie-pop acts **Animals of Kin**, **Hills Like Elephants**, and **Goodnight Ravenswood**. Animals of Kin is made up of actor-rockers Ryan Donowho, Tim Jo, and Sarah Roemer. I know, me neither...Aaaaanyway, "because no one demanded it," local garage punks **The Dissimilars** will play a farewell show under the spire at the Tower. **Wooly Mammoth** and **Mexico City Rollers** set it up.



B-52S AT DEL MAR TRACK



NO BUNNY AT CASBAH

Saturday 20

Wouldn't be a Comic-Con weekend without that loud lop **No Bunny**, who hops onto the Casbah stage after **Milk Music**, **Colleen Green**, and the **Widows**. I love me some Colleen Green, y'all, but No Bunny scares the piss out of me. The decider on this date was Olympia, Washington punk'd rawk quartet Milk Music, whose SST reffing and riffing and wicked vein of '60s guitar soul has got me giddy again. Get your mitts on this year's Fat Possum full-length, *Cruise Your Illusion*. You can thank me at the show.... Not your cup? Athens indie-rock act, and another from the Fat Possum stable of artistes, **Futurebirds**, fly into Soda Bar behind this year's *Baba Yaga* after openers **Diarrhea Planet**, and what is UP with that band name?!...a hop, skip, and a stumble west on El Cajon, **Scott H. Biram** and **Low Volts** will fill the Void with their brand of blues-rock noise...while SanDago throwbacks **Social Spit** hit Tower Bar after **Ministry of Truth**, **CH3**, **Los Headaches**, and the ever-delicious **Teenage Burrito**. That's what it says on the Tower site, anyway. None of the bands have the date posted. Please call the club for deets before rolling over.

Sunday 21

Bar Pink celebrates six years in the biz with **El Vez's** Rock Revue, with backing band the **Schitzophonics** and **DJ Vaughn Avakian** spinning 'round sets. SD son Robert Lopez's rock arc goes from Zeros to *Heroes* (the "Mexican Elvis" is also known as the "Thin Brown Duke"), as El Vez and his Elvettes' capable pipes carry the tunes of Lennon, Dylan, T. Rex, Queen, Bowie, and the Beatles. The consummate showman *never* disappoints and this one's free, so get there really really really



EL VEZ ROCK REVUE AT BAR PINK

early.... Miss the door to that, she-punks **Des and the Cendents** (they're a Descendents cover band, in case you missed that) follow **Shark Blood** into the Tower Bar...down the street at State, **Postal Service** delivers fragile electropop at the Open Air Theatre...while northatown, **Rogue Wave** washes up at Belly Up with their new disc, hopeful comebacker *Nightingale Floors*. It got a single in *Iron Man 3*, yes it did.

Monday 22

Sorry for front-loading this week's Crawler, just tons of stuff going on. Real quick with next week's picks because I'm out of room: heady L.A. guitar-rock act **Papa**, something akin to NYC's the National, plays Casbah...and Soda Bar dials in Brooklynites the **Chamber Band**, something akin to "the Decemberists and the White Stripes (by way of Danny Elfman)." Unholy.

Tuesday 23

Aesop and Kimya, aka the **Uncluded**, will take the stage at the Irenic to perform music from their collaborative debut, *Hokey Fright*. The songs, like the collection's title, confront mortality with the pair's oddball lyricism. Take a taste test: rhymesayers.com/theuncluded.... No? SoCal garage-pop cats **Tijuana Panthers** and **Northern Tigers** maul Soda Bar...while Grammy-winning Fender-bender **Jonny Lang** slays Humphreys by the Bay with his soulful brand of blues.



THE UNCLUDED AT THE IRENIC

Wednesday 24

From Waukesha, Wisconsin, Heartland rockers the **BoDeans** will be at Belly Up Wednesday night...**Dirty Sirens**, **Kids in Heat**, **Legs**, and **Mrs. Henry** fill a blues-punk bill at the Griffin... Casbah's got **Ugly Boogie**, but you knew that. **The Tilt** and **Midnight Pine** go first...and from Philly, **TJ Kong** and the **Atomic Bomb** will go off at Tin Can Ale House with the boot-stomping folk-punk off of their sophomore set, *Manufacturing Joy*. **Amerikan Bear** lumbers in first. I'm out. — Barnaby Monk

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Sunday, noon — Sunday Funday with Tiffany Jane. Free.

AMSDeconcerts:

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Thursday, 7pm — Woodstock 5.0.
Friday, 7:30pm — Bo Burnham.

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Tuesday, 9pm — Boom Bap.

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Sunday, 2pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Free.

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Harrah's Rincon:

Saturday, noon — Adult Swim Saturdays. \$20.

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Sunday, 6pm — Sonic Epidemic. Free.

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Thursday, 8pm — The Aquabats. \$18-\$54.
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Sunday, 8:30pm — Passenger. \$15-\$18.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Jonny Lang.

Lake Poway:

Sunday, 5:30pm — The Silver Beatles Band. Free.

Little Italy Spaghetteria:

Wednesday, 8pm — Todo Mundo. Free.

M-Theory Music:

Sunday, 3pm — Hey Marseilles.

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Sunday, 7pm — The Postal Service, Big Freedia, Baths. \$19-\$45.

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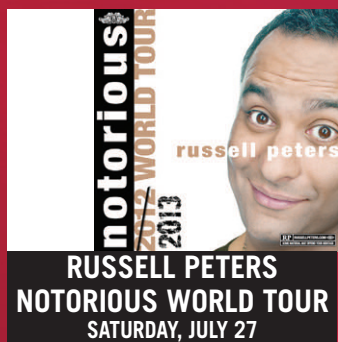
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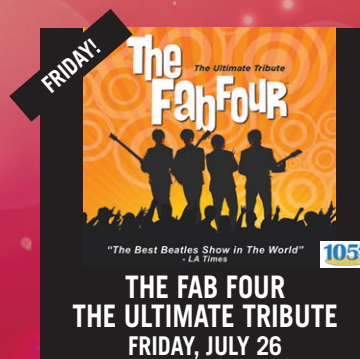
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Saturday, September 14 • 7:00
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Friday, September 20 • 8:00
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Saturday, September 21 • 8:00
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Friday, September 27 • 7:30
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Friday, 7:30pm — Futurebirds.

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Sunday, 8pm — CA Wives, My
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Monday, 7:30pm — Chamber
Band.

Tuesday, 8pm — Grmln and
Tijuana Panthers.

Wednesday, 9pm — Roadkill
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Thursday, 6:15pm — Uncle Bob
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Monday, 7:30pm — Jane Watts.
Free.

Wednesday, 6:15pm — Marine
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Sunday, 4pm — Desperado.

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Saturday, 6pm — Hiroshima.

Til-Two:

Saturday, 9pm — Vanessa
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Tower Bar:

Saturday, 8pm — Los Headaches.

!NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Grand Tarantula: it's a name that comes up in conversations about bands in town that are good to go and check out. The band has a lot of friends and admirers, and for good reason. They are a national touring act pretending to be a club band, for one, and they have a drive and frenetic approach to playing their music that makes it sound bigger than life. And that, friends, is the trick of rock-and-roll music. If you don't believe me, think about the numbers of people over the years who have been transfixed by a single power chord played at maximum volume. But Grand Tarantula's songwriting holds up when compared to the very best of rock-and-roll past.

Their latest single, "Drugs," could easily become the "That Smell" for the post-Skynyrd generation and is every bit as gut-wrenching as "The Needle and the Damage Done" off of Neil Young's *Harvest*.

Formed only a few years ago, Grand Tarantula seems to have escaped the local club gravity a few times early on in its career, but first as Hot Like a Robot, which is a band that was started in Serra High School and that more or less begat Grand Tarantula. Robot saw Warped Tour action right out of high school but imploded for various reasons. In 2010, Grand Tarantula formed in its place and went on to land a San Diego Music Award nomination for Best New Artist. GT also launched their own boutique label called Pretty Awesome Records, a not-for-profit that funnels all proceeds to charity. On the South by Southwest radar for this year, Grand Tarantula really shouldn't be around San Diego much longer, if the music



GRAND TARANTULA

industry gods are kind and the planets all align. That good. They were right, the friends that have steered me in Grand Tarantula's direction. The Royalty and Hello Penelope also perform.

GRAND TARANTULA: Soda Bar, Thursday, July 18, 8:30 p.m. 619-255-7224. \$8.

