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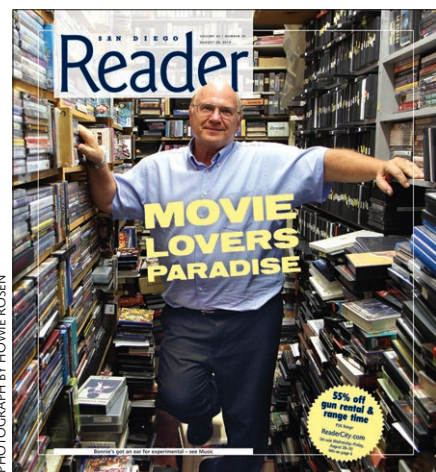
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## NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

## Fine art on our freeways

Artist seeks billboard for lighthouse painting

**Point Loma** — A former San Diegan has a unique plan for commercial billboards: filling them with art, rather than advertisement.

Nathan Horner has launched a Kickstarter campaign seeking \$15,000. The money would cover \$2000 to create an enlarged print of a painting of the *Old Point Loma Lighthouse* done by Horner in 2001, another \$13,000 would rent a billboard near the intersection of the I-5 and I-8 freeways to showcase the painting for a month.



*Old Point Loma Lighthouse* may one day decorate a billboard, "rather than constant images to purchase and consume," says the artist, whose website will also be posted on the board.

"I have always felt that the visual space of billboards would be a great way to enrich a community with art, rather than constant images to purchase and consume," says Horner, who works at Imagic, a large-format printing company that produces artwork for billboards, and who he intends to commission to re-create his work.

Horner says he wants to "share the painting on the grandest scale, in the arena where it will be most appreciated. This seems like the perfect and appropriate time."

A portion of the billboard would also credit Horner as the artist and advertise his website.

"I originally only wanted the painting on the billboard, but there are no billboards the proper proportions and I did not want to crop or add to the original composition of the painting."

Dave Rice

## Jack's still in his box...

But too late to change your mind about Walmart

**North Park** — One is a large box store in Sherman Heights. The other is a Jack in the Box fast-food restaurant in North Park. Both have sent the City to court for allowing them to build outside the scope of their permits.

The similarities between the now-open Walmart and the nearly finished Jack in the Box in North Park are striking.

Earlier this month, on August 8, Judge Timothy Taylor ruled that the City looked the other way while retailer Walmart converted a Sherman Heights warehouse, once

a neighborhood farmer's market, into a 42,000-square-foot retail store.

Taylor found that the mega-retailer played down the size and scope of their building proposal.

"The Project contemplated by [Walmart] in 2011 was significantly different than anything that was "on the drawing board" in 2009.

In his formal ruling, Taylor wrote that shutting down the store or ordering some type of mitigation would be impractical. "[It] is simply too late to afford the petitioner the relief it seeks. The rebuilding is over and the supermarket is open...nothing would be gained [and potentially much lost] by ordering the City to set aside project approvals at this late date."

The ruling may cast a shadow as far as North Park, especially for those denizens fighting what they say is an illegal rebuild of a Jack in the Box fast-food restaurant.

Walmart's empty pledge to leave the exterior walls intact were also made by Jack in the Box on their application to renovate a drive-through restaurant near the intersection of Upas and 30th Street.

Dorian Hargrove

## Different kind of extraction

Dental practice caught practicing fraud

**Encinitas** — Former dentist Edward J. Bodek, 60, and his wife Mary Rose Bodek, 56, were sentenced to 365 days custody plus 5 years probation in San Diego's North County Superior Courthouse yesterday.

The Bodeks had a dental practice at 317 North El Camino Real in Encinitas, California, for more than 20 years. Mary Rose Bodek worked the front desk and was office manager; there were no other employees. The couple lived in nearby Carlsbad.



Former dentist Edward Bodek and his wife Mary Rose were found guilty of defrauding their elderly patients.

In their plea deals, signed June 25, 2013, each defendant admitted taking more than \$65,000; investigators claimed more than \$260,000 was fraudulently taken from victims.

The judge ordered \$74,412 in restitution to be paid by each defendant.

The Honorable Judge David Berry saved his strongest words for Mary Rose Bodek.

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Trustee Pearl Quiñones was part of a "very bizarre meeting" with Jesus Gandara regarding how to divvy up the bond underwriting.



Bond underwriter Gary Cabello's sad face might be due to being indicted by the grand jury.

## South Bay's bond bombshell blows big time

By Susan Luzzaro

In August 2006, Jesus Gandara was selected as Sweetwater Union High School district's new superintendent. According to

a grand jury witness, on his first day on the job, Gandara found time to go to a bay-side restaurant and drink tea with two bond underwriters and a Sweetwater trustee.

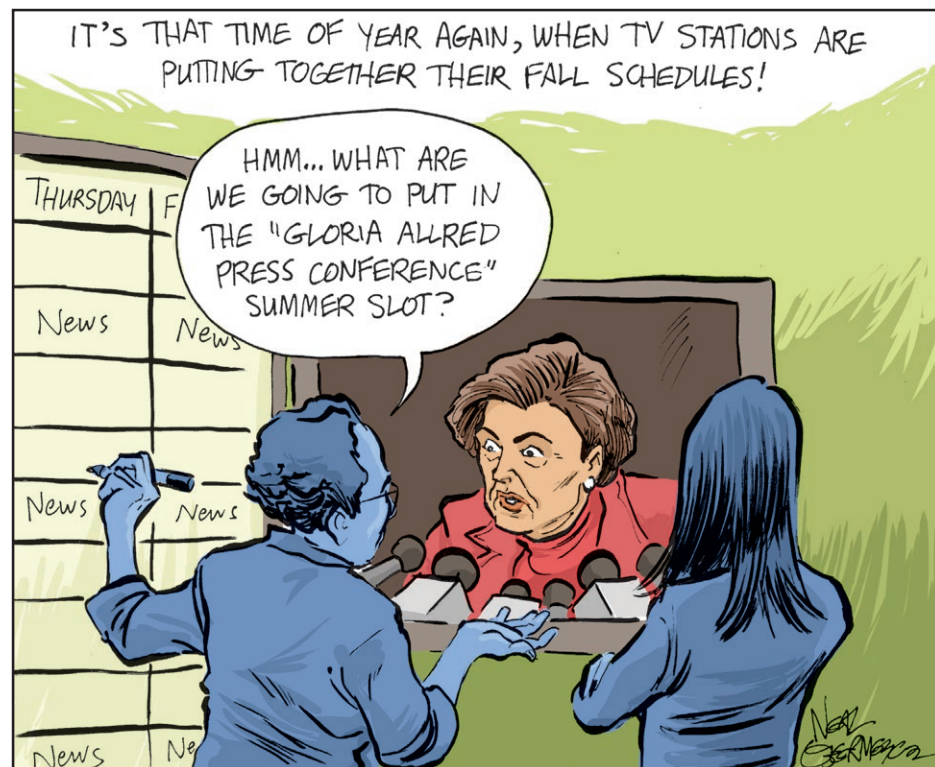
Three of the four men who sat down for tea — Jesus Gandara, former trustee Greg Sandoval, and bond underwriter Gary Cabello — are among the 15

who have been indicted in what the San Diego district attorney has called the largest public corruption case the DA's office has ever prosecuted. Gandara, Sandoval, and Cabello have pleaded not guilty.

More than a billion dollars in South Bay school bond construction money set these players in motion. In 2006, Sweetwater Union High School district passed Proposition O for \$644 million; in 2010 Southwestern College passed Proposition R for \$389 million.

The grand jury tran-

## Neal Obermeyer





scripts offer the public a unique opportunity to look at the shenanigans involved in landing a piece of the underwriter action.

The fourth man who sat down for tea that morning, and the one who reported the meeting to the grand jury, is Jeffrey Kinsell, a principal in the bond finance company Kinsell, Newcomb, Dadios.

Kinsell was not indicted in the South Bay corruption case. However, in April

partners in charge of Alta Vista. I would be a partner, my partners Dadios and Newcomb would be partners as well, but the five of us would start this firm and we would market our abilities in the finance world with the minority status."

Kinsell also told the jury that 55 percent of what his company does is "prospecting" for potential clients. Cabello, according to the transcripts, knew everyone in the South Bay, hence he

campaign bill for Sweetwater trustee Pearl Quiñones in her 2006 bid for National City mayor. Political consultant John Wainio told the grand jury that Cabello paid his public relations company to employ Quiñones's campaign manager Bob Castaneda.

After the bond passed, Alta Vista and Sweetwater's ex-superintendent Bruce Husson, who was a consultant to the bond campaign, hosted a Friends of Proposition O victory celebration in San Diego's exclusive University Club. The average voter, of course, was not invited.

Landing the proposition was one thing, but then how do you reel in the big one? How do you make sure your bond company is chosen and gets a hefty portion of the sale?

As the *U-T San Diego* reported June 14, Michelle Durgy, a finance officer for the county at that time, was part of the Sweetwater panel that interviewed the underwriters. Sweetwater's then-chief financial officer, Diane Russo, told Durgy that Alta Vista had to make the cut, had to be one of the underwriting companies that was chosen.

Ultimately, the panel picked three companies with the recommendation that the smallest portion of the initial bond sale go to Alta Vista.

Another grand jury witness, Jason Richter, whose company was hired to give financial advice to Sweetwater, was summoned from Los Angeles to a very unusual meeting with ex-superintendent Jesus Gandara, ex-trustee Greg Sandoval, and trustee Pearl Quiñones.

Richter told the grand jury: "Frankly, it was a very bizarre meeting. It kind of started with the superintendent and Mr. Sandoval making statements that were

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Gary Cabello and Jesus Gandara, former superintendent of Sweetwater Union High School, pose with football fans.

2013, in an unrelated case, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged Kinsell's finance company and the city of Victorville with defrauding investors on a municipal bond.

When Kinsell sat down for tea with Gandara, the \$644 million bond had not even been suggested to the voters. But to better jockey into position for more of the public dollars, Kinsell put a minority face on his company.

Kinsell explained to the grand jury that in 2006 or 2007 there was "a guy by the name of Gary Cabello and his partner, Luis Ruiz Dana, and they wanted a job. And I said let's not give you a job, let's start a new firm to take advantage of the minority status that we could sell, and make the two

was the perfect prospector.

Kinsell describes Cabello as "like a Santa Claus. He was 5'8" and weighed 320 pounds. And always had difficulty handling money."

So Cabello and cohorts began to work the South Bay — donating to charities, buying tables at educational foundations, and even donating \$50,000 to Friends of Proposition O.

District attorney investigator Vince Giame told the grand jury that Cabello's 2006 expense report for Sweetwater prospecting totaled \$4446.43, for 2007 he spent \$3219.45. Two weeks before Sweetwater's board voted on the bond deal, Alta Vista spent \$1357.08 on a dinner for some Sweetwater decision-makers.

Along with entertaining, Cabello partially footed the

## UNDER THE RADAR

**Chargers and Weiners** There's good news for Chargers master of disaster **Mark Fabiani**, and though it doesn't come from San Diego, it does bear a distinctly familiar back story. Fabiani's old friend and favored candidate for mayor of New York is reported by the *New York Times* to have taken the lead. "**Bill de Blasio**, the most liberal of the leading candidates, has vaulted into first place among likely voters," the *Times* said last week. De Blasio's success is said to owe to a cause well known to San Diegans. Ex-Democratic congressman **Anthony Weiner** — who along with San Diego departing mayor **Bob Filner** has become a national poster boy for bad acting — was leading the pack until it emerged that he hadn't exactly lost the habit of sending sexually explicit photos to various women. A poll taken last week showed de Blasio first with 30 percent. Fifty-one percent of respondents pegged Weiner as the candidate they would "definitely not vote for under any circumstances."

Fabiani has been a long-time de Blasio backer. He had given the Democratic former Brooklyn city councilman and New York Public Advocate \$3000 in mayoral campaign money through this summer. Coronado's **Maureen Steiner**, long a donor to Democratic campaigns, gave **Christine Quinn**, the first female and openly gay speaker of the New York city council, a total of \$1250. La Jolla lesbian and biotech PR maven **Susan Atkins**, who sold her firm to Porter Novelli in 2005 and has served as a San Diego city library commissioner, gave Quinn \$2524. Another San Diego gay leader, **Robert Gleason** — the Evans Hotel executive, a big financial backer of Democratic city councilman **Todd Gloria** who will wield major transition clout at city hall now that Filner has failed — gave \$1000 to Quinn last year. Only one county resident appears to have offered Weiner financial succor. Rancho Santa Fe's **Stanley Cohen** came up with \$100 for the notorious tweeter on July 29.

**Thieves, scoundrels, and the RSF breakfast bunch** Up in tony Rancho Santa Fe, the county's preserve of genteel

wealth and privilege — along with a few occasional swindlers, suicide cults, and spies — takes the public interest seriously. A campaign committee called the Rancho Santa Fe Public Interest Committee recently filed its semi-annual financial disclosure statement with the county registrar of voters. The group reports collecting \$7700 during the first half of this year, boosting its bank balance to \$26,501. Donors included hotelier **Jack Giacomi** (\$200); retired savings and loan mogul **Kim Fletcher** (\$100); and real estate developer **Sandy Kahn**, son of the late **Irvin Kahn** of mobbed-up Teamsters pension fund fame (\$200). But what does the committee

do to advance the public interest with the money? Of \$4545 spent, \$3539 of it was for the "group's breakfasts" at the exclusive Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club. An additional \$343 went toward "holiday gifts to club servers. (Breakfast meetings.)"...It looks like iPurple, the self-styled "independent" super PAC that bankrolled TV spots for **Nathan Fletcher** after he forsook the Republican party when it didn't endorse his bid for mayor, is folding up shop. According to a termination statement filed by the committee, financed in large part by La Jolla computer mega-millionaire **Ted Waitt** — and helped along by \$10,000 from garrulous genome-sequencing pioneer **Craig Venter** — the group ended life on July 25.

## Chicago West?

An outfit from Chicago that is lobbying here to sell the city of San Diego what it calls "street level mapping and asset identification" for "sidewalk assessments," has already made some political waves in the Windy City. A May 16 account in the *Chicago Tribune* says the

company gave \$15,000 to the campaign fund of mayor **Rahm Emanuel**, although the mayor sent out an executive order banning city vendors from making such contributions. "The donations linked to a company that uses digital mapping to find illegal billboards are the latest example of a political tie-in to the mayor's billboard initiative, rolled out last fall with a no-bid contract to another Emanuel campaign donor," the paper reported. "The recent donations from three businessmen behind the tech startup CityScan came months

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America's bad acting poster boys: Bob Filner and Anthony Weiner



A company exposed for shady dealings in Chicago is lobbying for work in San Diego.



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### Bird Killers

The August 22 cover story blurb on wind turbines (“They’re Over 300 Feet High. They Kill Birds. They’re Linked to Cancer. They’re Everywhere Out Here.”) authoritatively states that “they kill birds.”

Relatively few bird deaths are caused by wind turbines. Each year 2 billion bird deaths are caused by birds colliding with buildings and power lines, domestic cats kill several hundred million birds, and pesticides are responsible for another 70 million annual bird deaths. Wind generators account for 37,000 bird deaths.

Sim Gurewitz  
via email

### FYI

Re (“They’re Everywhere Out Here,” August 22 cover story). When you drive past the Kumeyaay Windfarm on I-8 across from the Golden Acorn Casino, you can see blades and nosecones littering the ground around the turbine bases. (The results of damage from a December 2009 windstorm.) So much for being “green.”

FYI, the Kumeyaay Wind-

farm is rated at 50MW, but over the past year (July 2012 - June 2013), it has averaged only 16.3MW output, per FERC data.