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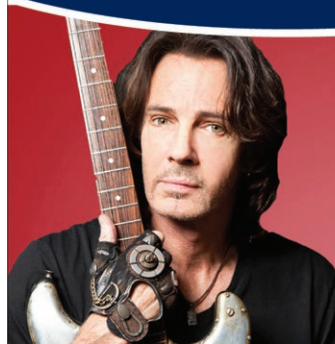


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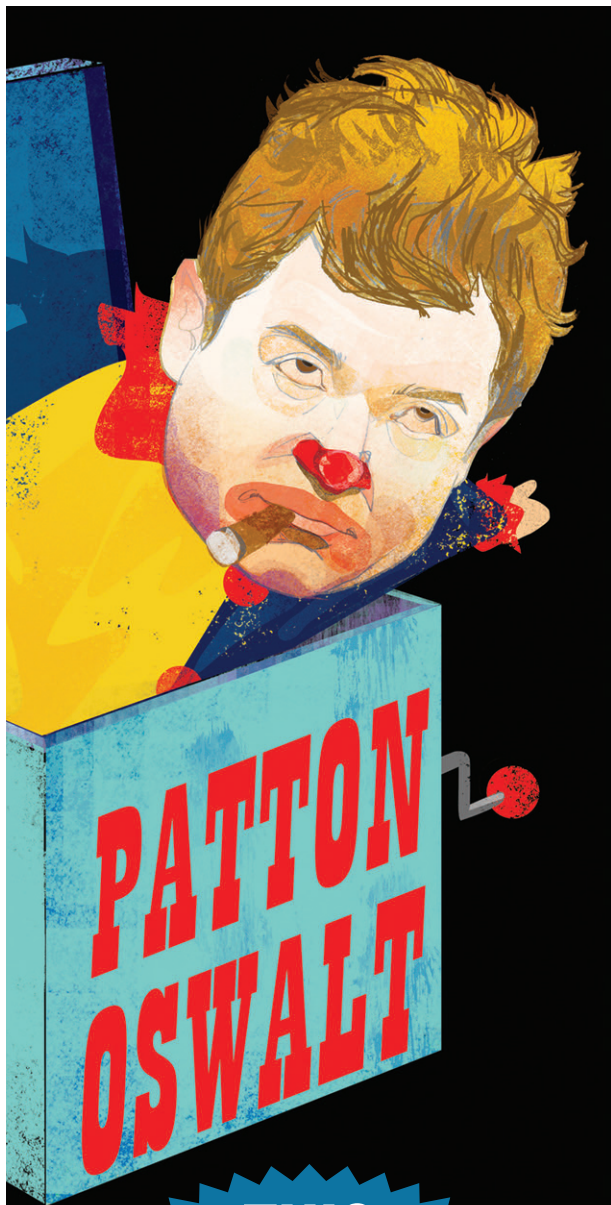
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July 27 — Alphabet Soup benefit:
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Nightclub:** 626 Main St.,
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July 26 — Jimmy Thackery.
July 31 — Jefferson Starship and
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August 9 — David Allan Coe.
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Turquoise Room:** 7777
University Ave., La Mesa, 619-
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July 31, August 7, August 14,
August 21 — Jazz with Kice
Simko & friends.

San Diego Civic Theatre:
1100 Third Ave., Downtown San
Diego, 619-570-1100.
August 25 — Peter Frampton, BB
King, Sonny Landreth.

San Diego Museum of Art:
1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-
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July 25 — Thursday Night Jazz:
Joshua White.

**San Pasqual Winery Tasting
Room and Gallery:** 8364 La
Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-1797.
August 3 — PushPins.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048
Midway Dr., Midway District,
619-487-0373.
July 25 — T. Junior.
July 26 — Shake Before Us,
Zombie Surf Camp.
July 27 — Akris.
July 28 — Modern Kicks,
Oddball, the Freakouts.

August 3 — Electric Healing
Sound, Shake Before Us.

The Shores Restaurant: 8110
Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-
456-0600.

July 29 — Whitney Shay and
Robin Henkel.

Sleep Train Amphitheatre:
2050 Entertainment Circle,
Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
August 3 — Sublime with Rome,
311, Cypress Hill.
August 4 — One Direction.

**Smokey's Lake Wohlford
Cafe:** 25484 Lake Wohlford Rd.,
Escondido, 760-749-6585.
August 24 — The Drinking
Cowboy Band.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl.,
City Heights, 619-255-7224.
July 25 — Hockey.
July 26 — Swim Party and
Modern Rifles.
July 27 — Shakey Graves.
July 28 — Speedy Ortiz.
July 30 — Writer, Mrs. Magician,
Illuminatus.
July 31 — Naam.
August 1 — Wild Cub and Rare
Times.

August 2 — Beautiful View EP
release, Blackout Party.
August 3 — Whiskey Shivers and
Wild Child.
August 9 — Mother Falcon.
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.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion:
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July 25 — San Diego Civic Dance
Arts.
July 29 — Barbara Dennerlein.
July 30 — Corvells.
July 31 — Dorian Peisic.

August 1 — Santanaways.
August 5 — Robert Plimpton.
August 6 — San Diego Concert
Band.

**Star of the Sea Event
Center:** 1360 North Harbor Dr.,
Downtown San Diego, 619-232-
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July 25 — Robin Henkel and
Z-Bop.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler
Ave., University Heights.
July 28 — Wayne Riker - Beatles
A to Z.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., City
Heights, 619-516-4746.
August 2 — Astro and Late Night
Howl.

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 27 — Love Lashes, JJCnV,
Chiefs.
August 8 — Ewig Frost, Iron Fist,
Speedboozr.
August 18 — Midnight Ghost
Train.

**The Turquoise Café-Bar
Europa:** 873 Turquoise St.,
Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.
July 25 — Pan Am.
July 26 — Tomcat Courtney;
Afro Jazziaacs.
July 27 — Tomcat Courtney;
Peligroso Caramelo.
July 28 — Sounds Like Four;
Middle-Earth.
July 29 — Patrick Dowling;
Stefanie Schmitz and Special
Guests.
July 30 — Carlos Velasco and

Friends; Afro Jazziaacs.
July 31 — Patrick Dowling;
Tomcat Courtney.

VFW Post #3788: 7785
Othello Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-
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July 26 — BBW Party with DJ
Demand.

Valley View Casino Center:
3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway
District, 619-224-4171.
July 30 — Bruno Mars.
August 15 — Taylor Swift.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon
Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
August 14 — Jonas Brothers.

The Void: 3519 El Cajon Bl.,
City Heights.
July 26 — Sisú.
August 1 — Marc Baker.
August 3 — Homeless Sexuals,
New Rome Quartet.
August 15 — Terry Malts.
August 23 — Destruction Unit.

Voyeur: 755 Fifth Ave.,
Downtown San Diego, 619-756-
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July 27 — Audrey Napoleon.

The Westgate Hotel: 1055
Second Ave., Downtown San
Diego, 619-238-1818.
August 2 — The Gene Perry
Latin-Salsa Jazz Quartet.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo
Ave., Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-
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July 30 — Robin Henkel.

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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.

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.

BAY PARK

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

BONITA

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

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CARLSBAD

The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

On the Tracks Brewery and Tasting Room: Thursday, 5-7pm: Ladies, \$3 pints.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

CARMEL VALLEY

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

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 beer, \$3.99 margaritas.

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

CITY HEIGHTS

Nate's Garden Grill: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm; \$1 off all beer & wine.

Til-Two: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

The Tower Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

The Void: Monday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$1 off pints. Sunday, All night: \$3 drafts.

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

COLLEGE AREA

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.75 margaritas, well drinks and domestic beer. Free nachos and quesadillas (with purchase).

CORONADO

Coronado Firehouse: Monday-Friday, 11:30am-6pm: \$1 off drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 house wines. 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers.

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

DEL CERRO

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

DEL MAR

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

Shimbashi Izakaya: Daily, 4-6pm: \$3.25 small bottle Asahi, \$4.25 draft, \$5.25 cocktails, \$6/\$6.50 wines, \$6.25 cup/glass sake. Discounted sushi rolls, soup, salads.

Zel's Del Mar: Daily, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts & premium drinks, \$2 off wines by glass, \$3.50 wells. \$4 fried calamari, \$5 fish tacos, \$10 burger & beer.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday, 5-7pm: \$5 domestic drafts, \$6 premium wells. 1/2 off artisan flat breads. Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat breads. Sunday, All Day: \$5 domestic drafts, \$6 premium wells. 1/2 off artisan flat breads.

Bice: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 house wine, wells. \$5 lobster pizza, tuna tartare.

Blue Point: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails; \$4 draft, \$5 featured wine by the glass. \$1 oysters & jumbo shrimp, \$6 calamari.

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

Dobson's: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas, \$5 well drinks and house wine.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off wine; 40% off bar menu.

La Fiesta: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$3 draft & domestic bottles, margaritas; \$4 mojitos.

La Gran Tapa: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cask wines & sangrias. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

The Hopping Pig: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$4.50 local drafts, house wine, wells. \$3.50 tacos, \$4 pulled-pork sliders.

Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer of the month, \$5 wells, \$6 wine, \$7 margaritas, cosmos. \$10 flatbread, crab cakes.



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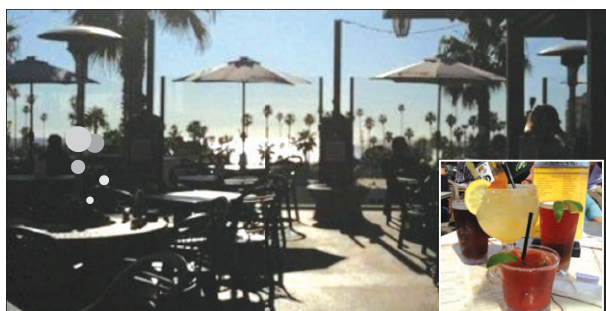
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Sevilla: Daily, 5-7pm: tapas starting at \$3; half-off select menu items; \$4 glasses of sangria; \$14 sangria pitchers.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

EAST VILLAGE

Monkey Paw: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

EASTLAKE

Chili's: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3pm-close: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts,

discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1-\$2 off liquor.

Double D's on Broadway: Daily, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 6-10am, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

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

ENCINITAS

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

ESCONDIDO

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

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.

BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

URBN and co. take over El Cajon Brewing Co.

Earlier this year, after roughly a year of mismanagement and passable but lackluster-by-San-Diego-standards beer, **El Cajon Brewing Company** closed its doors, leaving behind a rather appealing skeleton. With a good-sized dining room, serviceable kitchen, and a shiny brewhouse — all of which are nearly good as new — I figured it was highly unlikely entrepreneurs looking to get

EL CAJON BREWING COMPANY
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some skin in the beer game would let East County vultures pick at those lovely bones for long. And I was right. On July 9, a deal was inked for **URBN Restaurant Inc.** to take over El Cajon Brewing Company.