Paul Lindsey  
via email

### The Cows Don’t Mind

Please provide some balance on the wind power issue (“They’re Everywhere Out Here,” August 22 cover story) by at least mentioning Cliff Etheridge of *Carbon Nation* fame. Farmers in central Texas are evidently very happy to lease grazing land for windmills, and the cows don’t seem to mind the noise.

John Eldon  
via email

### Lazy Journalism

Shame on you for publishing the outrageous, unsubstantiated bullshit on your front page (“They’re Everywhere Out Here,” August 22) that wind turbines are “linked to cancer.” This is sensationalistic yellow journalism on a parallel with faux news.

This article made no effort to validate the silly claims that electrical variations in the environment cause cancer, ADD, and a long list of other afflictions. Sure, wind turbines make noise, they kill birds and they are huge. They are also beautiful, turn wind into electricity and are a marvel of engineering. You would propose more coal or nuclear power plants instead?

Large turbines have had issues from day one, but how about a lucid discussion instead of the pile-of-crap, lazy journalism that this article is? Author Siobhan

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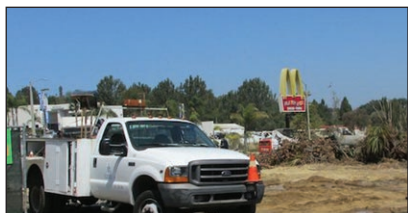
## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

### ENCINITAS

#### Went for the charbroiled flavor Golden Arches rise out the flames

Starting on Monday, August 19, lovers of Happy Meals were probably jumping up and down when they saw construction finally going on at the old McDonalds site near the corner of Encinitas Boulevard at El Camino Real.



City planners expedited the paperwork on the rebuild of this popular Encinitas eatery, but construction was delayed nearly 18 months.

The 40-year-old restaurant burned down on September 1, 2011, due to a gas leak in the kitchen. No one was hurt in the blast, even though five customers were still enjoying their meals at the time. The five employees working helped them get to safety.

The new McDonalds will be just a little bigger, about 500 square feet larger than the former building. The redesign and upgrades will include a modern façade, double drive-through, and an outdoor patio. The old play structure that was inside will not be returning in the new design.

Due to the loss in the community of this popular McDonalds, city planners expedited planning approval. The remodel plans were submitted around February of last year, and approved two months later.

Then why the construction delay of almost a year and a half? Parts of the center's buildings and land are owned by four separate investment entities. All four had to agree on the plan for the new building and its affect on other center businesses.

KEN HARRISON

### CARLSBAD

#### Not quite teleporting App promises next best thing

The North County Transit District has rolled out a free new mobile ticketing app for smart phones. It appeared in the Google store in mid-July and iTunes Store in August.

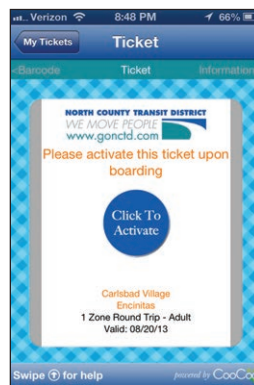
After downloading the app, users must set up an account using an email address and password. It is then possible to store credit card information, bookmark favorite routes, and purchase tickets before you get to the station.

Once your tickets have been purchased, they are available in the My Tickets screen of the app. Before boarding the train, you must activate the ticket, which starts a timer and provides a barcode for the train employees to read with a hand held scanner.

A recent visit to the Carlsbad Village Coaster station showed a marked decrease in people waiting in line at the ticket machines. An informal survey found that nearly half of the passengers had pre-bought their tickets. If you buy tickets via the website, you will be mailed a PDF file with the barcodes for your tickets, which you may then save on your phone or print out on paper.

Coaster employees expressed positive opinions, although they did point out a few pro tips in order to speed the process. First, users should be sure to activate their tickets before the Code Enforcement Officers begin their check, so that the barcode is visible on the user's phone. Also, if you purchase more than one ticket, be sure that you activate them all — as they will each need to be scanned separately. Finally, don't panic if your activation times out. Just give it a few minutes to reset itself, and then activate it again.

One Coaster rider who used the app said it has made riding the train much easier, since he can avoid the morning rush at the machines. But



New North County Transit ticketing app a hit with rush-hour commuters.

he suggested that groups of four or more use the website to get a PDF of their tickets instead. Why? Since each barcode must be scanned separately, it's easier if they are all on one page, rather than having to swipe your phone screen back and forth three times for each ticket. On a busy route, this saves everyone time.

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#### Safer without the carnies Oktoberfest is serious this year

The city council on August 13 unanimously approved a special-use permit for the Oktoberfest that will be held October 4-6. There won't be any carnival rides at the event sponsored by the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and the La Mesa Merchants Village Association. There will be signs posted outside the family-friendly beer garden to inform attendees that "all persons under 21" must be accompanied by someone 21 or older. Signs will also state that "all property is subject to inspection."

Property includes purses, backpacks, and gym bags, said chamber president Mary England.

The chamber runs the beer garden in the public parking lot on Allison Avenue and a food court at the corner of Fourth Street and La Mesa Boulevard. The association is responsible for the La Mesa Boulevard street

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## Holler From your 'hood

**Balboa Park — The outdoor organ is played for an hour on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. It's a free event that happens rain or shine. The last Monday night concert of the summer is August 26 at 7:30 p.m. Carol Williams plays the Blues! Bring a jacket and some padding for your seat. Again, it's free.**

— dlwatib, August 22

**El Cajon — This family wants to give a big shout out to the area firefighters. We were at Camino Canada last week when fire broke out on the mountain behind Vons. We also witnessed a fire across Highway 8 this week. Coming from an unincorporated area we were pleasantly surprised and amazed of the teamwork exhibited by several fire departments that responded to the call. Thank you so much for all you do!**

— kds3612, August 22

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# Life's Tripod

One of the most troubling aspects of “living in the fast lane” is that there is no exit. There is no slowing down. The only way to stop is to crash.

In the real world, I'd shake my head at any person who survived a wreck and then, the moment he was able to get behind the steering wheel again, revved right back to 90 mph. *Didn't he learn anything?* I'd wonder, assuming it's a guy because I believed that only men could be that reckless. At least that's what I thought until it happened to me.

My crash came in the form of severe illness brought about by stress. Despite having counseled friends on the necessity of maintaining life's tripod (self, friends/family, work) for personal health and stability, I recently found myself teetering on just the one leg — work. Having lopped off the other two, all it took was a small nudge, one particularly stressful day, to tip me over. After years of not suffering from so much as a sniffle, I found myself bedridden for days with fever and then bleeding out of one ear (an inner-ear infection caused my eardrum to rupture).

I continued to work while sick. People were demanding things of me, and deadlines had to be met. But all the while, in the back of my mind, old adages — sentiments I used to preach — began percolating to the forefront of my mind. Such as, “Nobody ever says on their deathbed, I wish I'd spent more time at the office.”

I vowed to restore balance to my life, once I got better. But no one fools me more easily than me. The moment I got a clean bill of health, I was back to packing my calendar with

back-to-back meetings and overlapping deadlines. My hearing was restored (“perfect” was the word the doctor used, but David insisted he should have said “nominal,” mostly because my man hates it when I ask him to repeat himself, and now I had a professional's opinion to support my theory that David just speaks too quietly). Also, my blood pressure clocked in at 121/80, which, I learned, is “optimal.”

“You know what this means,” I said to David as we walked back to the car from the doctor's office. “I've adapted. My body's so used to stress it doesn't even raise my blood pressure any more.” I meant it as a joke, but I wondered if there was a part of me that did in fact believe I wasn't stressed enough.

My ridiculous work schedule had led me to put off family and friends for months, but this past weekend, I finally accepted an invitation to dinner with a few close friends. I was looking forward to a little break on a Saturday evening, but in the back of my mind I was calculating the

additional hours I'd have to make up for on Sunday.

In answer to the usual, “What have you been up to” query, I cringed a little when I heard myself say, “Work. Just work. I mean, it's fun and I love it, but... yeah, work.” Because these were friends who share my love for travel, food, and wine, they of course asked where David and I had traveled recently, and where we were planning to go next. “I almost went to Martha's Vineyard for David's show,” I said. “But I couldn't fly because of my ear.”

“You need to be sure to take some time for yourself,” said Ben.

Jessica agreed. “Totally — we're taking an ‘emergency vacation’ next week.” When I started to explain how I didn't have time for a break, Jessica cut me off: “How many days were you incapacitated when you got sick? I'm telling you, take a break. Even a little one will save you a lot of grief. You need breaks, or else you'll burn out.”

Jessica works in web design. She explained how, in a job that seems to run 24/7, it's up to her to set boundaries around her work to make sure she's tending to her own needs, and not just those of her clients.

“For so many years, I just did my own thing,” I said. I went on to kvetch about how fatiguing it was to have to work with other people, especially those who don't keep the same hours as I do. In recent months, I've found myself responding to texts received after midnight (seriously, folks, unless you're in the hospital and I'm your emergency contact, put that shit in an

email).

“I once worked with an ex-Marine-turned executive who handled multi-billion-dollar accounts,” said Ben. “His phone was always blowing up, but he never seemed to get agitated by it. Once, when I asked him how he handled the pressure, he laughed and said, ‘I've been shot at. This is nothing.’ I always wondered if he doesn't get fazed because he was in the Marines, or if he was in the Marines because he doesn't get fazed.”

“Yeah, it's not like I deliver babies,” I said. “I've got deadlines, but that doesn't mean anyone's going to actually die. I think I might need to unplug for a few days. I just can't figure out when I can free up some down time.”

“It's so easy to say, ‘I'll just get this done and then I'll relax,’” said Ben. “But that never happens. It's a fallacy. The work never goes away. So you've got to schedule it to make sure you get your Barb-time.”

The next morning, while still horizontal, I automatically reached for my phone. But then I paused while my arm was still hanging over the bed. Ben's words resonated in my head. I'd grown accustomed to starting work the moment I became conscious. Before pulling back the covers, I'd be checking my calendar and email and reporting to a groggy-eyed David all the things we had to deal with that day. Maybe, I mused, emails and texts could wait until I was actually vertical. Or — and this was a crazier notion — until

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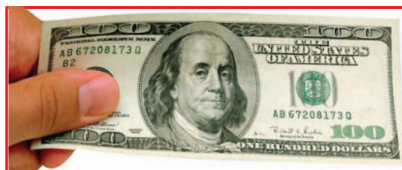
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Almost factual news

## Golden Girl

Transcript of conversation between Feelner and latest accuser, a great-grandmother, gives clue as to source of \$11K debt on mayor's city credit card.

Baby, I've put over \$11,000 on the City Credit Card for you.

When are you gonna give me some of that cave-aged cheddar?

Easy there, Mr. Big Spender.

**G-GILF**

I can remember when \$11,000 would buy a three-bedroom house.

Sweetie, you aren't getting any younger. Who knows how much time we have left?

C'mon and let Kid Filner rattle your old bones.

Careful, boy. My eyes are still sharp enough to read the news-paper.

**G-GILF**

I'd say I've got more time left than you have.

THAT'S COLD



## Jack in the Basement

North Park residents propose alternate design for contested Jack in the Box remodel

Proposed design would take drive-through traffic through underground structure, keep remodel "more in tune with neighborhood ethos."

CORNER OF URBAN AUTHENTICITY AND GENTRIFICATION, NORTH PARK — "I'll admit it," says North Park resident/activist/resident activist Kyle Buchanan, "there are times, usually late at night and after I've had a few too many artisan cocktails at Urban Solace, when I can't be bothered to fire up my Food Truck Tracker app and locate some wee-hours grub. I just want to own my inner corporate whore and get down on a burger and fries. If the corporation in question has a mildly amusing advertising sensibility, so much the better. So, yeah, Jack in the Box."

But, says Buchanan, "that proposed remodel on 30th is seriously uncool. Especially the drive through. Can you imagine what the sight of a line of cars, just idling and burning gas, would do to North Park's credibility as San Diego's hipster enclave? It'd be one thing if they had a bikes-only window, but it's a safe bet that's not going to happen."

Also a problem, says Buchanan: the prominent branding and goofy design sensibility that accompanies so many fast-food establishments. "Here in North Park, the people are their own brands. Just because they carry iPhones doesn't mean they're Appleseeds, and just because they eat at Jack in the

Box doesn't mean they want to be seen strolling in under a 20-foot backlit logo."

In light of these concerns, Buchanan and some friends got blazed one night and came up with an alternative design plan for the restaurant, one that might satisfy all concerned. "They still get to keep their drive-through, and they get all the additional square footage they wanted. And we get to keep our neighborhood the way we like it. We call it Jack in the Basement. Above ground, it'll look like a one-story warehouse, the sort that might be hosting an impromptu poetry slam. No windows, no signage, just a single steel door for pedestrians and a ramp for cars. Walkers will eat on the ground floor. Drivers will head down like it's a parking garage, only they'll be picking up their food down there and then driving out the other side."

Buchanan admits that "we haven't heard back yet from Jack or the Mayor, but that's mostly because we haven't actually submitted the proposal. We figure that if they're ready for it, they'll come looking for us. We hope we can make this happen, so that when friends ask where we like to get fast food, we can still say, 'It's this really obscure burger joint; you have to know where it is.'"

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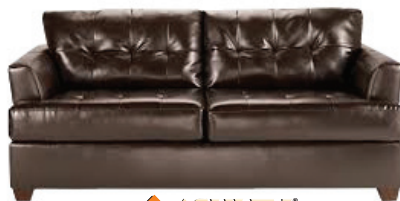
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# Street Style

BY SIOBHAN BRAUN

## Denim Signatures

At Fashion Valley Mall, I ran into three women with their own unique take on denim.

Twenty-six-year-old Missy Harper, used denim as a subtle backdrop for her jewelry and leather ankle boots. Harper works at Lucky Jean Company. Everything she wore was Lucky other than her Tiffany Bead Bracelet (\$200), Hand in Hand Kate Spade Idiom Bangle (\$58), Tiffany heart lock bracelet (\$350), Michael Kors watch, and



JESSICA CLUM



MISSY HARPER



YESENIA GODINEZ

B.P necklace.

Her Leather Lucky Brand boots retail for \$129. When asked what her least favorite fashion statement is, Harper's response was, "Hammer pants. I can't stand them!" Meanwhile, Yesenia Godinez took a

less subtle approach with her denim. The 20-year-old cosmetologist/florist wore mustard yellow Urban Outfitters BDG jeans (retail for \$39) paired with a striped crop top. Her faux pearl and rhinestone earrings are from Forever 21 (\$1.80).

Everything Godinez wore, including her purse, was raided from her roommate's closet. Her top, once a too-small-for-her dress, was recently hacked in half transforming it into a belly-baring tank top. Godinez's favorite store is Urban Outfitters.

Jessica Clum channeled the 1960s in her flower-child peasant top, lace headpiece, and denim cut-off short-shorts. The 19-year-old works as a sales clerk at the Fashion Valley Urban Outfitters. Her floral shirt is by Pins and Needles and retails for \$59. She wore a Pins and Needles lace-trimmed bandeau (\$16 or 2 for \$20). Clum's shorts are American Eagle and her headband is from Francesca's (\$12).

Her least favorite current trend is chunky wedges, aka stripper heels. ■

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POST TITLE: **I Was A Rock Star, Part Two**

POST DATE: **March 22, 2013**

Because I was my father's only daughter and had learned years before how to work him, I used my sweetest daddy's girl voice

to explain how famous I was going to be, and he eventually gave in to my request to let our newly founded band practice in the playroom — on the following conditions: (1) we would enter and exit using the outside door, and (2) the guys were not allowed to come in the house or use the restroom.