URBN's current holdings include **URBN Coal-Fired Pizza** in North Park and Vista as well as **BASIC** in downtown's East Village. All of these venues serve craft beer, but in going into this venture, they tabbed a notable name in the San Diego suds industry to take care of the food aspect of the business, Alex Carballo. Carballo has served as the executive chef and, at times, general manager for **Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens** in Escondido. To

take on this project, and part ownership in it, he will leave his current post near the end of July.

The City of El Cajon heavily funded El Cajon Brewing Company's establishment and were eager to see new owners take over the space. With experience in restaurant and brewery management, Carballo would seem a good fit.

For now, what is known is the basic direction the group would like to head where brewing is concerned. Carballo knows that a brewery must have a high-quality India pale ale to hang with the plethora of San Diego breweries that

offer high quality hoppy ales. However, he doesn't see the need to try and compete on that level with multiple IPAs.



Alex Carballo will take over the food aspect of the business

Having one great house IPA is sufficient, and will allow his brewer to focus on making a wide variety of styles to appeal to El Cajon Brewing Company's full clientele. On the food side, the

eatery figures to feature the New Haven-style coal-fire pizza that URBN made a name behind. Expect basic, family-friendly food such as sandwiches, wings, and a burger. Like the IPA, Carballo is more concerned with developing one incredible burger instead of a dozen themed variations on the American classic.

Carballo, a La Mesa resident, is looking forward to bringing the type of dining experience that doesn't exist in East County (save for suddenly brewery-saturated Santee) to his stomping grounds. He says he hopes to "bring a lot of good things to a lot of good people."

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HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: Daily, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos and sangria. \$6 ceviche, fish tacos; \$5 nachos, spicy wings, shrimp cocktail, chicken strips/fries; \$4 jalapeño poppers.

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.

C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks, \$5 appetizers.

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Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: Monday, 4-6:30pm. 1/2 off bottles of wine. Tuesday, Friday-Sunday, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. Wednesday, 4-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off.

Thursday, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. Live music.

Wine Steals: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. Saturday, 4-6pm: \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. Sunday, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

JAMUL

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

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KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine flights.

Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 Bohemia, Fat Tire; \$6.50 Duvel. \$3 red/white wine special, mimosa; \$5.50 pinot noir. \$4 taco, \$8 ahi crunch.

The Kensington Club: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 glass of wine. *Saturday-Sunday*, 3-6pm: Discounted champagne. \$13 bottomless mimosas and bellinis.

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Eddie V's: *Daily*, 4-7pm: All libations \$2 off.

Jose's La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

La Jolla Brew House: *Friday-Saturday*, 10pm-1am: \$2 Off Pints; \$3 Wells & Wines; Buy Any Pizza Get One Free.

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Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

Mr. G's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, Noon-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$3 Domestic Pints, \$3 Premium Pints.

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Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

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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.

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—Reader Andy



Nobody special

Like Hamlet's father's ghost, they only exist between the footlights and the proscenium.

The Old Globe Theatre's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* is probably as good a production as Tom Stoppard's play will ever see. The reason: director Adrian Noble knows the text to its inches. He has a flair for its theatricality and has encouraged excellent performances from the leads. Jay Whittaker (Guildenstern) and John Lavelle (Rosencrantz) are, often at the same time, a comedy tandem à la Laurel and Hardy, Samuel Beckett's stranded clowns in *Waiting for Godot*, ramshackle philosophers — oh, and minor figures in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

R and G were Hamlet's schoolmates before he went to college at Wittenberg. King Claudius sent for them to hang out with the Dane, study him, and find the cause of his "transformation." Is he mad — or just faking? The king wants secret agents. Although some stagings make them treacherous, the text doesn't tilt one way or the other. And in Stoppard's version, they have nary a clue.

Journalists ask the seven basic questions (who, what, where, etc.). Rosencrantz and Guildenstern ponder number eight: huh?

Stoppard said *R and G's* "about two people

at Elsinore — and not about the generalizations you might drag out of it." Fine, but just where are they in Elsinore? Simple location is tricky. Like Hamlet's father's ghost, they only exist between the footlights and the proscenium. In any "real world" sense, they're "dead."

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JEFF SMITH

In the "actor's nightmare," you're on a stage, but with amnesia: you don't know the play, your lines, or the blocking, and the audience is a restless, seething behemoth, ready to pounce on your next speech.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are the reverse: the "character's nightmare"? When doing a scene in the play, they're fine. They talk to Hamlet or King Claudius and fit right in. But offstage, they know nothing, not even whose name is whose. Sometimes actors only use "sides," just their lines and accompanying cues, not the whole play. All R and G know are their "sides."

Otherwise, they're outside of time and probability, since a coin comes up heads 92 straight times (but where did they get the coins?). Their lives are mere fragments and "incidents." In Act Three, Guildenstern says, "give us this day, our daily cue." As we watch them, Shakespeare's tragedy unfolds behind the scenes, like a play within



PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL LAMONT

In Tom Stoppard's philosophical comedy, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are meant to mind their schoolmate Hamlet, but the duo become just as "perplexed" as Shakespeare's Dane.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, by Tom Stoppard

Old Globe Theatre, Lowell Davies Festival Stage, Balboa Park

Directed by Adrian Noble, cast: Miles Anderson, Allison Layman, Lucas Hall, Donald Carrier, Winslow Corbett, John Lavelle, Triney Sandoval, Robbie Simpson, Ryman Sneed, Adam Gerber, Kushtrim Hoxha, Charles Janasz; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Deirdre Clancy; lighting, Alan Burrett; sound, Dan Moses Schreier
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the play. And R and G become as perplexed, in their own way, as the Prince of Denmark.

One of director Noble's most striking touches:

a small TV crew is filming the play — *Hamlet: The Miniseries*? A single camera, bright lights, and a fuzzy, wind-muffled boom mike shadow

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the performers. Hamlet (a hyper-agitated Lucas Hall) and King Claudius (a blaring Triney Sandoval) stick their faces right into the lens. The acting's so vein-bulging, you shudder to think how the movie will turn out.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern play downstage. Compared to Noble's comic tragedy behind them, their dilemma becomes tragi-comical. At one point they see Hamlet mumbling to himself. He's actually doing the "To be or not to be" soliloquy. R and G do one, too. In fact, along with an always engaging, entertaining surface, much of the play is an extended riff on being, not being, and their being stuck in-between the two.

Stoppard puts the Player and his acting troupe into a similar state. Since children's companies are all the rage these days (a gripe Shakespeare includes in *Hamlet*), these frayed souls will do anything for a guild, poor Alfred (a harried Stephen Hu) most of all. Their costumes, at least a decade old, look allergic to soap, thanks to Deirdre Clancy's top-notch designs. And their leader, the wonderfully stagey Sherman Howard, is funny and so wise it's as if he's already read the play. "Life is a gamble, at terrible odds," he says, "if it was

a bet, you wouldn't take it." He also tells R and G that uncertainty is the way things are and that they're "nobody special."

Now just hold on there, Mr. Player! This may be the case in classical tragedy, where hubris humbles and kings fall, but not in Stoppard's. He makes the partial lives of alleged nobodies matter. They may be merely the "common man," but they raise the same questions as the melancholy Dane — albeit in prose, not iambic pentameter — and speak not for the two percent but for everyone else.

Jay Whittaker makes Guildenstern the frustrated man of reason. He craves order and wants the drama of his life divided into acts and scenes. If onstage alone, Whittaker's at times strident deliveries would be shrill. But when combined with John Lavelle's amazing *Rosencrantz*, the tandem is unbeatable.

Marshmallow-soft, split-second precise, and a veritable calliope of squeaks and spouts, Lavelle's a delight throughout. Much of the play resembles a coin spinning in the air — comedy/tragedy/comedy. Even one of *Rosencrantz*'s defining lines won't hold still. In Act Three he confesses, "I can't think of anything original. I'm only good in support." By the time Lavelle utters the words, they evoke their opposite: if *Rosencrantz* is just a "second banana," he must be one of the funniest "straight men" in the theater!



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAREN SCOTT

Suds: The Rocking '60s Musical Soap Opera plays through September 1 at the New Village Arts Theatre in Carlsbad.

There's a play-outside-the-play at the Lowell Davies outdoor stage: a tragedy at that. For the past four years, Adrian Noble has helmed the Old Globe's Summer Shakespeare Festival. He has done consistently spectacular work. For reasons unex-

plained — wasn't his contract for five years? — *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* is his last official show. "Now you see him," says Guildenstern, "now you don't, that's the only thing that's real." And like Stoppard's inept courtiers, we are powerless to protest the loss. ■

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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.

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Freedom of Speech

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Ghost of the Robot, Pretty Posion Burlesque

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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*.]

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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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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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LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010.
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Jean-Pierre Grumbach's (Melville) was the French filmmaker's nom de guerre, appropriated in honor of his literary correlate, Herman) acutely minimalist take on American gangster films resulted in a formal probity unlike anything cinema has experienced before or since.

Like his contemporary Sergio Leone, Melville, in a short span of time and over the course of a relatively small number of films (Leone signed 7; Melville, 13) managed almost miraculously to craft an undeniably unique cinematic vocabulary.

The 1972 crime flick *Un Flic* would be Melville's final contemplation of the genre he embraced. Both the reason for the opening heist and the rationale behind a seemingly well-heeled cabaret owner (Richard Crenna) acting as criminal mastermind remain as shadowy as the four figures seated in a black sedan parked opposite the bank, silently waiting to make their move.

Cue the rain. A drenched windshield masks the identity of the car's occupants. Hat brims are jerked down immediately upon exiting the getaway vehicle to further shield the rogues from the elements — and anyone within 20 yards capable of providing the cops with a positive I.D.

Melville wisely sidesteps the planning portion of the initial heist, opt-

ing instead to open on action. Alain Delon is the cop assigned to the case, a world-weary dick possessed with enough moxie to sit with his back facing the door in a crowded restaurant. He shares two things with his target: career fatigue and a whore named Cathy (played by a ravishing Catherine Deneuve).

The story unfolds in furtive glances and artful gestures, the camera moving only when it needs to follow the action. Dialogue is kept to a minimum:

Delon's partner is assigned little more to say than "Car 8, I'll hand you over," before giving the receiver to his better half.

There is one room-temperature crack in Melville's icy veneer. The loot nabbed in the opening robbery is used to act as seed-money for a second and even more elaborate sting. The criminals appear to be working off a bigger budget than the filmmaker. When it comes to dramatizing stickup #2, the effects budget can barely eke out the coinage needed to purchase a remote-control helicopter and Lionel train set. With the sub-Toho special effects being what they are, one half-expects Godzilla's paw to come crashing down and finish Delon's job for him.

Was the climactic train heist Melville's way of keeping abreast of the popular run of espionage pictures dotting the cinematic landscape at the time of its release? Is it me, or does the beefy, pasty-faced blonde drug mule bear more than a passing resemblance to *Dr. No*'s Robert Shaw?



Un Flic: "Mais bien sur, I am calling you from my automobile. It is the '70s, n'est-ce pas?"

The final blast of action plays out in the name of love. Not between characters, but from the director to a genre he spent a lifetime refining. Starting Friday, you will have exactly one week to see restored 35mm prints of *Un Flic* and Jean-Luc Godard's equally masterful thriller, *Un Petite Soldat*, at Landmark's Ken Cinema. The time has come to put down your remotes and work for your art.

— Scott Marks

INTERVIEW WITH STILL MINE STAR JAMES CROMWELL

Still Mine tells the story of Craig Morrison, an independent-minded old man who bumps up against the system when he sets out to build a single-story home on his property. (Craig's wife Irene has begun to suffer from dementia, and their two-story farmhouse is becoming too much for her.) Actor James Cromwell, who de-

livers a sterling performance as Morrison in this lovely, meditative film, gave me a hoot of an interview — deliberate, precise, and occasionally impassioned. As he noted when we spoke, he does tend to go on. But he doesn't ramble. Do give it a look. This is just an excerpt; the full interview will run on "The Big Screen" blog.

Matthew Lickona: Tell me what appealed to you about this project.

James Cromwell: The story is not unique, but it is impeccable, it is real, deeply felt, accurate, and important. Dementia is sort of the 900-pound gorilla in the room. It's amazing to think of *Amour*, this incredibly dark and in some ways discouraging picture that ends as badly as it does — you wouldn't think an audience would be attracted to it. But people were extraordinarily moved by it. Our film is the lighter side of it — not that Irene doesn't slip into dementia, but Craig doesn't go through the agony and angst that the character in *Amour* did. I think it's very special.

I also think it's special given what's happening in the country politically, vis-à-vis Mr. Snowden and Bradley Manning. This idea that we no longer have a private life, that we are all exposed to some entity whose provenance, goals, and intentions are unknown to us, and to which we somehow have to sort of submit. "Oh, that's the way it is. If they want to do it, why not? What difference does it make?" I don't choose to live in that kind of country or that kind of world. I admire people who stand up and say, "Enough." I think that's what Craig does in his life — in a very small and individual and nonpolitical way. He says, "Enough is enough."

ML: Sounds like a dream part for you.

JC: To be totally honest, when I first read the script, I sort of missed the point of it. I read it very badly, and I made wretched suggestions to the director (Michael McGowan) as to the arc of the character.

ML: Can you be specific?

JC: The rhythm is very different from the ordinary American picture. It's very measured, very slow. There's a lot of silence. There are a lot of looks. When you read a script, and you're used to going from one act of violence to another, one car chase to another, one explosion to another, and when you're waiting for the arrival of the superhero or the werewolf or the dinosaur or the alien, you can get into what I used to call television acting. I called it that because network television has an arbitrary form: it has a crisis every 12 minutes so that it can get the audience from one commercial to another commercial. But that has nothing to do with the way life works. So, the actors, in order to fit into this artificial form, tend to overdo it some and play it [drops voice] very seriously.

When I read the script, I didn't calm down, I didn't breathe, I didn't go back and look at it again. I didn't find the implications in what it means to be in the presence of somebody who is losing their life in front of your eyes and how that might feel. I was a smartass and I made smartass remarks. And Michael said, "Sure," because I am very compelling. But when I went back and read it again, I realized that the suggestions were all wrong. I also saw what the story could mean if it was told properly and if I acted it well.

ML: I like that notion of calming down and breathing and taking a second look.

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JC: There's a picture by Werner Herzog called *Cave of Forgotten Dreams*, and in it, there's an examination of these prehistoric wall paintings. Herzog puts the camera on these paintings for a lo-o-ong time, and there's a reason he does that. He's asking you to surrender your quick and glib judgment, and he's asking you to contemplate what was in the mind of this prehistoric human being working by candlelight with a piece of charcoal at the end of a stick, drawing these sublime figures. Not because he wanted somebody else to say, "Oh, look — a bison!" He was trying to say something about his relationship to the world and these creatures and what they meant. That's the beauty and the magic and the mystery and the miracle of life. Of course, we think, *It's a movie!* so we get impatient. That's what I did initially with the script.

ML: I don't know if this is an indelicate question, but could you talk about the experience of acting in a film that focuses so much on decay and the drawing near of death?

JC: That's not an indelicate question; that is the question. Well, it's pretty odd, man. This life ends. You want to get through it without regrets, but all of us have wasted great hunks of something that may not come around again. When you get to my age, you start to think, *Wow, man — just slow down and smell the roses. Look for the gesture. Look for kindness.* I can't express my anger violently anymore; I'm not physically capable of it. Now, I have to listen to the other person. I have to empathize. I have to adjust. I have to breathe. Every breath now is precious. Every breath is always precious. I look at it now and say, "Wow. Get your house in order, do the best you can, enjoy it while it lasts, and be prepared." ■

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

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 clean-

ing 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)

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)

Broken — To quote Bambi's BBF (best bunny friend) Thumper, "If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything at all." In the case of *Broken* (and out of respect for my friends at the Digital Gym), I think it wise to follow the anthropomorphic bunny's lead. With Cil-lian Murphy, Tim Roth, Lily James, and directed by an ungallant goofus named Rufus Norris. 2012. — S.M. ● (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

The Conjuring — If anyone can give depth and dignity to a horror flick, it should be Vera Farmiga. We'll see it and report back. Based on the work of Ed and Lorraine Warren, who were dead serious about this demonology business. Review forthcoming at SanDiegoReader.com. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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 of Lucy, Gru's zany, gawky partner. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Drew: The Man Behind the Poster — Makes the case that the medium isn't just the message, it's the magic. Specifically, there's a reason why a painting on a movie poster can do a better job of capturing the spell-casting power

of cinema than a photograph can. At least when the painter is humble workaday genius Drew Struzan, the artist behind the posters for *Indiana Jones*, *Back to the Future*, *The Thing*, *The Muppets*, and a bunch of *Star Wars*. It's a bit draggy and a bit gushy, and the word "iconic" gets repeated to the point of embarrassment, but it's also full of thoughtful commentary from the likes of Michael J. Fox, Guillermo del Toro, Steven Spielberg, and Leonard Maltin. (Fox opens his comments by comparing a movie poster to the opening notes of a musical composition, and Maltin admits that when he thinks of Harrison Ford, he thinks of Cruzan's image of him.) 2013. — M.L. ★ (READING GASLAMP)

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MOVIES

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. ★★ (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. ★★ (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. ● (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

SEEN ON DVD



The Thin Red Line

DOUGLAS SCOTT MCCARRON

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Blade Runner draws you to insight instead of just excitement. I love how the story twists from the original assumptions of its myth: from inhuman replicants who are far more human than us. To have all our memories, which will do us no good and be forgotten in the end, and yet is there a soul (the dove) that flies away in the end.

Many find *The Thin Red Line* slow and the voiceover drives them nuts. They can't see what it has to do with a war movie, but they don't realize it isn't a war movie. It's an insightful look at the human condition on the level of Greek myth and the Bible. During the battle scenes, the voiceover asks, "Who is in charge here?" as we slaughter one another for fruitless dreams of owning the land. It isn't a war movie, so don't approach it as one.

BLADE RUNNER: 30TH ANNIVERSARY COLLECTOR'S EDITION (USA/England) 1982, Warner Brothers
List price: \$64.99 (four discs)

THE THIN RED LINE (USA) 1998, Criterion Collection
List price: \$39.95

Un Flic — Reviewed this issue. 1972. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Frances Ha — Can we just go ahead and agree that the actress Greta Gerwig is (for better and for worse) our generation's Katherine Hepburn? Adore or despise, she is a force of nature, something to be reckoned with. Here, she makes vaguely misanthropic director Noah Baumbach put down his tor-



Tucker and Dale Vs. Evil

TOM BEVIS

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If you've wondered what your favorite horror directors would do with unlimited creative freedom, then *Masters of Horror* is for you. The first season collects 13 veteran horror directors such as John Carpenter and Tobe Hooper, giving them a budget just over \$1.5 million to make an hourlong film each. The result is a combination of strikingly original stories and a handful of updates on worn-out tropes. Highlights: "Incidents On and Off a Mountain Road" and "Jennifer."

I was surprised that more people hadn't seen *Tucker and Dale Vs. Evil* when it was released in 2010. Betrayed by a minuscule marketing budget, this film's smarter and funnier than any comedy of the last five years and shows a better grasp of practical effects than most modern horror films. Starring Taylor Labine (also criminally overlooked), *Tucker and Dale* is a must-see for comedy fans and absolute must-own for horror aficionados.