Come rehearsal day, Chubb showed up first. As ordered, he entered from the outside gate. Slink and No Hand followed shortly after. My body was present, but thanks to the booze and pills, the overall package was a steaming hot mess.

Unsteady and full of ego, my onstage accoutrements consisted of a grungy T-shirt and raggedy goldenrod colored gym trunks that dangled from my hips because they were so tattered and torn. I even did the Steven Tyler scarf-on-the-microphone thing.

We spent the first 15 minutes arguing over what to play, until I slurred yet another reminder about the rehearsal space. "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" won out, of course. The next 15 to 20 minutes were spent figuring out the arrangement. I already knew the words, so I played Miss Bossypants until they got so irritated they had to shut me up.

Finally, the axe players were set. I tried very hard to focus and No Hand counted us in. After about ten bars of something so horrific that a deaf person wouldn't want to feel the vibrations, No Hand waved us to a stop.

Never in the history of American wannabe garage bands has a group of so-called musicians single-handedly massacred a tune the way we did Benatar's. Maybe it was the

drummer. Oh yeah, we didn't have one. (We had figured we'd eventually work him in when the time was right.)

Remember what I said about my singing? Dousing a lack of talent with alcohol and painkillers does not a singer make. I slurred my way through less than 15 bars of the song

and was already more than half a beat off. Don't ask about my pitch. It was my best shot, but I couldn't have hit the right notes if I stood 12 inches away.

Like I said, I could carry a tune. That's different from singing with a band. I knew the lyrics and the melody when Benatar

sang it. It was a whole different story when I stepped up to the mic.

No Hand complained about how bad we sucked and Slink joined in. "Hey, why don't we come up with a name," I offered.

"Yeah," Slink said.

Rock divas first: "How about Steel Wagon?"

"Sounds great if you're Dolly Parton's backup band," Chubb deadpanned.

"We should call ourselves Rock of Ages," Mr. Santana said.

"How about Black Stone Band," Slink pitched.

"That sucks," I mumbled. And so it went. With each round, every member of our nameless band came up with a name more wrong than the one before. No Hand finally got so pissed off he quit. Then Slink.

They loaded out and split. Me and Chubb stayed and tried to hit the tune with our best shot, but we didn't get far.

Rock and roll music changed my life and continues to do so. But my first and only band broke up before we could agree on a name, and I never became a famous rock icon. Still, for one or two hours, through alcohol addiction, a serious lack of singing talent, and sheer delusion, I was a rock star.

I was Mick Jagger in his purse-lipped prime. I was Benatar. No matter how delusional, no matter how drunk, I was a rock star, living the dream.

Man was it worth it.

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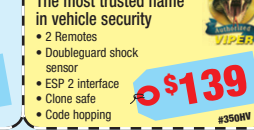
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# Crasher

## HOPS OVER THE BORDER

by Chad Deal

**I**f the idea of craft beer in Baja is new to you, you aren't alone. But now, more than ever, it's time to catch up. As any southbound San Diegan knows, the selection of suds in Tijuana and beyond has historically been limited to a less-than-dazzling assortment of what amounts to Mexican Coors and Budweisers, thanks to a duopoly dominated by foreign conglomerates Grupo Modelo and Cerveceria Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma, owned by Anheuser-Busch InBev (Belgium) and Heineken (Holland), respectively.

But all that is about to change.

Last month, the Asociación de Cerveza Artesanal de Baja California hosted the Baja Beer Fest on Avenida Revolución, highlighting over 40 microbreweries in a two-day jubilee that touted a taste of the teas that will soon be available in south-of-the-border stores, bars, and even — with any luck — on tap in San Diego's favorite hop holes.

The Great Baja Crap Beer Tapout of 2013 is all thanks to a recent ruling by the Federal Commission for Fair Competition (CFC) that has opened the swinging saloon doors to craft beer after decades of calculated pricing structures designed to repress anything but lousy — albeit refreshing —



Tijuana cumbia mutants La Diabla channel the dance.

Mexican beer.

"Alcohol permits can be prohibitively expensive and are owned by the duopoly breweries, then leased to the bar and liquor-store owners in order to protect their territory," says Fred Sanchez of Cervezas Artesanales Mexicanas (CeArMex), a Chula Vista-based organization that, among other things, is helping Baja breweries negotiate the bureaucratic jitterbug required to import their craft suds

**"Craft brewers are fighting bravely."**

to your neighborhood pub.

"The macros have contractual stipulations that specify that no other brands can be sold on their premises."

Another difficulty that craft brewers face, Sanchez notes, is that inordinately high taxes in Mexico

require microbrewers to jack up the cost of their wares by as much as 44 percent.

"It is an uphill battle, but the craft brewers are fighting bravely and continue to grow and produce phenomenal beer year after year. Things might seem bleak, but things are starting to slowly turn around."

A huge milestone for Baja brewers was reached on July 11, when the CFC decreed that the macros were to reduce their exclusivity contracts to 20 percent of total establishments over the next five years, leaving room for micros to market their craft.

"Municipal governments in Baja have taken it upon themselves to facilitate permits to the brewers and brewpubs in counties like Mexicali in order to fight the stronghold that the two macros have," Sanchez adds.

But what does all this mean for you and your neighborhood pub?



Cerveceria Calafia's East Coast-style IPA was among the best beers at the festival.



Fred Sanchez of CeArMex is helping Baja beers cross north to your neighborhood tap.



Playas de Tijuana-based brewer Carlos Arredondo and his son Valter of Muñeca Prieta Brewing.

Mexicali-based Cucapá and Ensenada's Old Mission brews are already available in the states, and Sanchez says that plans are in the works to bring more Mexican micros to bars such as Hamilton's in South Park and Press Box Sports Lounge in Rancho San Diego. However, a number of obstacles still stand between San Diego bars and Baja brewers.

"There is a lot of interest in the Baja breweries, but some of the most popular ones have a very small production when compared to some of the U.S. up-and-comers... the investment capital isn't there yet. Another big factor is the high tariffs that they have to pay in order to import the basic materials



Chilean-style sausage vendors dish out the cheese.

to produce beer."

Because of this, Baja has already become Mexico's de facto craft-beer barrel; yeast, hops, and barley can be picked up from San Diego suppliers and then driven south without being subjected to crippling import fees. But this is just the beginning.

"The tide is slowly turning in Mexico," says Sanchez, "thanks to the passion and quality of products that the craft brewers have." ■

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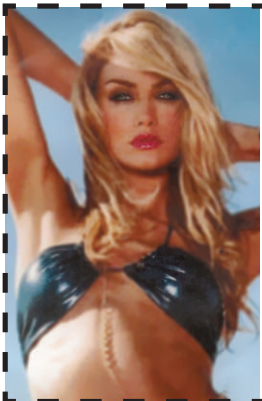
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A placard tacked to the top of one of Kensington Video's shelving units reads: "Winnie's Picks." Named for Winnie Hanford — store owner, matriarch, and all around Queen of Kensington — regulars recognize it as the ultimate stamp of approval.

Not all of the films sanctioned by Winnie undergo a rigorous screening process. Such was the case several years ago, when, while scrambling to fill a few empty slots, Winnie ran across a copy of the Gillian Anderson thriller *Closure*.

Winnie's son Guy's eyes bulged like the Wolf's peepers in a Tex Avery cartoon. "You sure about that one, Mom?" he asked. "It's about the violent assault of a woman and the brutal revenge she enacts against her assailants. It's fairly rough stuff."

"Good heavens, no," Winnie gasped, fingertips pressed to her

lips. After plucking the objectionable title from the stacks, she took it home for a private screening. The next day, she returned the box to its rightful place among the elite.

Sometimes the show in the store is better than the one onscreen.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Kensington Video, the little gift shop on Adams Avenue that evolved into a world-class movie-lover's paradise. The thriving family-run business has had enough mom-and-pop (and brother-and-sister) snap and crackle in it to live on

long after clamshell cases and box art were supplanted by hard drives and mirrored discs, titles scrawled in Sharpie across the top.

Meanwhile, Blockbuster and Hollywood Video have shuttered

**"Aside from looking over the 'new releases' shelf, you'd be hard pressed to tell what year it is."**

their local outlets. Owner and buyer Guy Hanford understands why. "When

you went into a Blockbuster or Hollywood to rent a film, you never engaged in personal conversation

with the employees. The owners were never there. Here, there's always an owner, and a staff with a wide-ranging knowledge of movies. We have people who come in here and share their lives with us."

Winnie and Rich Hanford, both 85, closed their family business in St. Louis — an old-school general store where, Rich says, Winnie "sold everything from Levi's to bologna that I sliced by hand" — and moved to San Diego in February 1963. The couple had gotten their first taste of San Diego while on vacation, and like so many, fell in love with the weather



and decided to return and set down roots.

Guy was 14 and his sister Pam 11 when the family took ownership of Guddy's Gift Shop on Adams Avenue and changed the name to the generic Kensington Gift Shop. (Well, anything was better than Gud-

over a business that was poorly run. While I was at Ward's, Winnie was building this place up."

Guy was working as an assistant principal at a Ramona Intermediate School when the prospect of opening a video store presented itself. It was the early 1980s, and he

**"We owned the building. It's air-conditioned. We've got registers and counters, everything is here. Let's try it here."**

dy's.) Winnie minded the store, while Rich found employment at Montgomery Ward. A born salesman, he'd been hired as a display manager but was soon promoted to head of hardware. He didn't make a lot of money, but as Winnie is quick to point out, "We didn't come from a lot of money. We didn't need any more income, because we're very frugal. We were raised in the Depression, and we're not frivolous people. We live very simple: our business is our life, and I live for this business. It has always been that way."

Former high-school sweethearts Rich and Winnie have spent the past 67 years in happily-ever-after-land. Rich describes their relationship as "a give and take. You're not always right, and you're not always wrong, and sometimes you have to stand up for what's right and the other person respects that." He credits his wife's business acumen for keeping them in the building. "She took

recalls feeling a lot of job-related stress. Maintaining balance in his life was a constant struggle. "My secretary at the time also worked in a video store in Poway, and she suggested that I open up one of my own."

Guy broached the subject with Rich, never dreaming that Winnie would offer up the card shop as a home base. "Guy is the one who had the idea," says Rich. "He thought that home video might be the coming thing. Nobody really knew." Winnie gave the go-ahead to start the business, but as Rich remembers, there was one stipulation. "It had to be in this building, because she would not allow Guy to take me out of the store."

Winnie scoffs: "Guy thought that he and Rich would go up the coast. [But] we owned the building. It's air-conditioned. We've got registers and counters, everything is here. Let's try it here."

In 1983, a sign reading "Half-Off Sale" was taped to the front win-

dow of the Kensington Gift Shop. Collectors, seizing the opportunity, cleared the shelves of their Gorham crystal and Hummels. Empty video-display boxes replaced the pricey tchotchkes.

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CUT TO:

1 EXT. KENSINGTON GIFT SHOP — MID-NIGHT — 1983

We hold for a beat before slowly fading to black.

FADE IN:

2 EXT. KENSINGTON VIDEO — DAWN — 1983

"Dad and I broke all the rules of business," Guy remembers. "I was a partner right from the very beginning. We had long hours; initially I worked nights and on weekends. We were open until 8:30 every night, seven days a week. We did not pull one dollar in salary for the first year. The rent was free, so everything went right back into the business."

There was one piece missing from the equation: Guy's sister, Pam. She and her future hus-

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band, Willie Cisneros, had moved to Colorado in 1975, where the couple made it legal in 1977. Three children later, they were living in Denver when Kensington Video opened its doors. “My husband and I moved back here from Denver in 1988,” Pam says, “and I became part of the team.”

The Kensington Gift Shop measured approximately 3000 square feet. A temporary divider was built at the front of the store to separate the cards from the cassettes. If you look closely where the wall changes color, about ten paces from the entrance, you can see where the burgeoning video store was once separated from the dying gift shop. In 1990, Winnie convinced the owner of the adjacent property — at the time a refrigeration outlet — to sell. She



**Brother/sister team Guy and Pam continue to keep Kensington Video all in the family.**

made an offer \$4000 shy of what the owner had in mind, but the two came to a meeting of the minds once Winnie agreed to

pay the difference.

But two storefronts were not enough for Winnie — today, Kensington Video, tomorrow, the

Ken Club! Winnie smiles as she recalls, “I always fought so much for parking in the back. The men next door picked on me.

They loved to give me a hard time because Rich wasn’t with me; he was working someplace else. There were only five spots out back, two of which were mine, and they were making my life miserable

cash and were able to buy it.”

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What began with 250 tapes (200 VHS, 50 Beta) has since ballooned to a collection that boasts

**“One day I’ll own the Kensington Club, and you won’t be able to do that to me.”**

over them. I told them, ‘One day I’ll own the Kensington Club, and you won’t be able to do that to me.’ When the lease expired, they had first rights [to purchase], since they owned [the club], but they couldn’t come up with the money. Luckily, this came about at a time where we had

approximately 65,000 titles. The only comparable video-rental businesses left in the game are Chicago’s Facets Multimedia, Eddie Brandt’s Saturday Matinee in North Hollywood, and Seattle’s Scarecrow Video, which is currently home to the largest movie-rental inventory in the

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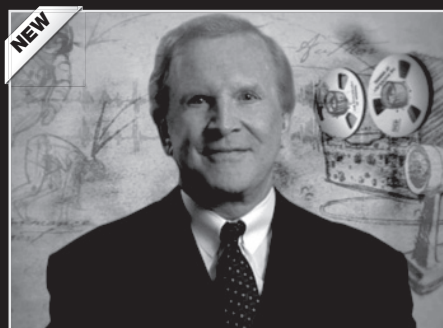
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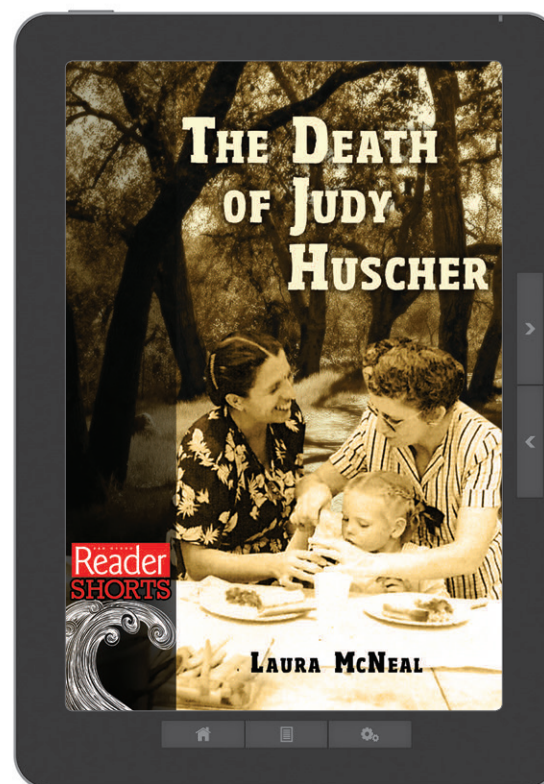
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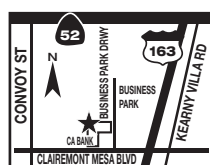
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country.

The erosion of theatrical exhibition began in the late '70s, when the first wave of video-cassette recorders invaded America's homes. The Hanfords were riding the cusp of a boom. But at the time the family swapped trinkets for tapes, only ten percent of the population owned either a VCR or Betamax player. "Some people who didn't even have a VHS machine bought memberships," Guy laughs. "They felt sorry for us. They thought we'd lose our shirts, that we didn't have a clue."

The revival house of yesteryear became the video store of tomorrow. Every film geek in the land was their own living-room booker, programmer, and publicist. Instead of curtains, balcony seating, and a 70-foot screen to get lost in, movies were distributed to home theaters in rectangular black plastic coffins for licensed exhibition on 25-inch Sony Trinitrons. Art house or outhouse, it was up to viewer to decide what direction they wanted their living room to go in.

There was a time when one could purchase a 16-mm print of a feature for almost as much as it cost to buy a prerecorded video cassette. "You and

I remember when videotapes were expensive," says Guy, as I nod in agreement. "Whatever people are paying nowadays is a bargain. They complain about having to pay \$20 for a DVD, but when home video started, most VHS tapes sold for \$75. *Platoon* was the first

Guy deadpans. An electronic members' inventory exists, but when it comes to keeping a database of titles in stock, it's all in the heads of the Hanfords.

Come to think of it, in the store's 30-year history as a video retailer, there has been only one

## "Poor Daniel. I love him dearly, but he talked too much in the parking lot."

one to hit the \$100 mark."

Although the list of rental titles continues to evolve, much of the store stands frozen in time. "Aside from looking over the 'new releases' shelf," says Guy, "you'd be hard pressed to tell what year it is by coming into the store." Kensington continues to charge a nominal fee for new members, something most rental outlets abandoned decades ago. The Proton television set pumping out an uninterrupted flow of Turner Classic Movies dates back to 1990. Rental slips are handwritten; you need a computer to produce computer printouts. "Mom believes that computers are just a fad,"

major modification. Last year the Hanfords announced they'd all decided to close shop one day a week. At the time Pam reassured me, "We are not closing our doors on Sundays due to a lack of business. We like to have a family member present at all times. With my parents Rich and Winnie getting up in years, [the day off] gives us a little wiggle room to spend our Sundays together as a family."

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Every Saturday morning, Jan Houghton makes a weekly pilgrimage from La Jolla to Kensington Video to rent a stack of BBC programs, docu-

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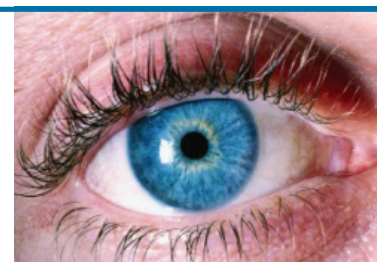
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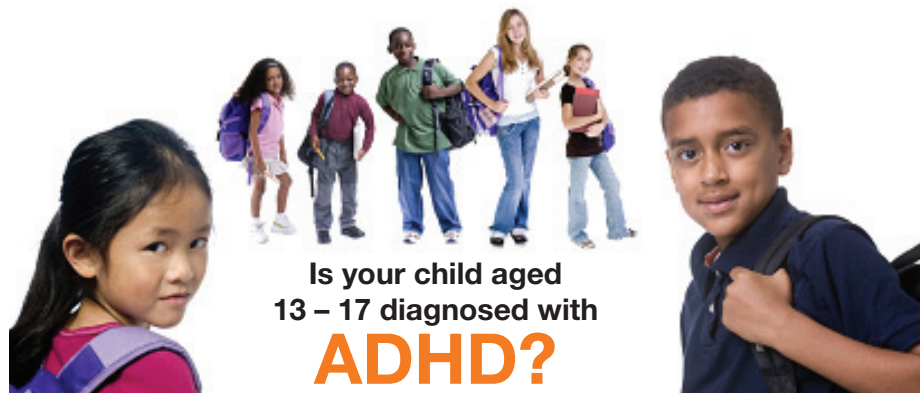
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mentaries, and other high-end fare. "My husband and I have been doing it for ten years," she tells me while Guy checks her out. "They have the best there is, and we're very picky." Jan is familiar with Netflix but finds it "so impersonal. What I love about this place is the way they welcome us, and take an interest and remember what we want. This is very family oriented, and it's our responsibility to encourage people to support it."

In spite of its billing as a family-run business, Winnie frowns upon any of her seven grandchildren working in the store: "They don't want to work for Grandma. I fired one. Poor Daniel. I love him dearly, but he talked too much in the parking lot, and we needed him to move those cars. He loved to visit with patrons, and he caused a big something to happen, and I said, 'You're not working here anymore. Go home.' Another grandson, Matthew, worked inside. He loves movies and could not stop watching the TV. He could take home any movie he wanted, but he could not take his eyes off the TV while he worked."

I was almost "fired" as a customer for a similar offense. Kensington Video was one of the



**Rich and Winnie's one-time tchotchke shop is now a movie-lover's paradise.**

first places I was alerted to after moving to town 14 years ago. There was a college student I'd met at the Museum of Photographic Arts who worked the video-store counter, and we would kibitz about movies whenever I dropped in. Around the third visit, I noticed Winnie shooting me dirty looks out of the corner of her eye. "Young man," she snapped, though I was pushing 50 at the time, "my staff is here to work, not entertain you with talk about movies."

Winnie's stern admonition might've scared

some people from frequenting the establishment again. Not me. Not only did I come back for more, but with each successive visit I found myself more drawn to Winnie, frequently ignoring the rest of the staff and aiming straight for her. It took courage to recall this incident in Winnie's presence, but she giggled in response. A twinkle in her eye, she said, "I'd yell at you again, if I thought your behavior was hurting business."

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Video was a Vegas showroom, Winnie would be the headline attraction. Who would have thought this saintly, white-haired grandmother — who gives Mrs. Santa Claus a run for the money in the adorable department — speaks fluent Charles Bronson?

“Mom seriously thinks he’s a great actor,” Guy says, doing his best to stifle a chuckle. When I ask the name of the first VHS tape purchased for the store, Guy says, “There were two. *The Sound of Music* and *Death Wish* — because Mom is a big Bronson fan.” The hills are alive!

The side-by-side placement of two cultural institutions, Kensington Video and the Ken Cinema, elevate the status of this little patch of land on Adams just east of the 15

to something akin to a movie lover’s answer to Balboa Park. What does it mean to be anchored next to Landmark’s single-screen landmark? “The Ken brings a lot of foot traffic to the avenue,” Guy says, “and that means more customers to discover us for the first time. It’s a perfect place to hang out before the movie.”

One of the more frustrating aspects of this business is the unavailability of a number of films that have never made it to DVD. “Don’t throw away your VHS machine,” Guy jokes. “We have somewhere around 5000 videos that have never been put on DVD.”

How is it that the proprietor of a top-flight video store, a woman who has every Charles Bron-

son picture committed to memory, has never set aside the time to watch such teeth-cutting classics as *Gone With the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz*, or *Citizen Kane*? This is the only time during our conversation that the otherwise boisterous Win-

## “Mom seriously thinks [Charles Bronson] is a great actor.”

nie lowers her voice. “I shouldn’t have told you that,” she says. But the remorseful tone doesn’t last long. “This is a business, Scott,” Winnie says, as if that particular nugget of information had somehow leaked from my memory and run out my ear. “I’m a promoter,

and you know that. Certain films sell themselves and don’t need my help. That’s the main reason I’ve never watched them.”

Kensington Video has never offered adult movies, a choice that Guy admits “paid the bills for every other mom and

video store. They would not take a step in that direction, and I respected their wishes.”

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Guy tells the story of a woman who recently came into the store with a list of questions on opening up a video boutique in Escondido specializing in documentaries and foreign films. After learning that the location she has in mind is an old Hispanic neighborhood, Guy advised her to brush up on the films of Pedro Infante and María Félix, two iconic Mexican actors yet to cross the budding video-store owner’s radar.

How does one go about stocking a pond this big? Guy relies largely on “the trades” when selecting titles to line the video cupboards. Upon reflection, Guy concedes

that box-office sales are a prime influence. “You would think that if a film did huge numbers, everyone would have seen it, but no. If it’s number one at the box office, chances are it’s going to be number one on DVD.” He avails himself of several film-related websites and trusts “the input from reviewers on Amazon, particularly on secondary films and art films. You can’t be an expert in every field of cinema. There are certain genres you’re just not interested in, so why pursue it?”

Guy never subscribed to the Blockbuster philosophy of “deep and narrow” purchasing. Instead of bringing in 50 copies of ten different titles, he broadens the variety by picking up one copy of 50 different pictures. He knows the store has

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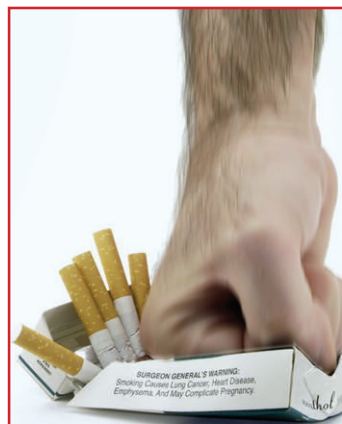
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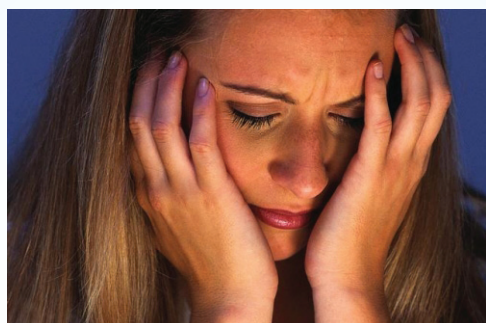
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several advantages over Netflix. “People don’t know what they want to watch today, let alone three days from now. Some people still like to browse the stacks and hold the boxes in their hands.” Guy laughs off a mention of Red Box. Though their rental fee is one-third of what Kensington Video charges, Red Box will never pose a threat. Try finding Sacha Guitry’s *The Pearls of the Crown* or Humphrey Jennings’s *Listen to Britain* in the colorful tin canister to the left of a 7-Eleven entranceway.

Generally slow to embrace new formats, Kensington’s “customer base is also slow to react,” Guy says. The store doesn’t stock digital copies of every film that’s made the jump from VHS to DVD, or DVD to Blu-ray. A large percentage of their customer base does not own a Blu-ray player. (“We love the Blu-ray combo packs,” Guy is quick to add.)

“You have to be selective,” he says. “There are a lot of dogs out there. You have to know the film’s history, and whether you can recall anybody asking for it or renting it. Are we going to shell out \$15 for every replacement video? No. You have to know your customer base and the right call to make.” And don’t expect to find a 3D copy of *Hugo* beaming from a point-of-purchase display. “If we were to bring in 3D, we’d be lucky if we rented one a week. The demand just isn’t there.”

It’s not all about the video rentals. The Hanfords are also a community-minded lot eager to offer their services to neighborhood organizations. Pam is on the board of the Adams Avenue Business Association,

while her brother holds a similar position on the board of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group.

There’s a different world going on inside the doors of Kensington Video, one worth visiting. Just don’t get too chummy with the counter staff.

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Reflections on Kensington:

Rich: “Kensington has transitioned to a little village atmosphere. It

changed. The sidewalks used to roll up in this town at 8:00 p.m. Today the area is vibrant until 10:00 or 11:00. The Ken Club used to be the only place to get a social drink, and now we’ve got probably 12 to 15 places. The neighborhood is starting to become a restaurant row. Parking is always going to be a premium.”

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Kensington Video Trivia:

Their current member’s database lists close to 60,000 active and non-

**“If we had to make money off of [adult films], there’d have been no video store.”**

wasn’t that way when we first got here. Restaurants, bars, a movie theater; there are now so many things you can find here.”

Winnie: “[At one time] you could have played football out on Adams Avenue. Today, you have to run for your life to get across the street. I can’t say that it’s changed as far as the warmth of the people go. The only thing that has significantly changed is the age of the residents. When I first opened the gift shop, our clientele was in their 40s and 50s. Now we’ve got 20s and 30s and a lot of kids. I [can] tell by my Hallmark Cards. I was selling cards to grandparents. It was years before I had to stock mommy and daddy cards, and I didn’t sell much in the way of children’s birthday cards, either. Our biggest seller was sympathy cards.”

Guy: “The density and traffic has also

active members.

The store opened its doors in 1983 with a stock of 250 tapes (200 VHS, 50 Beta).

Cost of a one-day rental in 1983: \$2.50. Cost of a one-week rental in 2013: \$2.78 (\$3 for new releases).

The collection currently stands at 65,000 DVDs and VHS tapes. If they don’t rent it, chances are you don’t need to see it.

The collection is housed, floor-to-ceiling, in a 1200-square-foot space not open to the public.

First acquisitions: *Death Wish* and *The Sound of Music* (best viewed as a double bill).

The one title that’s never left the store: Joe E. Brown in *The Tender Years*.

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# When the music's over

**T**hey shut down the music program here in 2000." Emily Gray is Crawford High School's new music teacher. She was hired to restart the music program. "At the beginning of the year, we had no instruments. So I taught the students about music theory. I taught them how to read notes. Then, when some money was freed up, we got recorders [those little plastic whistle-like things]. At one point, I had 70 recorders all at one time in class. I thought my ears were gonna explode."

In the band room, there are a dozen music stands of every description and a few chairs arranged in a semicircle. The instrument lockers hang open and empty. The classroom looks as if it's been pilfered, and in a way, it was. "The instruments went away to La Jolla High School in 2000," says Gray.



Michael Benge plays trombone with the B-Side Players and is also the associate music director at Helix High School.

Crawford can only afford to pay Gray for 67 percent of her time. (The remaining 33 percent of her work week is spent teaching music at Lincoln High School.) Gray says her beginning band class is restricted to sharing those recorders, but the 16 students enrolled in intermediate band class have the use of whatever

conventional instruments she's been able to cobble together via donations.

"Two flutes, three clarinets, three alto saxes, two tenor saxes, three trumpets, some percussion, and a trombone." The trombone is made from PVC, the same material used for irrigation pipes. Plastic, not brass. "They only cost 150 bucks,"

Gray says, "and they sound great."

In March, the San Diego Unified School District, of which Crawford is a part, received a Best Communities in Music Education Award; as such, it was named one of the best places in the country to get a music education. Other school districts across the country — 306 of them — likewise received a Best Communities in Music Education Award, bestowed by the National Association of Music Merchants in Carlsbad. The winners were selected from a pool of over 2000 applicants.

The award was established in 1999 to recognize schools for keeping music alive in their curriculums. Winners are culled from surveys designed to measure things like fundraising, instruction time, and facilities. School districts reaching the 80th percentile and above are deemed winners.

According to the association, areas in which the San Diego Unified School District especially stood out included budgetary commitment to music, opportunities to learn music, the presence of certificated music teachers, adherence to state and national standards, types of musical experiences offered, and opportunities for performance and competition.

Not everybody involved in the business of music education in San Diego agrees.

"When we heard about the award, we said,

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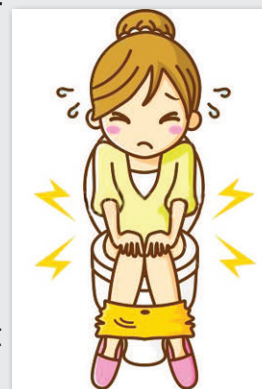
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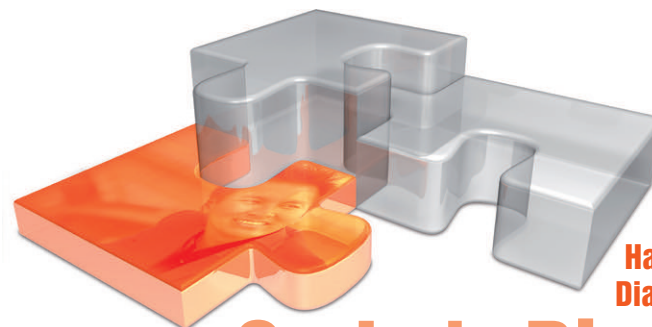
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‘How could this happen?’” Mitchell Way is director of instrumental music at Helix High School in La Mesa, in the neighboring Grossmont Union High School District. “I get frustrated when I hear stuff like this. The days of having to do music as an elective? They’re over. San Diego may have a good elementary school music program, but most students don’t have anywhere to go after that.”