MASTERS OF HORROR: SEASON ONE (USA) 2002, Starz
List price: \$59.98 (14 discs)
TUCKER AND DALE VS. EVIL (USA) 2010, Magnolia
List price: \$14.98



The Friends of Eddie Coyle

TONY BAKER

TV operations and production engineer, KPBS TV

From George Higgins's book, *The Friends of Eddie Coyle* is absolutely the best, grittiest, most expertly crafted crime thriller made in the golden decade of the genre — the '70s. Shot entirely in Boston, this was Robert Mitchum's last great work and unfortunately went unnoticed by Oscar. To think he wasn't even considered at first for the role boggles the mind. Ben Affleck's *The Town*, also placed in Boston, pays homage to this film. Affleck actually duplicated a shot involving a hostage and a waterway. The Criterion release includes a booklet with a 1973 on-set profile of Robert Mitchum from *Rolling Stone*.

Author Frederick Forsyth's political thriller *The Day of the Jackal* is based on a plan to assassinate Charles de Gaulle in the early '60s. Fred Zinneman's direction never lets you down. His film builds suspense to an exalting level, so you even cheer on the bad guy! Badly remade.

THE FRIENDS OF EDDIE COYLE (USA) 1973, Criterion Collection
List price: \$29.95

DAY OF THE JACKAL (England) 1973, Universal
List price: \$14.99

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turer's tools in favor of something positively humane. (Maybe it helped that she co-wrote the screenplay.) Mind you, Baumbach still puts his heroine through her paces: her disappointments on nearly every front — love, money, artistic dreams, even friendship — are expressed by her increasingly unsexy living arrangements. (It's New York City, so where you live says even more about you than usual.) But the suffering isn't of the numbing-dumbing variety; instead,

it's the thresher that separates the wheat from the chaff. The black-and-white images of the city, the pathology of bad relationships, and Gerwig's awkward glamor will surely recall Woody Allen's *Manhattan*, but then, there are worse things to recall. 2013. — M.L. ★★★★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

Girl Most Likely — When Adam Sandler goes back home, you get *Grown*

Ups 2. When Lena Dunham goes back home, you get *Tiny Furniture*. When Charlize Theron goes back home, you get *Young Adult*. When Kristen Bell goes back home, you get *The Lifeguard*. But when Kristen Wiig goes back home, you get *Girl Most Likely*. Is anyone sensing a theme here? Review most likely forthcoming at SanDiegoReader.com. (LANDMARK HILLCREST; READING CARMEL MOUNTAIN; READING TOWN SQUARE)

The Great Gatsby — Director Baz Luhrmann finds a suitable subject for the riotous excess of his directorial style in the riotous excess of the Jazz Age. By the time the onscreen parties lurch to a halt, you may feel a little buzzed yourself. Unfortunately, there's still rather a lot of movie remaining at that point, and the denouement stretches out like a nasty morning after. Luhrmann mostly stays faithful to F. Scott Fitzgerald's famous story of American self-invention and money-based morality, but only mostly. In stressing Gatsby's material greatness, he forgets the parts that make the poor suitor from the Midwest romantic, admirable, tragic, or even touching. We're left with an obsessive, deceptive little crook who is so bent on subjecting the Girl He Couldn't Afford to his own gargantuan self-love that he demands she rewrite her own past for his sake. Ungreat. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan, Joel Edgerton. 2013. — M.L. ● (DIGIPLEX MISSION VALLEY; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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. ● (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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. Bullocks' vagina? Everything, according to former *Mad TV* gag writer and first-time scenarist, Katie Dippold. It's difficult to completely hate on the misogynistic menfolk 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 (Kapringen) — 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 film-makers 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 glacial deployment of light and space. 2012. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK KEN)

Monsters University — Everybody loves Mike and Sully, the scarysome 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 shoehorning 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. ★★ ★ (READING GASLAMP)

Now You See Me — Everybody loves magic! Everybody loves caper pics! And everybody, everybody loves Michael Caine. 2013. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Olympus Has Fallen — "Why can't you simply put your critical faculties on hold long enough to sit back and enjoy the damn movie?" The question comes up — particularly in the summer months — more times than I care to remember.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mtn Rd (800-326-3264 #2704)
20 Feet from Stardom (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:35) 4:35, 6:30, 8:30, 10:35; **Despicable Me 2** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:05, 11:05, 12:20, 1:25, 3:50) 6:15, 8:25, 10:40; **Girl Most Likely** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:10, 12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; **Grown Ups 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 10:00; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sat (11:20, 1:55) 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 Sun (11:20) 7:10, 9:30; **Pacific Rim** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **R.I.P.D.** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:30, 9:50; **Red 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:15) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **The Conjuring** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:25) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **The Heat** (R) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; **The Lone Ranger** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:25) 10:30; **Turbo** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:00, 11:00, 12:25, 1:20, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **World War Z** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 5:30, 8:05

CLAIREMONT

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4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722)
Born to Royalty (Not Rated) Sat (2:00pm); **Despicable Me 2** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:50, 11:50, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30) 4:30, 7:15, 9:35; **Girl Most Likely** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:45, 3:20) 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; **Grown Ups 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 11:40, 12:55, 1:55, 3:10) 4:10, 7:00, 9:30; **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:15pm; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sat (11:35, 2:10) 5:05, 7:40 Sun (11:35) 7:40; **Pacific Rim** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:30) 7:10; **Pacific Rim in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 4:20, 10:00; **R.I.P.D.** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50; **R.I.P.D. 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:00) 10:35; **Red 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 5:45, 7:25, 8:25, 9:55, 10:55; **The Conjuring** (R) Fri-Sun (10:10, 12:40, 3:05) 5:40, 8:15, 10:50; **The Heat** (R) Fri (10:55, 1:40) 4:25, 7:05, 10:05 Sat (10:55) 4:25, 7:05, 10:05 Sun (10:55, 1:40) 4:25, 7:05, 10:05; **The Lone Ranger** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 2:15) 5:25, 8:35; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun 5:30, 8:00; **Turbo** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:35, 3:10) 7:45; **Turbo 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:50) 5:30, 10:10; **White House Down** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:30pm; **World War Z** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:25) 4:55, 8:05, 10:40

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701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709)
Back to the Future (PG) Fri 7:00pm; **Born to Royalty** (Not Rated) Sat (2:00pm); **Clerks** (R) Sat 7:00pm; **Grown Ups 2** (PG-13) Fri (12:05, 1:05, 2:25, 3:25) 4:45, 5:45, 7:05, 8:10, 9:25, 10:25 Sat (12:05, 1:05, 2:25, 3:25) 4:45, 5:45, 8:10, 9:25, 10:25 Sun (1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 7:05, 8:10, 9:25, 10:25; **Iron Man 3** (PG-13) Sun

(1:40pm); **Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain** (R) Sun 5:40, 7:40, 9:40; **The Matrix** (R) Sun 7:00pm; **Much Ado About Nothing** (PG-13) Sun (2:20) 4:50; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Sun (12:25, 3:05); **Only God Forgives** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 1:55) 4:05, 6:10, 8:25, 10:40; **R.I.P.D.** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:30, 1:45, 3:55) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun (11:30, 1:45, 3:55) 6:15, 8:30, 10:40; **R.I.P.D. 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:45, 2:55) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Sun 10:10pm; **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13) Sun (11:20) 7:20; **The Conjuring** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35; **The Lone Ranger** (PG-13) Fri (12:30, 3:50) 10:15 Sat-Sun (12:30, 3:50) 7:10, 10:15; **This Is The End** (R) Sat 5:10, 7:35, 10:00 Sun (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **Turbo** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; **Turbo 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:35, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **White House Down** (PG-13) Sun (10:45) 10:05

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LA JOLLA

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Despicable Me 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 11:05, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; **Despicable Me 2 in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:35, 12:10, 2:50, 5:30; **Girl Most Likely** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:40, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:20; **Grown Ups 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 9:30, 10:00, 12:35, 4:00, 6:20, 8:15, 9:00 Sun 9:30, 10:00, 12:35, 4:00, 6:20, 8:00, 9:00; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sun 10:30, 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; **Pacific Rim** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:40, 12:50, 1:40, 4:00, 7:20, 8:10, 10:30; **Pacific Rim in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:25, 12:10, 3:10, 5:00, 11:10 Sun 10:25, 12:10, 3:10, 5:00; **The Conjuring** (R) Fri-Sat 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 6:40, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10, 11:30 Sun 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 6:40, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sat 10:50pm Sun 10:30pm

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5500 Grossmont Ctr Dr (800-326-3264 #2710)
Despicable Me 2 (PG) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:10,

3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri-Sun; **Grown Ups 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 6:10, 8:30, 10:50; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:25) 5:00; **Pacific Rim** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:25) 4:15, 7:10; **Pacific Rim in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:00pm; **R.I.P.D.** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 3:40) 8:20; **R.I.P.D. 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:20) 6:00, 10:40; **Red 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 11:20, 12:30, 1:55, 3:00) 4:30, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45; **The Conjuring** (R) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **The Heat** (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; **The Lone Ranger** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:30, 10:35; **Turbo** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:40, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50; **Turbo 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:55) 10:05; **World War Z** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:00, 9:35

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Regal Rancho San Diego
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AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Pkwy (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
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2170 Coronado Ave (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village
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Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Pkwy (760-291-0119)
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Digiplex Temecula Tower Cinemas
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CARLSBAD

Cinépolis La Costa
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Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Rd (760-729-7469)
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Cinépolis Del Mar
12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)
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ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Loose Cannons (Mine Vaganti) (Not Rated) Sat 7:00pm; **Mud** (PG-13) Fri 6:00, 8:45 Sat (3:00) 9:35 Sun (3:00) 8:45