Michael Benge is associate music director at Helix. “What standard are they using for comparison? When you look at some of the great programs in the Midwest or back east, we don’t even come close. Maybe Poway or North County does, but not San Diego. Did they [SDUSD] get that award just because they exist?”

Mitchell Way:



Emily Gray was hired to restart the music program at Crawford High School.

“There’s only one great [school music] program in San Diego, and that’s Mira Mesa.” Why? Mira Mesa, he explains, has a couple of full-time instructors and offers a variety of music classes.

Benge thinks the Music Merchants award may foster a potentially damaging illusion: “If people think San Diego is one of the best places in the nation for music education, then that tells everybody that we must

be getting enough funding. And that’s not true.”

“Next year, we’ll have music in every single school except Kearny.” Karen Childress-Evans is director of visual and performing arts for the San Diego Unified School District. Why not Kearny? “Because there’s no money for a teacher,” she says. “[My budget] is cut all the time. I’m just below bare bones. They talk about bare bones, but they’ve amputated legs here.”

Emily Gray: “Last year we had a budget of about \$2000 from the school administration and various monetary donations from alumni and other donors. For the coming two years I was given about \$5000 to spend on supplies.”

The Helix High School music program survives on fundraising efforts and donations. “We can only

spend what we bring in,” says Helix Instrumental Music Association President Mike Reed. He says they collected \$83,000 last year and spent \$86,000. “We have a tiny cash reserve.”

**“When we heard about the award, we said, ‘How could this happen?’”**

Childress-Evans explains that school music budgets traditionally come from several sources: ASB fundraisers, unrestricted funding that each [campus] receives from the district, grants, and donations. “Most budgets depend on donations these days, since the district is just beginning to recover from the California

educational-budget crises. Every school is different. For instance, Hoover High School receives significant funding from Price Charities, while Mira Mesa High School does a lot of fundraising. Each school’s prin-

a lot different than districts with only two elementary schools.”

She also points out that hundreds of those same NAMM awards are given each year, but that the San Diego Unified School District was the sole recipient of the Kennedy Center for the Arts and the National School Board Association Award for Arts Education in 2011. “What they said to me was this: they had no idea how we did so much with so little.”

Would Emily Gray agree that San Diego’s music programs are all over the board? “Yes.” But she says there are programs in worse condition than Crawford’s. “And Mira Mesa,” which she agrees has the best program, “started off the same way. In the beginning they had nothing.” Gray, 24, is a Mira Mesa gradu-

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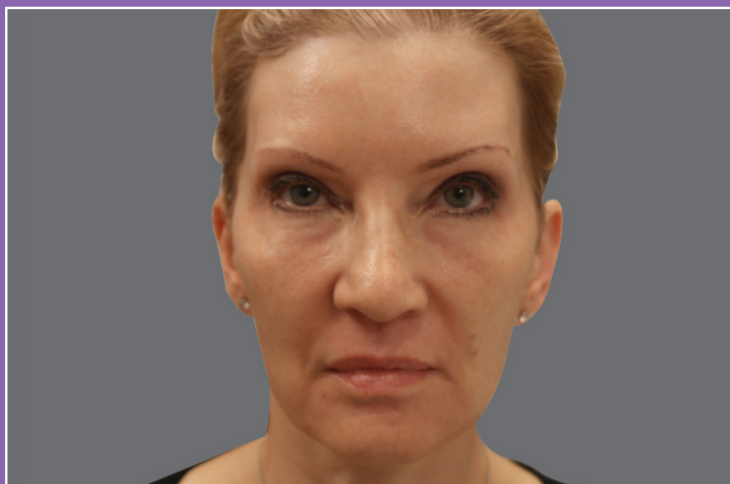
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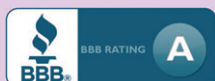
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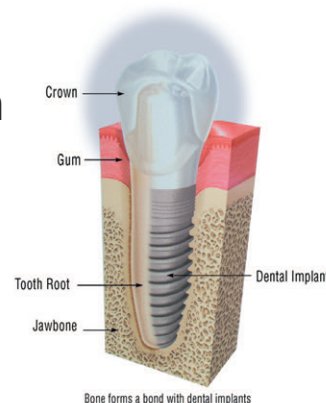
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## Bond bombshell

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largely innuendo about too many cooks in the kitchen, and this was regarding the number of underwriters.... For periods of time they would speak together in Spanish, which I don't speak...."

The upshot of this "bizarre" meeting was that one of the large underwriting companies was dropped, and the percentage that Alta Vista received was upped to 40-to-50 per-

cent according to Richter's testimony.

Alta Vista also wined, dined, and took administrators and employees from Southwestern College on lavish golf excursions. At Southwestern, as well, Alta Vista won a portion of the bond sale. Later, when Cabello went to work for another underwriting company, Cabrera Capital, he was able to take Sweetwater and Southwestern's business with him.

In May of 2012, *California Watch* reported that "in the past five years in Califor-

nia, five major underwriters donated \$1.8 million to help pass 111 ballot measures authorizing \$15.5 billion in debt.... Overwhelmingly, bond underwriters who donate to these campaigns were granted contracts by school districts."

State legislation is being considered that would regulate this relationship, though school districts are lobbying heavily against it.

Trials for the 15 South County trustees, administrators, and vendor/contractors indicted by the grand jury begin in February 2014. ■

## Under the radar

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after Emanuel officials added the firm to a shortlist of companies qualified to seek city contracts under the mayor's municipal marketing program.

"The men's connections to CityScan — formerly known as Government Enhancement Services — are not apparent in the campaign disclosure reports filed with the state by Emanuel's political operation; all three have broader business interests and are listed in the disclosures by their associations to other companies." After the *Tribune* got onto the story, Emanuel's office said the mayor was refunding the campaign cash. According to last week's disclosure filing with the San Diego city clerk's office by the firm's contract lobbyist, El Cajon's

Policy Development Group, CityScan seeks to provide "Lidar technology to conduct sidewalk assessments." No contributions to San Diego politicians are listed.

— Matt Potter  
(@sdmattpotter)

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He said he had read a letter sent to the court by defendant Mary Rose, and "frankly the court found her statement to be insincere, and I have great concern over Mrs. Bodek."

"I want Mrs. Bodek to understand that her claims of caring for other elderly

people fell completely false to me, given who you were stealing from and the destruction that you caused out there, and letting people go to their death knowing that their finances had been ruined and they left nothing for their children," Judge Berry said.

A prosecutor asserted that the Bodeks rented 30 different storage units, and these were full of women's clothing from stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus. The storage units were filled with high-end items such as costly handbags and fur coats; many items appeared un-worn and still had price tags attached, it was alleged. "Some of the clothes appeared to have

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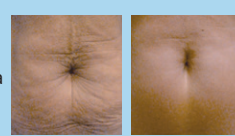
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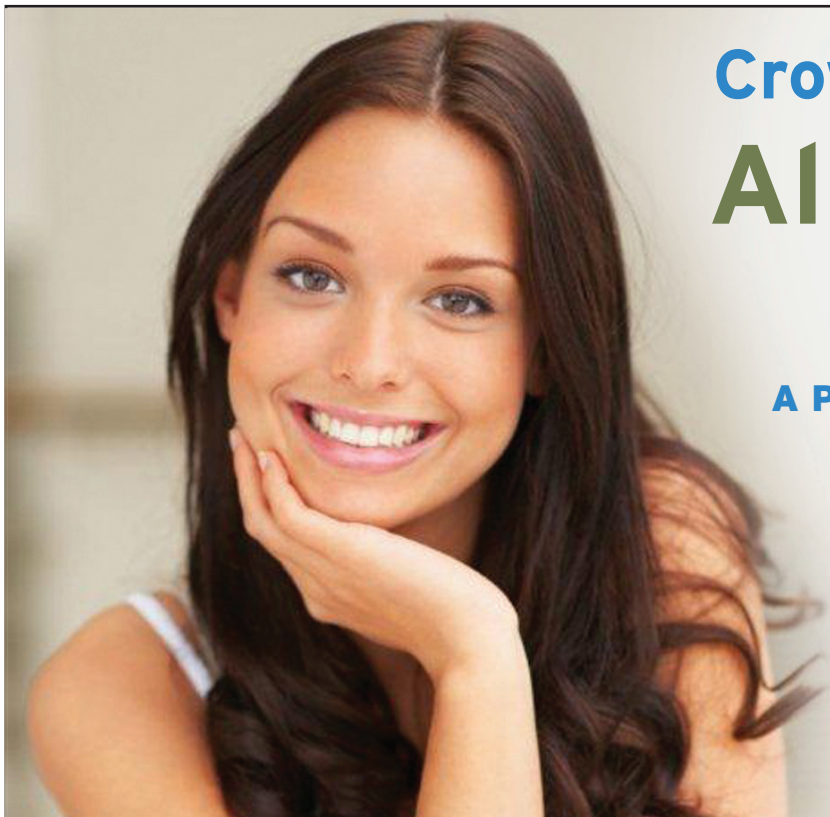
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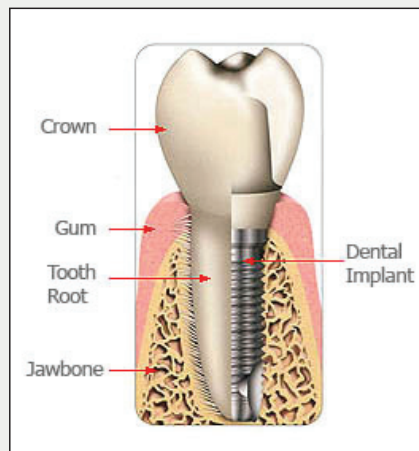
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been bought over 10 years ago," prosecutor Anna Winn stated.

Eva Knott

### Little or no evidence

District Court investigates local police practices

**La Mesa** — Detectives from the La Mesa Police Department are accused of searching the DMV database and collecting driver's license photos of African-American males as a way to locate suspects. A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court on Monday alleges that detectives falsely arrested a man for committing two robberies with little or no evidence other than his driver's license photograph matched the suspect's description.

La Mesa resident, Robert Titus Jr., was arrested for the robberies of two Albertson's grocery stores in 2011.

In the first incident, employees spotted an African-American man leaving the store carrying two bottles of wine. Two months later, employees at a different store saw what detectives believed was the same man stealing a package of hamburger buns and a bottle

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of vodka. On each occasion the suspect was wearing red, leading detectives to believe that the robberies were gang-related.

According to the complaint, detectives scoured through the DMV database to locate a suspect.

"It was the custom, practice, and policy of the La Mesa Police Department to obtain photographs of black males living in the La Mesa area and make them suspects in criminal investigations even though they are not gang members or suspected of any criminal activity," states the complaint.

The complaint goes on to say that Titus Jr. was not a member of any local gang and has a congenital heart condition that "makes the consumption of alcohol a potentially fatal activity."

Dorian Hargrove

### "You shot me!"

**Girlfriend and unborn son die Escondido** — A prosecutor claims that the 21-year-old boyfriend of a pregnant teen pressed the tip of his 9mm Glock semi-automatic against her belly, just above her belly button, and then pulled the trigger.

The bullet did not touch the 16-month-old male

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fetus, but the baby died when the mother died, according to prosecutor Keith Watanabe.

Other persons who were in the Escondido, California apartment at the time of the shooting rushed to the room after they heard the shot. Witnesses said they heard the startled young woman exclaim "You shot me!" Eighteen-year-old Viridiana Rodriguez was standing, facing her boyfriend Ruben Anthony Cepeda, when he apologized and told the pregnant teen "it was an accident," according to witnesses.

Around the timeframe of the shooting, the defendant had been in contact with several former girlfriends, including one 19-year-old woman named Carina who is the mother of his 2-year-old child, prosecutor Watanabe told the jury.

Ruben Cepeda fled the apartment after the shooting. He traveled from Escondido, California to the Mexican border at Otay Mesa, tracked by cell phone usage, the prosecutor said.

Prosecutor Keith Watanabe has charged Ruben Anthony Cepeda, now 22, with two murders for the deaths of 18-year-old Viridiana Rodriguez and her

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16-week-old unborn child.

*Eva Knott*

## Little Darlings not so darling

**Undercover at a strip club**  
*Lemon Grove* — Sheriff's deputies conducted a raid at Little Darlings Gentlemen's Club in Lemon Grove on August 22, which resulted in the arrest of three employees.

Local residents have long complained of prostitution, illegal drug use and sales occurring on the property. Over an eight-month period, detectives from the Narcotics Task Force conducted 12 undercover operations. On 8 of those occasions, dancers or other club employees sold narcotics to the undercover agents, who also "witnessed or were solicited for lewd and lascivious acts for money." Detectives were also sold alcohol during their visits, despite the club not being licensed to sell alcoholic beverages.

Last night a search warrant and four arrest warrants were served at the club shortly before 11 p.m. During a search, deputies seized an undisclosed amount of narcotics, some of which were packaged for sale. One employee was arrested for drug possession, another for possession with intent to sell, and a third on an outstanding warrant.

The investigation is still underway, and the Sheriff's Department says more arrests are likely forthcoming.

*Dave Rice*

## You want this job?

**Nathan Fletcher first to jump into mayor's race**  
*San Diego* — The body isn't quite yet dead, but apparently anticipating the imminent political demise of Democratic mayor Bob Filner in today's vote on a reported departure deal, ex-Republican Nathan Fletcher has been the first to jump into the race to replace him, according to a declaration

dated August 20 and posted online by the San Diego city clerk's office.

Fletcher has gone from a hard scrabble life to San Diego political prince, much of his early adult life being

spent as a Republican party operative and subsequently a GOP Assemblyman.

Expected by insiders to enjoy the backing of La Jolla billionaire and Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs, who

recently gave big money to Hillary Clinton's putative presidential bid, Fletcher has changed from Republican to Independent to Democrat in the space of about a year.

Jacobs political money has been the key, insiders say, to special favors granted Qualcomm by the city.

Even those whom Jacobs and the company haven't

supported in the past are looking for future money from the La Jolla billionaire and his friends, the sources say. Jacobs has been an Obama backer.

*Matt Potter*

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fair consisting of approximately 200 vendors, four food courts, and a small beer court on Nebo Drive.

According to the Oktoberfest website, more than 200,000 people attend Oktoberfest.

England told the council that signs about the age requirement and search policy describe actions implemented in the past. Signs will be posted because this is the first year without the rides that attracted numerous young people last year.

"Safety is an issue," she said. Organizers don't want to "take a chance" that "young people come to La Mesa [and say] 'There's no carnival. Let's see what trouble we can get into.'"

LIZ SWAIN

## ENCINITAS

### No bagels for blue boy Motorcycle cop vows revenge

Local bagel shop owner Steve Amster is pissed again. His July 2012 run-in with a sheriff's motorcycle officer — when he asked the officer to leave his bagel shop's parking lot — may have caught up with him.

Amster says at the time of the 2012 incident, the officer said, "I'll get you down the

road." On August 14 at 6:10 a.m., Amster says deputy Tim Petrachek did just that.

While Amster was pulling out of the 76 station across the street from his bagel shop on El Camino Real, he saw the longtime motorcycle officer pass by, turning left onto El Camino Real. Officer Petrachek was waiting in Amster's parking lot off El Camino Real when Amster pulled in.

The officer wrote Amster two "fix-it" violations for a nonvisible license plate and modified front turn signals on Amster's Honda motorcycle.