OCEANSIDE

Digiplex Mission Marketplace
431 College Blvd (760) 806-1790)
Despicable Me 2 (PG) Fri-Sun (12:20) 5:15, 10:15; **Despicable Me 2 in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:00, 2:45) 7:45; **Four Sisters and a Wedding** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Grown Ups 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:10, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sun (10:25, 1:10, 3:55) 6:45; **Pacific Rim** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **R.I.P.D.** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 11:00, 2:45, 3:30) 7:15, 8:15, 10:45; **R.I.P.D. 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:30) 5:00, 9:30; **Red 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Conjuring** (R) Fri-Sun (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **The Heat** (R) Fri-Sun (12:15, 3:00) 5:45, 8:30; **The Lone Ranger** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 3:15) 6:45, 10:00; **Turbo** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:00, 1:15, 2:30) 5:45, 7:00, 9:30; **Turbo 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:15) 4:45; **World War Z** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Ave (760-439-1733)
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Calendar

MOVIES

Olympus Has Fallen is the answer to discerning action fan's prayers: an armrest-squeezing, seat-shifting blockbuster that never lets up. North Korean terrorists hold the White House hostage, and it's up to Gerard Butler, a disgraced former Secret Service man once assigned to presidential guard duty, to get back inside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue the hard way and reset the course of history. On the surface, it represents everything contemptible about contemporary cinema — a propagandistic, effects-driven cavalcade of carnage that probably boasts a higher body count than all of George Romero's "living dead" safaris combined — but damn if (for a change) this wasn't an effectively constructed thrill ride I enjoyed hopping. Antoine Fuqua directs. With Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman, and Rick Yune. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Only God Forgives — Did you find the violence in *Drive* just a trifle too restrained and tasteful? Then Nicholas Winding Refn and Ryan Gosling would like a second chance at your sensibilities. Gosling plays a drug-smuggler whose super-nasty mom (Kristin Scott-Thomas) wants him to hunt down the person who killed his brother. In Bangkok! Review forthcoming at *SanDiegoReader.com*. (READING GASLAMP)

Pacific Rim — Director Guillermo Del Toro goes for the gold, offering up a robots-punch-monsters movie tailor-made for the international market: modeled after Japanese anime, set largely



Still Mine: when things fall apart, put things together.

in Hong Kong, featuring Chinese, Russian, and Australian heroes operating giant robots named with a German word, and offering a Brit (Idris Elba) as its emotional core. There's a thrilling drama with a darkly satirical finish that serves as the film's prologue, but once that's out of the way, we slide into anime's more digestible mix of overheated emotions, baleful glares, and battle poses. Plus robots punching monsters. Del Toro clearly loves big, dumb monster movies, and he's served up a rustedly handsome example

here, complete with on-the-nose dialogue, battles on land and sea and in the air, shattered cities, crying children, and a motormouth scientist with a crazy theory. Fun, but not much more than that. With Charlie Hunnam, Charlie Day, Rinko Kikuchi. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Le Petit Soldat — Ever wonder where the line, "Cinema is truth at 24 frames per second" came from? (LANDMARK KEN)

Red 2 — The tagline for this piece of anti-retirement propaganda is "The Best Never Rest." It leaves off "Until They Rest in Peace." Get it? Because they're old and creaky! Like this joke. Urgh. It has now been 25 years since *Die Hard*, Mr. Willis. Review forthcoming at *SanDiegoReader.com*. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

R.I.P.D. — It stands for Rest in Peace Department, since the heroes are dead dudes and they're in charge of hunting

other dead dudes. But it reads way too close to "RIPD-off from Jeff Bridges's performance in *True Grit*, which was itself more than a little reminiscent of Billy Bob Thornton's laconic growl in *Sling Blade*." Or maybe "RIPD-off from *Men in Black*, *Ghostbusters*, and every buddy-cop flick ever." But, hey, maybe it'll be great! We'll let you know by opening day. Review forthcoming at *SanDiegoReader.com*. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Still Mine — Gorgeously shot story of Craig Morrison (a masterful James Cromwell), a New Brunswick old-timer who sets out to build a one-story house on his property for his wife Irene (Genevieve Bujold). She is beginning to suffer from dementia, and their two-story farmhouse is becoming too much for her. He knows his business and he loves his wife, but the local planning department wants more than assurances of expertise, and his daughter thinks maybe she knows what's best. Director Michael McGowan's gentle approach deals more with sorrow and frustration than despair and rage, and Morrison's self-reliance borders on the mythic, but there's great care in the showing and the telling, right up until the end. The sort of film that can inspire nostalgia for a world you never even knew. With Campbell Scott, Jonathan Potts. 2012. — M.L. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Turbo — What if a snail could go fast? Well, then you'd have this movie. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Way, Way Back — Summertime, and the living is horribly painful and awkward, because you're a pouty-slouchy teenager (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 young man wishes would show up and show him the ropes. Co-writers and co-directors Jim Rash and Nat Faxon do a good job with the feeling and the place, even as they bounce between delicately blunted emotionality and broad parents-being-bad humor. With Allison Janney, Rob Corddry, AnnaSophia Robb. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

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)

FILM FESTIVALS

ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA

4425 La Jolla Village Dr., Suite H60, University City
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'Sweet Summer' Series: Turbo A season-long party that includes sweet treats, games, photos, and more. Pairing family movies with interactive treat-making, activities, and photo ops with kids' favorite movie characters. *Turbo* is an animated tale from Dreamworks about an ambitious snail keen on winning the Indy 500. Activities include creating candy race cars, and taking pictures as an Indy winner. **Saturday, July 20, 1:00pm, Sunday, July 21, 1:00pm**

POINT LOMA LIBRARY

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Film Forum: Io sono Li (Shun Li and the Poet) Andrea Segre's rapturous visual poem captures the flowering friendship between a young Chinese immigrant and a middle-aged Croatian fisherman nicknamed "The Poet." Mandarin and Italian with English subtitles. **Tuesday, July 23, 6:00pm**

REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park
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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 23); and *Grand Canyon Adventure* (start date August 30). **Friday, July 19, 11:00am**

IMAX en Español: Hubble Stunning imagery of distant galaxies, the birth of stars and planets, plus NASA's last mission to service one of history's most important observatories. This is an opportunity to enjoy IMAX films in Spanish. Additionally, headsets are always available free of charge for audiences to listen to available Spanish soundtracks when films with English soundtracks play. Admission includes one film and the Fleet's exhibit galleries. Many exhibits feature bilingual explanatory text. **Monday, July 22, 4:00pm**

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

1450 El Prado, Balboa Park
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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**

SAVILLE THEATRE AT SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE

14th and C St., City College
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The Wrecking Crew Documentary chronicles group of 1960s Los Angeles studio musicians who played on hits for Beach Boys, Frank Sinatra, Sonny and Cher, the Monkees, Mamas and Papas, and were Phil Spector's "Wall of Sound." Filmmaker Denny Tedesco, whose father Tommy Tedesco was a guitarist in

the Wrecking Crew, wanted to tell the story of his dad and his friends who helped create some of the most iconic sounds of the '60s. Because they were hired guns, most of the time the musicians were never given credit on the albums. Denny invited a few Wrecking Crew members over for a round-table discussion and started filming. KSDS Jazz 88 presents screening. \$15 general admission; \$10 if you're a Jazz 88 member. **Saturday, July 20, 4:00pm and 7:30pm**

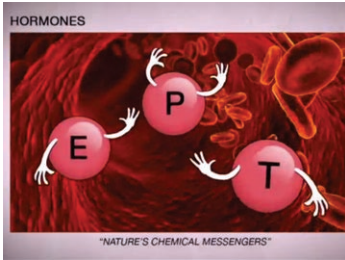
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849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego
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Outdoor Movie Night A special presentation of *The Amazing Spider-Man*. Shops around Seaport will also have superhero themed treats and deals, including Spider-Man cupcakes from Frosted Robins Cupcakes. Meet at the West Plaza fountain. **Friday, July 19, 8:00pm**

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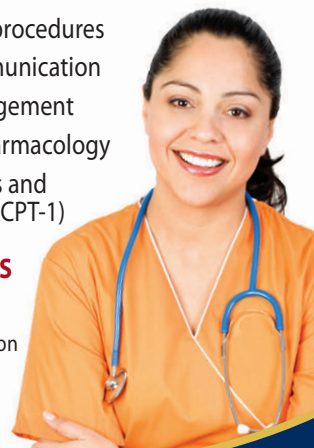
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website, but most users will likely download an app for their smartphone that will show where the kiosks are located. In addition to the app, there will be route directions signage posted. The kiosks will also incorporate multi-language menus.

The bikes will have electronic tracking devices in case they are stolen or not returned within the designated time frame. The Deco-bike website states it will cost the user \$800 for a lost, stolen, or non-returned bike.

MERCY BARON, JULY 10

CHULA VISTA

City owes cell phone users \$8M Deadline to claim class-action payout is July 31

The \$8 million settlement of a class-action lawsuit between wireless phone users and the City of Chula Vista means thousands of residents are eligible for refunds — but valid claims must be filed by July 31, 2013.

According to *chulavistacellphonetaxsettlement.com*, “This case was filed by two Chula Vista residents who believe the City of Chula Vista unlawfully collected a local tax on their cellular phone bill. The Court certified the lawsuit as a class action, so all people with a cell phone and a billing address in Chula Vista are represented in the lawsuit. The City denied any wrongdoing and still denies any liability in this case.”

The three payment options are \$35, \$50 per year of cell phone service (\$150 maximum), or an estimated full refund. The refunds are available to Chula Vista wireless phone users who paid the city’s “Telephone/Utility Users Taxes” on their wireless phone bills from April 2010 through April 2013.