"This is clear harassment," says Amster. "He is a terrorist to the community, just making revenue for the city."

Sgt. Tony O'Boyle, Officer Petrachek's superior, believes that someone with an attitude, like perhaps what Amster's may have been the morning of the incident, probably led to him not walking away with just a warning. Amster plans to take the case to trial.

Disclosure: I first met Officer Petrachek "formally" in 1999 while speeding 62 mph in a 45 mph zone along Coast Highway 101. Unbeknownst to me, Petrachek wrote the ticket "soft" — violating the Basic Speed Law (never drive faster than safe) — versus 17 mph over the speed limit. The difference saved me about \$100 in court fines and fees.

KEN HARRISON

## CARLSBAD

### Just take the side streets Wrong warning posted on highway

Drivers on I-5 northbound may have been a little confused the morning of August 22. Caltrans' electronic billboard mounted on the Tamarack Avenue overcrossing displayed the message, "I-90 BAY BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED AUG 28 TO SEPT 3." Most of the motorists heading north probably had no idea where Interstate 90 was.



Sign at Tamarack Avenue was meant to alert motorists heading to the Bay Area.

The message was posted in error by a statewide alert system. The agency probably meant to use I-80, which terminates in San Francisco. However, most Californians know the bridge that connects Oakland with San Francisco as just the "Bay Bridge."

Around 1:30 p.m. the sign's message was corrected. The sign then read, "SF-OAK BAY BRDG CLOSURE AUG 28 TO SEPT 3."

A spokesperson for San Diego's District 11

Caltrans office, Cathyne Bruce-Johnson, says the message (the correct one) is being displayed all over California as the closure will have a significant impact on motorists heading to the Bay Area.

KEN HARRISON

## LA MESA

### Trailer park problems

#### White powder bullies are scaring us

A woman at the August 13 La Mesa City Council meeting asked for help curtailing drug activity at the Mohawk Street mobile-home park.

"For the past eight years or more, we've been having a lot of problems with drug dealers," said the resident. "I've called the police. My neighbors called the police. I've watched drug deals right in their cars. And people driving in on bikes, walking in..." People have overdosed in various drug trailers.

Councilwoman Ruth Sterling said, "The police have been working diligently. They've made arrests. But because of our system, they get [imprisoned] and they're released, and so the druggies come right back."

A resident named Antoinette said that problems started when "owner Jennings's son and his girlfriend moved in. Younger people moved into the park."

Antoinette said there are now seven "drug"

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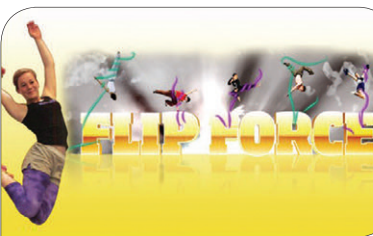
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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trailers. Structures are "boarded up so you can't see in. I've watched people do drugs in front of the trailer," she said. Antoinette observed "little baggies with a white substance inside."

Caesar, another resident, said someone broke into his trailer several weeks ago and stole his laptop. Both are afraid to leave their trailers. "We're prisoners here," he said.

LIZ SWAIN

### GOLDEN HILL

#### **Mother hen becomes an outlaw**

#### **Pampered "children" must go**

Maricela Martinez has kept her happy chickens in her yard in Golden Hill for seven years. Signs on the fence, now taken down, proclaimed "Happy Chickens" and eggs for sale and showed pictures of the hens. A hand-lettered sign, in both Spanish and English, invites visitors to "pull the cord to ring the bell." Kids on field trips from Einstein Academy, a few blocks away, come to peer at the chickens.

During the day the hens are allowed to range freely around the small urban plot

the Martinez family calls home. And they get to eat fresh fruit, which Maricela's son José demonstrates by picking a peach from a tree in the front yard and holding it out for the brood. To our amazement, the hens gather around and take turns pecking at the ripe peach, making charming little clucks. For the most part, the hens are tranquil and quiet, following us around curiously and pecking gently at our ankles while we munch on peaches.

Casting a pall of sadness over the happy chickens is the fact that the city has informed Maricela that she must get rid of most of her hens and all of her roosters. Her eyes get misty as she tells us she must sell the chickens, whom she considers her children. When she picks up her hens to show us their unique features, the birds relax in her arms, soothed by her mothering.

In 2012, the City of San Diego amended its municipal code to accommodate the community's growing interest in raising chickens within city limits. Previously, residents could have up to 25 chickens only if the coop was 50 feet away from any residential buildings. But on the Martinez property, there isn't a place outside that is 50 feet away from any of the edges of the lot, and she's got more than 25 chickens.

LEORAH GAVIDOR

## LETTERS

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Braun and whomever edited this piece should be fired.

Scott Sieburth, Ph.D.  
(Chemistry)  
Temple University

### **Nugent Still Alive**

I noticed an advertisement for an appearance of Ted Nugent in this week's edition (August 22). I thought he said he was going to commit suicide if President Obama was re-elected. I guess he lied.

Doug McCampbell  
via email

### **The Filner Thing**

I'm calling about this thing with Mayor Filner (News Ticker, August 15: "Was Filner's Office Bugged by Long-Distance Microphone?"). It's absolutely a soap opera. It's dramatized.

I cannot believe that none of these women had the gumption to come forward when this happened. I have heard all kinds of excuses

that the women were afraid, this and that. What is there to be afraid of? Aren't you more afraid of a person who is harassing you than you would be about losing your job over it?

I believe this is political. I cannot believe that there are 15 or 16 women out there that have been harassed by him and not even one has come forward until now — because they might be mad at Filner's policies in office?

One of them was even a wife or a girlfriend of some aeronautical-type thing. She came forward afterward because her husband was a supporter of the other political party, Carl DeMaio. I believe that this was something that was generated by the Republican party, and it has something to do with Carl DeMaio.

At what point did he harass these women? When? It just doesn't make sense that it takes this long for someone to come forward.

Donna  
via voicemail

## DIARY OF A DIVA

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after I'd showered and had breakfast.

I took a deep breath, left the phone where it was, and scooped over to David. When he began to stir, I could sense his body tense in anticipation of the usual morning report and task list. But instead of talking, I just stroked his cheek, said, "I love you, beh beh," and snuggled close beside him.

David let out a happy sigh, and his muscles relaxed. "I love you, too," he said, squeezing my arm. We lay there, smiling, until we fell back to sleep, having silently agreed that the day ahead, and all the people in it, could wait. ■ (@barbarellaf)

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# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Thursday | 29

### SPOTLESS COMEDY WITH MARK CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE

Mark Christopher Lawrence played Big Mike on NBC's *Chuck* and Walter Younger in Moxie Theatre's *A Raisin in the Sun*.



Venue requires a one-drink minimum. \$10–\$20.

**WHEN:** 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-573-9067; [thecomedypalace.com](http://thecomedypalace.com)

## Saturday | 31

### FAST THOUGHTS FOR SHORT ATTENTION SPANS

Exhibition features the works of Joshua Callaghan, John Kilduff, and J. Nolan. Opening reception includes performance art (experimental opera of Glottalopticon) and drywall sculptures. Exhibit runs through September 21.

**WHEN:** 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street, East Village. 619-269-7230; [space4art.org](http://space4art.org)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 31: FAST THOUGHTS FOR SHORT ATTENTION SPANS

## Friday | 30

### KENNETH BARLIS FASHION SHOW

The evening will showcase fashions from Camille Wood, Love Is a Devil, Alan Huang, Jessica Faulkner, Andrew Harris, and Kenneth Barlis. Hosted by Ashley Hinshaw of *Gossip Girl* and Tiya Sircir of *The Internship*. \$50–\$100.



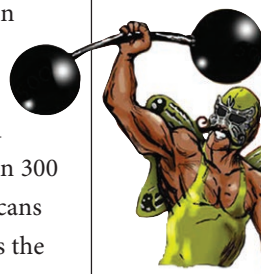
**WHEN:** 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive, Downtown. [Info@kennethbarlis.com](mailto:Info@kennethbarlis.com); [kennethbarlis.com](http://kennethbarlis.com)

## Sunday | 1

### BARONA POWWOW

The Barona Band of Mission Indians hosts three days of Native American dancing, music, and cuisine. More than 300 Native Americans from across the country will showcase traditional tribal dancing. In addition to regalia and dancing, the event will also include hand drum contests, singing, music, and more.



**WHEN:** 1:00 to 11:00 p.m. (additional dates: August 30 and 31)

**WHERE:** Barona Baseball Field, 1095 Barona Road, Lakeside. 619-443-6612 x120; [barona-nsn.gov](http://barona-nsn.gov)

## Monday | 2

### BIG TOP BATTLE

Technomania Circus presents "Super Awesome Showdown Intergalactic Wrestling," where the galaxy's most powerful heroes and villains duel for the most prized championship in the universe. \$3–\$10.

**WHEN:** 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Victory Theater, 2558 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill. [Technomaniacircus.com](http://Technomaniacircus.com)

**WHERE:** Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard, East Village. 619-795-5000; [sandiego.padres.mlb.com](http://sandiego.padres.mlb.com)



## Tuesday | 3

### PADRES VS GIANTS

The San Diego Padres meet up with the San Francisco Giants. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM) and in Spanish on XEMO (860 AM). Taco Tuesdays at Petco offers \$1 street tacos. \$10–\$115.

**WHEN:** 7:100 p.m.

## Wednesday | 4

### PARTY IN THE PADDOCK

Celebrate the completion of another racing season. Event features live music and food and drink specials. Party begins in the Paddock area after last race.

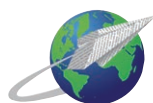
**WHEN:** 2:00 p.m. (first race), 6:00 p.m. (approximate party start time)

**WHERE:** Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4242; [dmtc.com](http://dmtc.com)



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Slovenia's picturesque Lake Bled, complete with medieval church-topped island

### Five reasons to visit Slovenia

By Dominic Carrillo

Preface: I do not usually gush about entire countries. I do not work for the Slovenian office of tourism.

(1) Ljubljana (pronounced “lube-ee-ana”) is a beautiful city with a central old town and a river running through it — reminds me of a mini Prague or Budapest. Bars and cafés line the river, and little bridges connect this ideal pedestrian-only area. A castle is perched above the old town that has a panoramic view of the city, revealing a lot to explore in a relatively small space.

(2) Lakes. Lake Bled is the more touristy body of water because of its picturesque, church-topped island and castle that overlooks the lake from a rocky cliff. I caught myself staring at the castle and saying “awesome” enough times to sound like an authentically dumb Californian to any passerby.

(3) Hikes. We hiked as far as we could up Vintgar Gorge, which is only four kilometers from Lake Bled. The hiking path lines a spectacular emerald green river. It was such a wonderful place that I actually felt guilty when I had to pee off the side of the wooden walking path. (Nobody was around.)

We went on another great hike up to Savica Waterfall near Lake Bohinj. Though the snowpack was so high it was impossible to get close to the falls, it was well worth the icy, 30-minute hike up to the lookout point.

(4) Castles. They're built on top of hills, dramatic rocky ledges, into the sides of mountains (Predjama Castle), and you can see them from the side of the freeway while driving by. Where I'm from, there are no castles, so this common Slovenian sight was quite a novelty to me. What can I say? Castles. They look very cool.

(5) Caves. We drove to Postojna Cave at 5 p.m. and couldn't get in because it closed to the public at 4. I'm always late. Story of my life. So I'll have to save this cave and Krizna cave — and the Venetian town of Piran on the coast — for the next time I'm driving through this little country.



View from the bell tower of St. Mark's Basilica

### Solo in Venice

By Samantha Edwardes

In Venice, I was a third wheel. Or more like a unicycle. The other wheels were found on a bicycle built for two, riding in the opposite direction.

This was not the best city for the lone traveler looking to share a conversation or meal with new friends. Every lady my age was connected by the hand, hip, or mouth to her man friend, and I felt like a

spectator on someone else's honeymoon. A public peeping Tom. Instead of my usual wide-eyed self, gaping in awe, my gaze darted about, trying to avoid resting on an overly affectionate couple. It was a bit depressing.

My low spirits didn't last long. After a long-distance phone call, I snapped out of it. I was, after all, in Venice! A beautiful, floating city with many other sights

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### Other Adventures



**ajstocking:** Looking through the forest while hiking in the Sierras



**mohagenbev:** Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, New York



**danya3781:** Salinas, Asturias, Spain

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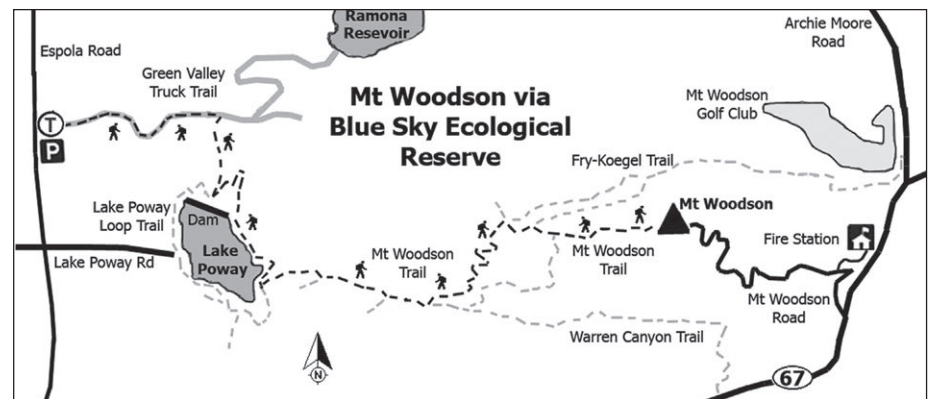
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San Diego Outdoors with the Museum Canyoneers

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Hikers take a break at Potato Chip Rock.



A forest of communication towers are on top of Mt. Woodson.

**M**t. Woodson is one of San Diego's favorite places for a day hike. Many people make the climb on the asphalt-paved road on the east side of the moun-

tain off SR 67 that rises steeply to the top. Other hikers take the somewhat longer but more scenic west side trail that starts from Lake Poway. A less traveled option,

presented here, is to start your ascent at the Blue Sky Reserve, adding a few more miles but giving you a chance to stroll through one of San Diego's more scenic

oak woodlands while experiencing a diversity of vegetation types on your way up. The Blue Sky Reserve, jointly managed by the California Department of Fish & Game and the City of Poway, directly connects to Poway's extensive network of hiking trails.

This is a moderate to strenuous 11-mile round-trip hike on well-marked and maintained trails. Start hiking on the Blue Sky Reserve Trail, at the south end of the parking lot. Although this trail continues 2.4 miles to the Ramona Dam, turn south (right) 0.9 mile from the trailhead onto the Lake Poway Recreational Area trail. Much of both of these trails pass through a beautiful coast live oak forest and near a lush riparian community with mature western sycamores, black willows, and mule fat, as well as oaks. In another 0.25 mile is the Poway

Wilderness Picnic Area with picnic tables, water, and toilet facilities. From there, the trail switchbacks up a coastal sage scrub-covered hillside to take you over the east side of the Lake Poway Dam and into the recreation area.

The Lake Poway Trail loops around the lake, but leave the lake when the Mt. Woodson trail branches off to the left, 0.4 mile ahead. For the first mile, the trail is a nearly straight, somewhat steep, dirt road whose saving grace is the view behind of the lake that recedes as you climb. A little over one mile from the lake is Warren Canyon-Mt. Woodson Trail junction. From this point on the trail is more interesting, extending up the chaparral-covered hillside, initially through a series of switchbacks, but then straightening out to climb

up a ridge to the top of Mt. Woodson, 1.9 miles ahead. On your way are some amazing well-weathered boulders, including the famous potato chip rock. Do not forget to check out the vegetation, including big berry manzanita and several kinds of ceanothus that add interest and color to the hike. Long before reaching the top, a forest of tall metal communications towers rise from the peak and define your goal. After exploring the peak area, return the way you came.

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**Open House Celebration** Browse the art and visit with the artists of Spanish Village. Attendees have a chance to win art and Spanish Village gift certificates in the opportunity drawing. Event also features the music of the Marcia Forman Band. 619-233-9050. Saturday, August 31, 5pm; **free**. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

**Wine and Canvas** A local artist guides participants step-by-step as they recreate a featured painting. Cost includes a 16" x 20" canvas, paint, brushes, and an apron. Thursday, August 29, 6pm; \$35-\$40. 21 and up. Fifty Seven Degrees, 1735 Hancock Street. (MISSION

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**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.

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**Thursday Writers** 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)

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## COMEDY

**Jay Phillips** As seen on Starz's *Martin Lawrence Presents 1st Amendment*, *The Late Late Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *HBO's Def Comedy Jam*, and more. Friday, August 30, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Saturday, August 31, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; \$15. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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**Venice** *continued from page 46*  
for me to focus on besides the rampant lip-locking that I abhorred (or really, was just jealous of).

As I have done in every other city, I climbed the highest peak (the revival house belltower in Piazza San Marco) and spent time taking photos.

In lieu of a gondola, I took the vaporetto, Venice's subway on water, for a seven-euro sunset spin around the islands. I stood at the side of the boat the entire route, getting off at the same stop from which I'd boarded. I bought a hand-painted leather wallet and perused the Rialto fish market with so many sea creatures and buckets of live snails.

Dangling my legs over the concrete curb with my feet hovering over the water, I spent my afternoons eating Sicilian oranges, drinking spritz aperi-

tifs, and enjoying the sunshine.

I left Venice happy, knowing I made the most of my solitude.

I can understand why this is a city for lovers, a magical place full of romance. With no streets, no horns honking, no traffic or the typical hustle and bustle, it's truly an escape. The narrow alleys are dizzyingly twisted and often appear to dead-end, only to present you at your destination. It gives you the feeling of an explorer. As if you and your loved one are forging new paths, finding routes never before taken.

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**Rory Scovel** From *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, Comedy Central, and *Conan*. Thursday, August 29, 8pm; Friday, August 30, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, August 31, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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**Flamenco Dance Show** Live show features singer-dancer Oscar

## Rhyme & Verse Skateboard Sonnet A poem by Stephen Kessler

A boy with a shaved head and a wiry girl,  
black ponytail trailing, flash past the window  
on this perfect May afternoon, Monterey  
a purple outline across the bay, like the slope  
of a thigh in profile, a reclining nude's  
gift to the light in the spring sky, cut with streaks  
of bird flight, overhead wires, car exhaust  
and kids on skateboards powered by the grace  
of their supple, muscular legs, sweet limbs later  
to be entwined on a bed somewhere, at least  
as I can see them through my own quick past.  
It was on days like this, under such a sky,  
my summer flowered without my knowing how  
fleeing it was, like those kids who just whizzed by.



Stephen Kessler is a poet, essayist, novelist, translator, and editor. He was a founding editor and publisher of *Alcatraz*, an international journal, and *The Sun*, a Santa Cruz weekly newspaper, among other independent publishing ventures. He has translated works by Neruda, Vallejo, Julio Cortázar, Raymond Queneau, and Mahmoud Darwish, and his translations of the poet Luis

Cernuda have received several awards, including a Lambda Literary Award for *Written in Water: The Prose Poems of Luis Cernuda* (City Lights, 2004) and the Harold Morton Landon Award for translation from the Academy of American Poets for *Desolation of the Chimera* (White Pine Press, 2009). Kessler lives in Santa Cruz and edits the quarterly literary newspaper *The Redwood Coast Review*. "Skateboard Sonnet" is from *Scratch Pegasus*, published by Swan Scythe Press in 2013.

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Valero, guitarist Juan Moro. Friday, August 30, 8pm; \$10. Gran Tapa, 611 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Michael Jackson Style Dance Class** Learn the moves of the King Of Pop. Celebrity impersonator DEV as MJ will teach the class as "Michael." All levels welcome. 619-861-5496. Thursday, August 29, 6pm; \$25. White Box Theater

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**Roaring '20s Tango Dinner Show** Professional dancers present a montage of Buenos Aires-style '20s tango while diners dine. Contact: [pampasgrill@gmail.com](mailto:pampasgrill@gmail.com). Fridays, 8pm; through Saturday, August 31, **free**-\$35. Pampas Argentine Grill, 8690 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Bilingual Book Discussion** Rincon Literario's selected title is *Un Paseo Para Recordar / A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks. Discussions led by literary guide, Miriam Ruvinskis. 760-839-4814.

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## FOOD & DRINK

**Bacon Fest** Forty restaurants and forty brewers/wineries/distillers provide food and booze. Participating eateries include: Craze Burger, Blue Wave Grill, Drunken Udder Ice Cream, and more. Drinks by: Green Flash, Kill Devil Spirit Co, Fezziwigs, and others. Tickets are all-inclusive. Saturday, August 31, 2pm; \$60-\$100. 21 and up. NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Del Mar Hop Fest** The Hop Fest will feature some of the hoppiest beers on the planet. IPAs, Double IPAs and more will be poured. Cost includes five 7 oz. samples. There is no charge to enter the beer fest area. Meet local brewers, learn about hops and how hoppy beer is made, and more. Held in the Seaside Cabana and Seaside Concert area west of the Grandstand. Saturday, August 31, 1pm; \$17. Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Escondido Wine And Culinary Campus Anniversary Party** Event includes a "You be the Judge" salsa taste-off (from 2-4pm), a culinary seminar on the "Art of Barbecue," "Sip and tour" wine tasting campus tours, and gourmet BBQ. All three tasting rooms will be open for wine tasting. Meet and greet the winemakers and vineyard managers from the Hidden Valley Enoteca Tasting Room (located in the "castle"). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Escondido Humane Society. 760-796-7557. Sunday, September 1, 1pm; **free**. Belle Marie Winery & Chateau Dragoo, 26312 Mesa Rock Road. (ESCONDIDO)

**Fertility Foods Tour** Marc Sklar and Reproductive Wellness lead a fertility foods tour, helping participants understand what to eat, how to cook it, supplements, and more. RSVP required. Contact: [ana@reproductivewellness.com](mailto:ana@reproductivewellness.com). Saturday, August 31, 10am; Whole Foods Market, 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Firkin Friday w/ Benchmark Brewing** Former AleSmith brewer Matt Akin and his dad have just opened Benchmark brewing and Hamilton's is getting a cask and some draft to share! Dueling casks: Benchmark IPA with Cascade and Simcoe vs. Benchmark Oatmeal Stout with vanilla bean. Friday, August 30; Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**Flight Night with Rough Draft Brewing** Restaurant will pair a tasting flight of four Rough Draft

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**Military Appreciation Night** Themed beer, a patio grill out, BBQ specials, and discounts with a valid military ID. Thursday, August 29, 6pm; **free**. Empirehouse, 127 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Pedal the Cause: Cocktail Reception** Event includes hors d'oeuvres and a buffet dinner, and raises funds for innovative cancer research benefiting the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center, Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute and Salk Institute of Biological Studies. Contact: [Elana.Parker@pfizer.com](mailto:Elana.Parker@pfizer.com) or [Dominique.Verhelle@pfizer.com](mailto:Dominique.Verhelle@pfizer.com). Thursday, August 29, 6pm; \$60. Heat Bar & Kitchen, 3797 Park Boulevard. (HILLCREST)

**Tap Takeover and Keep The Glass Night** This mini tap takeover with Manzanita Brewing Co. features 12 beers on draft including their year-round releases along with hard-to-find specialty releases. Manzanita brewers will be present to mingle and answer questions. Thursday, August 29, 11am; **free**. Boll Weevil 53, 9621 Mission Gorge Road #101. (SANTEE)

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compassion, generosity, goodness, love, etc., and is characterized by its human shape. So for the mere reason that God is their refuge in human shape, they consider him to be of the same class as other human beings and so are mistaken about him. They have assumed the bewildering natures of raksasas and asuras

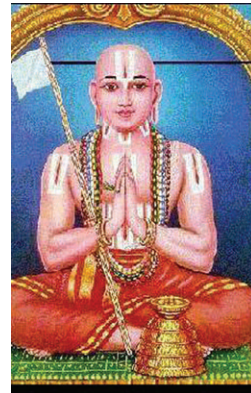
[two classes of demons] which puts an end to God's supreme compassion in his humanity; their aspirations and enterprises remain fruitless, their knowledge of all God's creatures and of God himself is erroneous, and they have lost all positive knowledge of anything because they regard God as a man. — from the "Gita-

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food preparations will take place in the plaza, including a Dutch oven cook-off. In addition, the Tasting of Old Town Tour features historically based foods from a number of the food purveyors in the park. Proceeds from the sale of the tickets will go to the refurbishing of the food preparation and cooking exhibits at the park's Machado Silvas Museum. 619-220-5422. Saturday, August 31, 11am; **free**. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

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## LECTURES

**Signs of the Tide: Can We Overcome the Environmental Curriculum Gap?** Speakers from different fields of education lead a dialogue about state education standards and general environmental education. Speakers include: Cynthia Mallett, environmental specialist City of Oceanside, Clean Water Program; and Lauren Biggie, educational programs director for Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discov-

ery Center. Please RSVP by August 26: 619-758-7743, x125 or *slebron@sdcoastkeeper.org*. Thursday, August 29, 6pm; Oceanside Civic Center, 300 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

## OUTDOORS

**Birding Basics** Learn to identify birds at a glance. Birder Guide Winona Sollock's class explains the five simple ways and gives tips on field guide use. Bring your bird book if you wish. Inside Visitor Center. Saturday, August 31, 1pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Birds, Bees, and Me** Learn about the food chain from producers to consumers and other topics in nature exploring the natural world on a trail guide-led walk. Visitor Center. Saturday, August 31, 9:30am; Sunday, September 1, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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Saturday, August 31, 7pm; \$8-\$12. Family GYM, 101 17 St. San Diego, CA 92101

**Shelter Island Walk and Talk Bunch** Take a walk from the parking lot at Bali Hai to the end of Shelter Island and back (2.2 miles roundtrip). Some go to lunch after. Thursday, August 28, 10am, free. 18 and up. Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

**Where the Turf Meets the Surf** Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horse racing meet is underway. Newcomers' seminars offered daily, one hour prior to first race. 858-755-1141. Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 4pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, September 1, \$6-\$10. Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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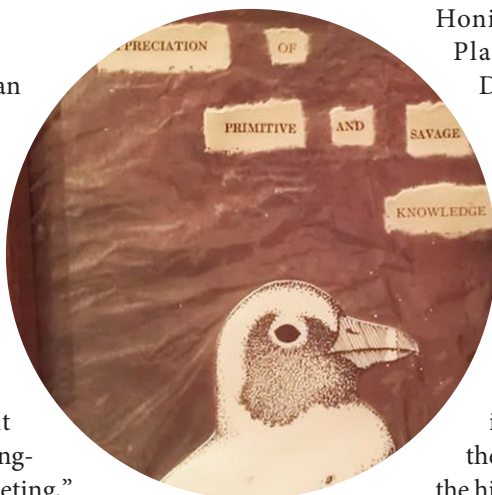
SUBJECT/OBJECT

## Carly Newman tries art. Succeeds!

Carly Newman is an "ethnic studies" major at USD and she never set out to make art, much less call herself an artist. As an intern at ArtLab Studios, she had the chance to exhibit at "Goddamn Strangers: A Chance Meeting," a one-night art show for the studio's interns to showcase their own work between installations. The only problem

was she didn't have anything to show.

Instead of passing up the opportunity, Newman got busy with paper cut-outs and Micron pens. Working in the nebulous territory of "mixed media," she overlaid col-



Detail of a seabird by Carly Newman

laged and repurposed backgrounds with the

silhouettes of animals, cut from white paper and detailed with fine contour lines.

Unexpected bits of hip-hop culture gave the animal cutouts an uncanny edge. Newman titled an image of a cute, little nyancat, "To the Honies Getting Money Playing Niggas Like Dummies." A cutout of a goldfish, swimming across a sea of crinkled paper, bore the caption "Bitches ain't shit but hoes and tricks."

For Newman, a nice looking white girl if ever there was one, adding the hip-hop elements just seemed right. "These are songs we grew up to," she said. "I liked the juxtaposition of the lyrics and the animals. One

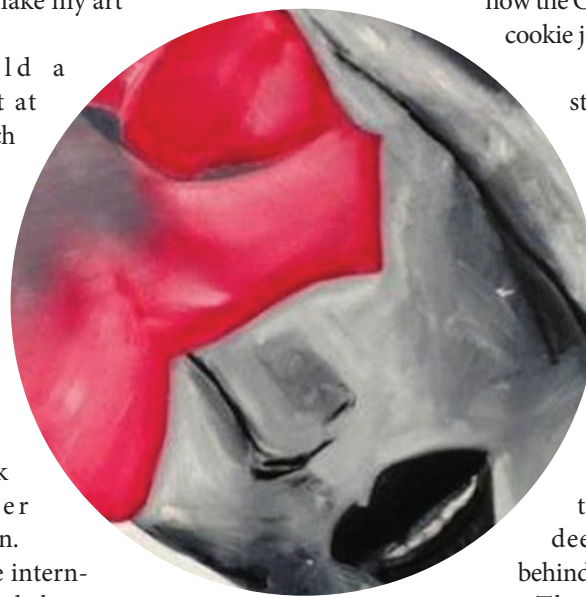
is nothing but innocence, and the other is a rap song that we all know!

Newman added, "I just tried to make my art funny."

She sold a bunch of art at the show, which she didn't expect. She doesn't consider herself an artist, but having people get excited about her artwork changed her self-perception.

"I got the internship at Artlab because I felt that art is a great way to connect to local communities," she said. "But now I think I could get into this!"

## Brian Meanswell's flowers and women



"Brian's paintings of flowers and women's bodies represent a feeling and/or mood."

A woman twirls her hair around her finger over cocktails on a first date.

A DMV clerk clicks

his pen compulsively.

A child's eyes search downwards as he relates, with chocolate chip grin, how the Corgi got into the cookie jar.

We are all constantly giving off (and receiving) subtle (and largely unconscious) cues indicating our feelings about a given situation.