According to a *Voice of San Diego* article published in May, a City of Chula Vista spokesperson said, “The city has enough money stashed away to pay the full \$8 million if necessary.”

SYDNIE MOORE, JULY 10

TIJUANA

A boost for Baja boob jobs? Plastic surgery docs tighten up image after 20 percent complication rate

In an attempt to bolster public confidence in the practice of plastic surgery in Baja California, the state’s secretary of health has published a list of certified plastic surgeons on its official website, *saludbc.gob.mx*.

The decision to publish the list was announced at a July 4 press conference in Tijuana by the secretary of health and state and national leaders of the plastic-surgery profession, following growing complaints of incompetence from patients.

According to a story about the press conference in the Tijuana daily *El Mexicano*, of every 100 plastic surgeries in Baja California, 20 percent result in complications, and the surgeons who performed the faulty procedures abandon their patients.

The statistics were provided by Dr. Eduardo Góngora Alejandre, president of the College of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Surgery of Baja California.

Patient complaints have created a bad image of qualified plastic surgeons in Tijuana, as well as for the city in general and for medical tourism, Dr. Miguel Angel Parra, a prominent Tijuana plastic surgeon, was quoted as saying in *El Mexicano*.

In order for a plastic surgeon to qualify for the secretary of health’s list of qualified practitioners, he or she must be properly licensed to practice medicine in Mexico, be licensed to practice plastic surgery as a specialty, and be certified by the Mexican College of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Surgery, a certification that must be renewed every five years.

Plastic surgery, bariatric (weight loss) surgery, and dental work are the three most common procedures performed in private clinics in Mexico, Dr. Adrián Manjarrez, president of the Mexican Council of Plastic Surgeons, said at the press conference. Of every ten patients treated at such clinics, two end up with a bad outcome at the hands of an unauthorized physician, he said.

So far, 47 plastic surgeons in Baja Califor-

nia have been certified by the state’s secretary of health.

BOB MCPHAIL, JULY 9

IMPERIAL BEACH

No fireworks — but a display Surfers stage burning protest of city’s fiscal mismanagement

Surfers in Imperial Beach created a seaborne bonfire on July 4 in protest of the city’s decision to not participate in the Big Bay Boom fireworks show.

Calling their event “Light the Sea in IB,” a group of about 20 surfers paddled out past the breakers just south of the Imperial Beach pier, towing a substantial bonfire.



“They piled a whole lot of firewood on a surfboard and lit it up.”

The protesters said they were acting “in revolt of the piss poor financial situation [the city council] has put us in,” according to their Facebook page.

Two fire crews arrived at the scene and several firemen made their way to the shore and watched the flames from the water’s edge; they left about an hour later.

“I got a little bit singed,” said a surfer afterward. “They piled a whole lot of firewood on a surfboard and lit it up.”

This marks the second year of fireworks disappointment for Imperial Beach. Last year’s Fourth of July celebration was a disaster when all the fireworks went off at once in the infamous Big Bay Boom mishap. Many Imperial Beach residents consider their city’s non-participation in the fireworks show this year a manmade disaster.

The city council said Imperial Beach could

not afford the \$30,000 in extra security provided by the police and fire department; the annual sandcastle competition was canceled for the same reason. Earlier this year, a San Diego County Grand Jury investigation found that Imperial Beach had seriously mismanaged its budget.

VINCENT FARNSWORTH, JULY 8

DOWNTOWN

From hardware to barware... New bar in historic hardware building may get live entertainment

The historic San Diego Hardware Company building in the Gaslamp Quarter is almost done with its transformation into a new bar/restaurant called Lucky Bastard Saloon. According to *sandiego.eater.com*, the majority owner of Lucky Bastard Saloon is former Playboy Playmate of the Month (December 1998) Nicole Dahm of the Dahm identical triplets.

Founded in 1892 at 658 Fifth Street, the hardware business moved to 840 Fifth Avenue in 1922, taking over a former F.W. Woolworth store. The family-owned San Diego Hardware Company remains in business, having sold the building and moved in 2006 to 5710 Kearny Villa Road in Kearny Mesa.

Lucky Bastard Saloon will take up the ground floor and basement of the building. Publicist Audrey Doherty said they hope to do their soft opening “late this week, depending on the installation of a few final pieces of equipment.” She added that a grand opening is “most likely in August.”

The new establishment has filed an application with Civic San Diego for a conditional use permit to allow live entertainment; approval of the permit requires a public hearing at CivicSD. The application first goes to the Downtown Community Planning Council, which also must hold a public meeting. The planning council will then make its recommendation to CivicSD.

As for approval of entertainment, Doherty said their “fingers are crossed. These things usually take a while.”

DAVID BATTERSON, JULY 9

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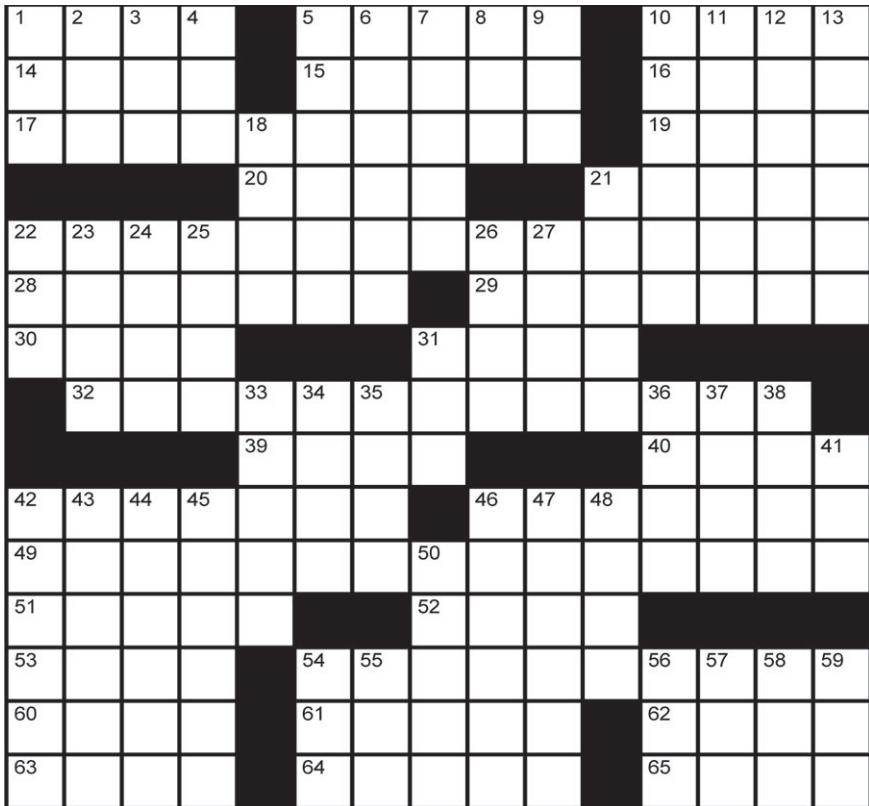


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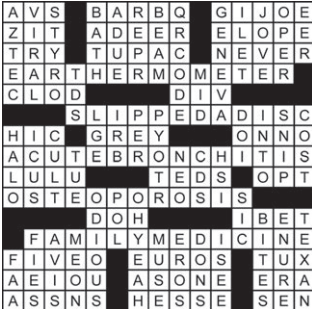
Across

1. Fake
5. Reacts to bad news, maybe
10. Dole and Dylan
14. ____ bread
15. Money-saving brand prefix
16. ____ above the rest
17. Not surprising
19. Tiny, in kidspeak
20. Mad as ____ hen
21. Lesley of "60 Minutes"
22. It's deductible
28. Sets off
29. Take-charge sorts
30. Party bowlful
31. Belted out
32. Catchphrase from "The Newlywed Game" ... or what's achieved by solving 17-, 22-, 49- and 54-Across
39. "Could It ____ Falling in Love (1972 Spinners hit)"
40. Part of a chain
42. Considering that
46. Pillsbury product
49. Means of getting to school for Harry Potter
51. "____ around, around, around" (lyric from Dion's "The Wanderer")
52. Dept. of Labor division
53. It can be chronic or shooting
54. Result of a hurricane warning, perhaps
60. Sch. in La Jolla
61. Maytag acquisition of 2001
62. Discombobulate

Down

1. Steamy place
2. Casual greetings
3. Worked on peanuts?
4. "Where the Wild Things Are" boy
5. Miniature
6. Outsiders may not get it
7. Former Mississippi senator Trent and others
8. 180 degrees from WSW
9. Landscaper's buy
10. Like some hooks
11. 89 or 91, perhaps
12. What many called 41 after 43 was elected
13. They go in and out
18. Sudden ache
21. Wolfgang Puck's flagship restaurant
22. Quarterback Roethlisberger
23. "One" on a penny
24. Guayaquil girl: Abbr.
25. "That's all ____"
26. "In the Valley of ____" (2007 film)
27. Strange: Prefix
31. Certain bachelor, in personals shorthand
33. Letter-shaped construction piece
34. Close to
35. Essence

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



36. Seafood restaurant locale
37. Carlisle's wife in "Twilight"
38. Yale Bowl rooters
41. George Strait's "All My ____ Live in Texas"
42. Put together quickly
43. Poet who originated the term "carpe diem"
44. Self-promoter
45. Landlocked African country
46. Aircraft company since 1927
47. Neolithic dig find
48. 2001 Kevin Spacey film
50. Baseball's Jorge and Sammy
54. More, to Miguel
55. Te ____
56. Slightly askew
57. Stay-at-home ____
58. Israeli gun designer ____ Gal
59. Jiff

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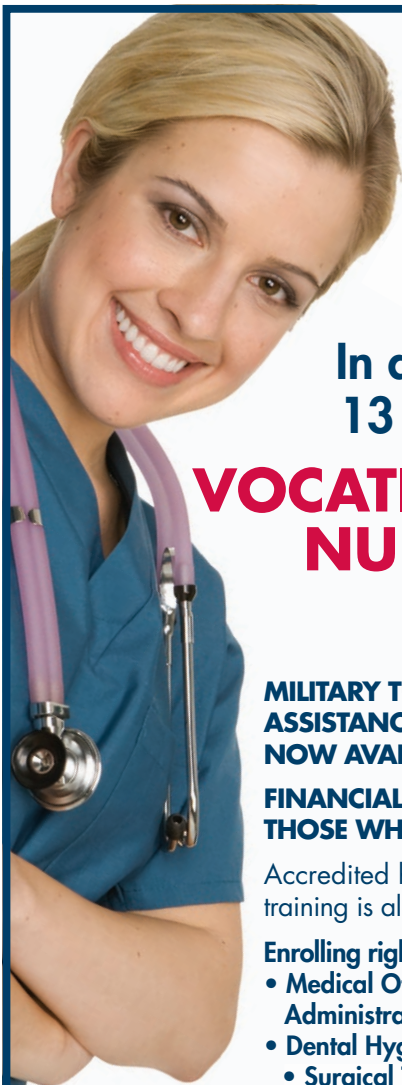
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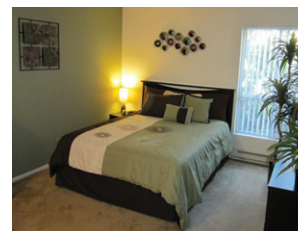
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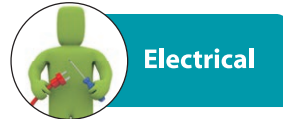
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Find somewhere in our features (articles, listings, or classifieds) three instances of the same phrase.

A crossword-style clue to each week's phrase is located on page 1, the table of contents. In one instance the phrase will be in context; the two others will be out of context (they will seem like errors).

Contestants have from Wednesday until Sunday to log on to our contest page (SDREADER.com/charm) and punch in the three page numbers on which the phrase can be found. One winner per week. Contestants eligible to win once every four months. Any week there is no winner, the \$100 gets rolled over into a jackpot the following week.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Sarah Norton, \$100

LAST WEEK'S CLUE

"summer stock rocks?" (2 words)

LAST WEEK'S HIDDEN PHRASE

dramatic boulders



along with some other rarer Stone beers. **Dramatic boulders.** Live music by Paul and Storm. Ages 21+. \$49.

WHEN: 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Stone Brewing Liberty

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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

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Ben Schachter's Occidentia live in Pacifica. **Cavalleria gives dramatic boulders hope.**

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DEL MAR, \$1895-2695.

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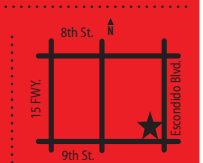
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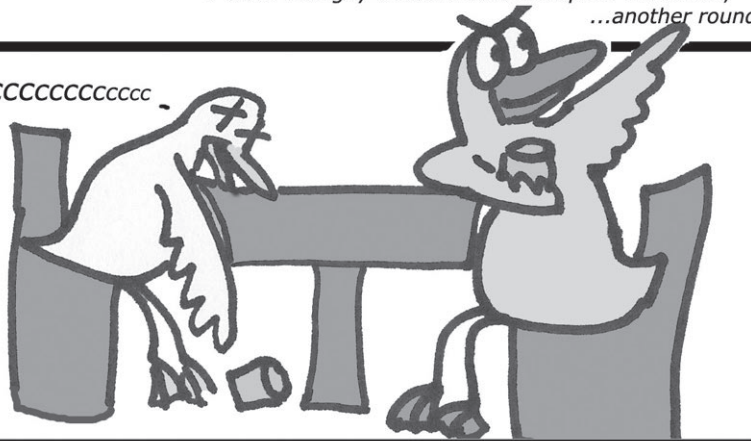
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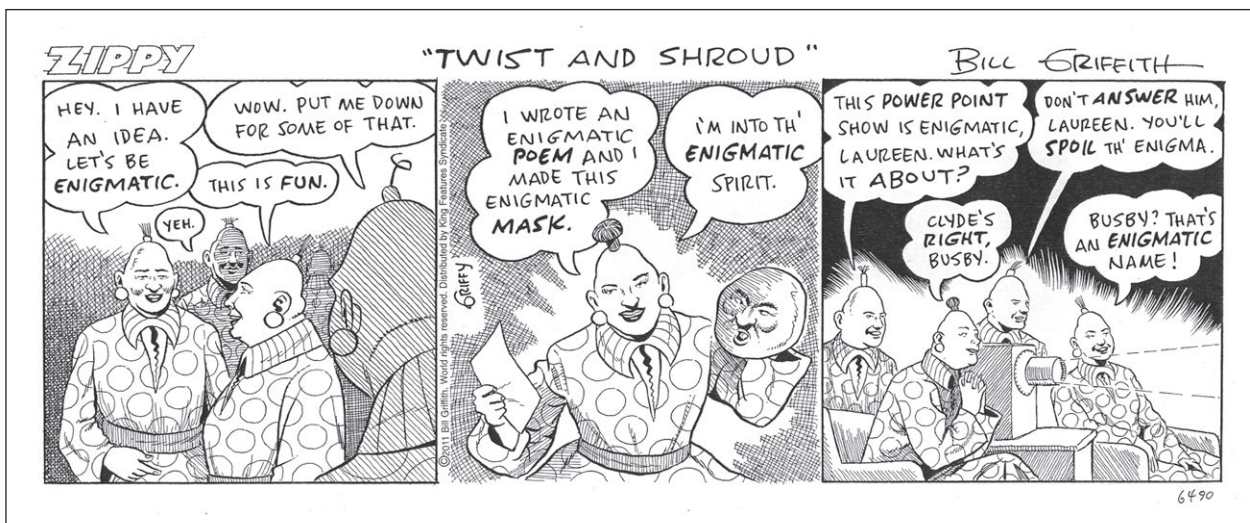
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The Entrepreneurial Spirit — As recently as mid-May, people with disabilities had been earning hefty black-market fees by taking strangers into Disneyland and Disney World using the parks’ own liberal “disability” passes (which allow for up to five relatives or guests at a time to accompany the disabled person in skipping the sometimes-hours-long lines and having immediate access to the rides). The pass-holding “guide,” according to NBC’s *Today* show, could charge as much as \$200 through ad-

vertising on Craigslist and via word-of-mouth to some travel agents. Following reports in the *New York Post* and other outlets, Disney was said in late May to be warning disabled permit-holders not to abuse the privilege. — After setting out to create a protective garment for mixed martial arts fighters, Jeremiah Raber of High Ridge, Mo., realized that his “groin protection device” could also help police, athletes, and military contractors. Armored Nutshellz underwear, now selling for \$125 each, has multiple layers of Kevlar plus another fabric called Dyneema, which Raber said can “resist” multiple shots from 9 mm and .22-caliber handguns. He said the Army will be testing Nutshellz in August. — “Ambulance-chasing” lawyers are less the cliché than they formerly were because of bar-association crackdowns, but fire-truck-chasing contractors and “public adjusters” are still a problem — at least in Florida, where the state supreme court tossed out a “48-hour” time-out rule that would have given casualty victims space to reflect on their losses before being overwhelmed by home-restoration salesmen. Consequently, as firefighters told the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* in May, the contractors are usually “right behind” them on the scene, pestering anxious or grief-stricken victims. The *Sun-Sentinel* found one

woman being begged to sign up while she was still crying out for her dog that remained trapped in the blaze. **Unconventional Treatments** — Researchers writing recently in the journal *PLoS ONE* disclosed that they had found certain types of dirt that contain antimicrobial agents capable of killing *E. coli* and the antibiotic-resistant MRSA. According to the article, medical “texts” back to 3000 B.C. mentioned clays that, when rubbed on wounds, reduce inflammation and pain. — Researchers writing in May in the journal *Pediatrics* found that some infants whose parents regularly sucked their babies’ pacifiers to clean them (rather than rinsing or boiling them) developed fewer allergies and cases of asthma. (On the other hand, parental-cleansing might make other maladies more likely, such as tooth decay.) **Leading Economic Indicators** — Archaeologists discovered in May that a construction company had bulldozed 2300-year-old Mayan ruins in northern Belize to mine the rocks for road fill to build a highway. A researcher said it could hardly have been an accident, for the ruins were 100 feet high in an otherwise flat landscape,

and a Tulane University anthropologist estimated that Mayan ruins are being mined for road fill an average of once a day in their ancient habitats. Said another, “[T]o realize” that Mayans created these structures using only stone tools and then “carried these materials on their heads” to build them — and then that bulldozers can almost instantly destroy them — is “mind-boggling.” **Fine Points of Law** — A woman in Seattle’s Capitol Hill neighborhood reported to a local news blog in May that she had seen (and her husband briefly conversed with) a man who was operating a “drone” from a sidewalk, guiding the noisy device to a point just outside a third-floor window in a private home. The pilot said he was “doing research” and, perhaps protected by a 1946 U.S. Supreme Court decision, asserted that he was not violating anyone’s privacy because he, himself, was on a public sidewalk while the drone was in public airspace. The couple called for a police officer, but by the time one arrived, the pilot and his drone had departed. Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 or to WeirdNewsTips@yahoo.com

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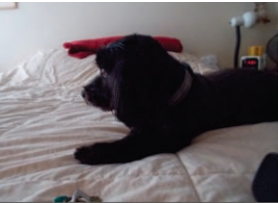
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