In order to explore the deeper meanings behind body language, Thumbprint Gallery and artist Brian Meanswell will be exhibiting his Amorous Abyss series on Saturday, August 31 at EQ Culture Studios (2001 Main Street, Barrio Logan) from

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"We've all been in the trenches of love and we all have gone through the highs and lows of it," Meanswell says, "and Amorous Abyss portrays my emotions from living and not living in a long-term relationship and coming at it from a completely real place. Feelings like excitement, frustration, pride, passivity, seduction are some of the emotions that are channeled through the body language in the paintings. Whether it was love or lust, the beauty of what was, became the decay of what is. In all, this

series tries to make light of the emotions that we all go through in romances, and I try to be honest about it." ■

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## ART

**"September Song"** The four-day Julian Arts Guild's Fine Art Show will include local and regional artists of various mediums: oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings; drawings in pen, pencil, and pastel; photography; printmaking; ceramics; jewelry; collage and assemblage; glass; mosaics; and sculpture. Artists will be available at the opening reception on Friday, August 30, 6pm. Show runs August 30-September 2; **free**. Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

**A-List: Pick Your Poison** Local San Diego artists will collide in the 22nd annual juried exhibition featuring a variety of mediums, from painting to sculpture, from photography to book art. Guests and members vote for their favorite piece. The competition will continue in the Music Room as dueling pianists battle on a pair of grand pianos. Event also includes a pair of gourmet food trucks and a create-your-own Members' Choice vodka cocktail bar. Thursday, August 29, 7pm; **free**-\$12. 21 and up. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Amorous Abyss** Thumbprint Gallery presents new works by Brian Meanswell. Amorous Abyss is a series of paintings based on personal emotions conveyed through body language. Contact: Paul@thumbprintgallerysd.com. Saturday, August 31, 5pm; **free**. EQ Culture Studios, 2001 Main Street. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**Art Fair** This outdoor art exhibit features local art, live music, and demonstrations by Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League members. 760-434-8497. Saturday, August 31, 10am; Sunday, September 1, 10am; **free**. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

**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. Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, September 29, **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

**Celebrate Creativity** New Children's Museum and ScholarShare host a festive day featuring special art-making activities, which include using watercolors to transform coffee filters into vibrant summertime flowers for NCM's trees, as well as opportunities to win a variety of prizes. ScholarShare's "Diploma

Dog" will entertain the little ones and hand out college savings gear. Held in the PlaySpace outside of Macy's. Friday, August 30, 10am; **free**. Westfield University Towne Centre, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Decanter** Art show featuring artwork on wine bottles. Artists: Konstant Be, Veronica Lomeli, Corazon Artistic, Kristel Bow, Laurie Kmen, Omar Rios, Pamela Sanchez, Joshua Gray, Julia Quaintance, Lisa Y. Mendez, Scott Gengelbach, Strive-one. Event also features DJs Kris Herrera and Omar Paraiso. Art will remain on display and for sale through September. Live artist Eyemax 3D will create a decanter-inspired live painting to be raffled off. Friday, August 30, 9pm; **free**-\$5. 21 and up. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Dog Days Afternoon** The San Diego Sculptors Guild presents their annual fundraiser in partnership with Baja Dog Rescue.

The event includes live musical entertainment, sculpture raffle, dog sculptures, catered refreshments, and an afterparty. Saturday, August 31, 12pm; **free**. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

**Drawing Alive Reception and Live Demonstrations** New work from West Coast Drawing's 24 artists for their tenth anniversary exhibition, "Drawing Alive." Exhibit will also include live demonstrations with Clare-Lise Anderegg. Saturday, August 31, 1pm; **free**. Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

**Fast Thoughts for Short Attention Spans** Exhibition features works of Joshua Callaghan, John Kilduff, and J. Nolan. Opening reception includes performance art (experimental opera of Glottalopticon) and drywall sculptures. Saturday, August 31, 6pm. Exhibit runs through September 21; **free**. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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# Witches' brew

*I'm wiping the back of my neck and my brow more than my mouth.*

Came to see my hero. Antonio Garra faced a firing squad on this spot back in 1852. He fell into his fresh-dug grave right here in Old Town. Campo Santo.

His crime? He yelled, "No taxation without representation!" Just like the Boston Tea Party patriots.

His problem? He was Cupeño. Native Americans didn't get to vote, not in 1852. So, I'm looking at his wooden marker, and then I look up. And right next to Antonio is this old, white, adobe-and-stucco house.

"D'O Thai Cottage," says the sign. Thai? In Old Town?

Now that I think about it, a good searing Tom Yum soup might fill the bill. Kill the bile I feel about the deal my friend Antonio got.

Tom Yum's a hotpot, that hot-and-sour devil's cauldron of a soup that could dissolve a rusty nail quicker than Coca Cola. Wimps go for the Tom Kah. It's the same soup, but gentled and sweetened up with coconut milk.

But I'm a little suspicious of this D'O Thai Cottage. Old Town is Tourist Central. Are we gonna get tourist-Thai pabulum here?

Whatever, a couple of minutes later, I'm climbing the steps. It's an old house with a bunch of rooms and two levels. Upstairs, a sunny room looks out over, well, Antonio Garra's grave. Thai wooden xylophones play slow, sentimental tunes on the sound system. Pictures of the Thai king and queen look down from the walls. I take a seat.

When the waitress comes by I ask, "Do you have tom yum?" Love the stuff, especially if it's rated a ten — roasting, spicy hot — to clean out your system. Good things float in the soup, tomato wedges, mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, along with a lot of mysterious herbs that give it that special flavor.

"Yes, of course," the waitress says. "With shrimp?" "Of course."

"In a hot pot?"

Because a lot of places only serve it to you in a bowl, not in that pot with the flame shooting up a little chimney in the middle.

"Fire pot? Yes," the waitress says. "Shall I order it for you?"

I take one more look at the menu before I commit.

"Tom Yum," it says. "Classic

Thai hot-and-sour soup with mushrooms, lemon grass, lime juice, and tomato."

Oh, I see now that you can get it in a bowl or a hot pot. The bowl costs \$4.50, while the fire pot "served for 3-4," is \$10.99. 'Course, it's cheaper to go veggie or with chicken. On the other hand, the bowl is \$3.99, and the fire pot's \$8.99. But, no. Need my shrimp. On the other, other hand, a serving for three or four is way too much...

I order it anyway. Something about that charcoal flame shooting up, witches' brew, hubble bubble. No plain bowl can match that.

The one thing I forget to do is say how much heat I want. So when it comes, it has a good flavor but is tourist-tame. I ask for the little tray of four pots, the ones with fish sauce, dried chili, chili paste, and jalapeño slices in vinegar. Scatter two ceramic spoonsful of the dried chili and add some of the jalapeño vinegar to rev up the heat, even though it isn't as good as letting the spices soak into the soup as it's prepared.

Whatever, it is scrumptious, and now, howlingly hot — I'm wiping the back of my neck and my brow more than my mouth. Red chilies line the inside in tidal rings. Like all the best soups, it gets more condensed the lower down in the pot you go. I decide to get a bowl of rice (\$1) to bulk it up. Between that and the fat shrimp and the veggies, not to mention the lime leaves I have to spit out, this is one heckuva meal. You don't need nuttin' mo'.

Except, oh yeah, I ordered a Singha beer. Kind of acts like the fire brigade, and only two bucks during happy hour. (Happy Hour runs



Campo Santo, Antonio Garra's grave, with D'O Thai Cottage in background



My koffai yen, iced milky coffee

from 3:00-7:00 p.m., Monday-Friday; 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Deal.)

Here's the kicker: they're doing breakfasts now. Thai-style. Which means — be still my heart — *jok*. Love that Thai-style Chinese porridge.

So a couple of days later, late morning, here I am again in this neck o' the woods. I have to make a beeline through D'O's door again.

The thing about *jok* here is it's \$5 a bowl only during breakfast hours. Which end at 11:00 a.m. Half an hour ago.

Dang. Guess the *jok's* on me.

Except, this guy Kan — the owner, turns out — says I can still get it, for a price.

"It's \$7.99 now," he says. "Is that okay?"

Not a problem. I order a *koffai yen*, iced milky coffee, for \$2.99.

Kan says *jok* is rice porridge with ground chicken or pork added in, plus ginger, green onion, and egg. "Great for hangovers," he says.

I get the coffee, and they bring a little bowl of soup for me to have while I wait for the *jok*. Kind of a miso soup, with onions, peas, carrots, tofu, cabbage. Nice.



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The *jok* arrives, and it's a lot. Bubbling like a hot mud pool in Yellowstone. I add dried chili, jalapeño slices, and some soy and have at it. The pork's the thing, but green onions and long strips of ginger give it its main flavor. Suddenly, the egg yolk floats to the surface. It's cooking right now, in front of my eyes. Oh man, this is good.

Difference between *jok* here and in Thailand? Kan says: "We like organs, stomach lining, and tongue in our *jok*. All those parts Americans don't like. But, basically, this is the same taste as home."

I have to ask, "Get any ghosts wafting up here from the graveyard?"

"I haven't seen, but some of the staff say they have seen figures floating through the back room at night," Kan says.

Wonder if one could be my hero, Antonio Garra? I'll have to come back for a late tom yum and arrange a meeting.

*Note:* This just in: D'O Thai opens at 11:00 a.m. now, not 10:00. You can still get *jok*. ■

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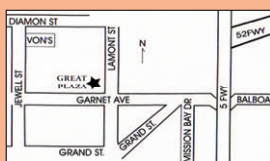
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## Frauds and Swindlers — a wild party!

Frauds and Swindlers (820 Fifth Avenue, 619-814-5700) soft-opened over the weekend, but a grand opening date is set for August 24 and the staff swears, "It's going to be a wild party." That remains to

be seen, but one thing is for certain, Frauds and Swindlers shows there are still some fresh ideas coming up in the still-burgeoning cocktail scene. Things have not yet devolved to cookie-cutter cocktail bars rehashing and watering down each other's ideas to a comfortable mediocrity...here's looking at you, farm-to-table dining!

The new bar, which is owned by a group of L.A. entrepreneurs, embraces a weird kind of Snidely Whiplash aesthetic. It's akin to the brand-new-old-timey feel of Polite Provisions or Noble Experiment, but with more Gold Rush and less Jazz Age, if that makes any sense.

Overall, the drinks look like they'll be sweeter and less aggressively bittered than other places going wild on the cocktail craze. They're going to be easier to drink for the 24 Hour Party People crowd that will no doubt populate the barroom on any given night. But the aforementioned fresh ideas come out to play halfway through the menu. The masters of the bar had the great idea to install a juicer back there, so that fresh juices appear, with or without booze! We're not talking lemon and lime juice here. They're juicing kale, apples, spinach, carrots, and turmeric, and ginger! The plan is to serve the fresh juices up with a shot of liquor on

the side, or just to serve the juices as a boozeless tippie for teetotalers. Smart, and, unless someone else is doing it already, a brand new idea for SD's cocktail scene.

Right now, in the quiet lull of soft opening, Frauds and Swindlers has a cool vibe. Instead of the ubiquitous pop hits, the house soundtrack is all Beatles, Louis Armstrong, Black Keys (even some of the songs that *don't* suck!), and Johnny Cash. The plan is to get country, bluegrass, and rockabilly

bands on stage for live music nightly. If they actually follow through on that, Frauds and Swindlers will be rad. With about a million clubs where you can hear overloud remixes of "Call Me Maybe" (with which there is nothing *inherently* wrong), a place with a different soundtrack will be welcome. The question is, will Frauds and Swindlers keep that promise? Or will they cave to the demands of the popped collar crew and let the music and

vibe become generic? Time will tell.

by Ian Pike

## Scone with the wind

Five-twenty-five. That's when I turn up.

"We close at 5:30," says Kara...

"...But no problem."

This is in this ancient li'l brick cottage that looks like Little Red Riding Hood's grand-

ma's place in da woods.

This is the Brick and Bell (928 Silverado Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0928), little cafe I've never noticed before.

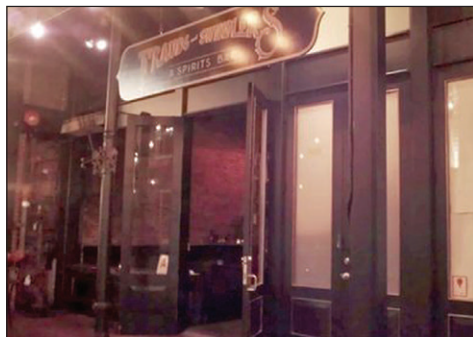
Brick patio outside is emptying. Guy's piling up the chairs.

"You sure?" I say to Kara.

"Oh sure," she says.

I mean all I want is a snack and a cawfee to keep me from falling asleep on the #30 bus and having

## FEAST!



Frauds and Swindlers shows there are still some fresh ideas coming up in cocktail scene.



Try the scones, but keep an eye on your kids at Brick and Bell.

to walk back miles when I finally wake up, right?

Also, I'm looking at rows and rows of scones. My Achilles heel. Always searching for the perfect scone. Lotta disappointments along the way.

But tonight I read this statement in the menu: "We sold 120,000 scones last year. Maybe you should try one!"

I mean 120,000 per year? That's 10,000 per month, 2,500 per week, 357 per day, according to the quick sums I'm doing in my head. This little place?

Now I've definitely got to try them. Their bakery shelves are mostly empty but they have rows of large scones...

...and rows of small ones too.

And here's the other thing: this is La Jolla, but they're not expensive. The large scones are \$1.95, the small ones are 95 cents. A decent-sized cup of joe goes for \$1.50.

"That's why we get so many customers," says Kara. "Peter the owner has worked really hard over ten years to keep prices down. Now we're starting a second place not far from here."

I decide on a couple of small scones. The mini-multigrain, and the maple and walnut. That's all of \$1.90, plus the cawfee's \$1.50, total \$3.40.

They really are closed now, so I take it all out to the last table standing in

the courtyard. Bite into the multigrain. "Raspberry, coconut, poppy, sunflower seeds, flax, sesame," Kara told me was in here. "All the people from the gyms

around us choose that one when they come after their sessions."

But what I like is they're crumbly without being doughy. Sweet without being sickly.

Swear I'm coming back. Partly because of the Red Riding Hood

feeling of the

place - Kara says the cottage is over 100 years old - and partly because hey, wouldn't this be the ideal li'l courtyard to write the Great American Novel in?

"It was a stark and dorky knight..."

Course I'd probably end up jes' sitting here counting...see if 357 people really do make the pilgrimage in for their daily scone.

by Ed Bedford

## Downtown's secret weapon

What's beefy and spicy and came in at #23 on a CNN readers' poll of the world's 50 most delicious foods?

Bulgogi.

Uh, say whu?

That's exactly it: Bulgogi, South (and North) Korea's most famous food that's not kimchee.

I've discovered it here at this sandwich shop on C Street downtown...

Okay, not quite downtown. It's next to the old Churchill Hotel between 8th and 9th on C. It's the Fat Cat Café (819 C Street, downtown, 619-702-7475). Opened early July, a month after the previous eatery, Ue Kara Sushi, packed it in.

And on the front window it has a paper sign advertising new dishes on top of the usual sandwiches, salads and Panini. "BBQ chicken," it says, "Cajun grilled chicken, teriyaki chicken," and "Bulgogi (Korean style marinated beef)."

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“Bulgogi” means ‘fire meat,’” says Esther...

...the Korean-American lady who runs this place with her husband Danny. She thought up the “Fat Cat” name and is even drawing the logo cat. They came down here from Oakland and bought this early-closing (3:00 p.m.) lunch place so that they could have more time with their special needs daughter. It's only now, after the first month, that they're trying Korean foods out on customers.

Bulgogi is the first.

Natch, I have to order it. Cost is reasonable, \$6.95. Nice pile of beef that's steaming rich aromas of its marinades of soy, sesame oil, garlic, pepper, ginger, apples, onions, garlic, ginger... dee-lish.

‘But the kicker? Esther's own hot sauce, a combo of South America (she grew up in Argentina) and Korea (she was born in Seoul).

“Gochujang,” she says, when Danny plunks the little pot of angry red stuff in front of me. Turns out it's a mix of red chili, glutinous rice, fermented soybeans. “But we have our own recipes,” she says. She learned it from her grandmother who has been making - and selling - it for most of her 92 years. “But I add my own things, like cilantro.”

Trust me, this *muy picante* gochujang sauce takes the bulgogi beef to a new level. Think Mount St. Helens.

Esther promises more

Korean adventures, once they get better established here. Not easy, when you've got to persuade customers to come the extra quarter mile from the deli-rich canyons of all those hi-rise offices further down C Street.

I'll have to go back, find out more for a Tin Fork.

by Ed Bedford

## A sweet spot in Little Italy

I know, it works, it must, otherwise why would they persist — but that doesn't make hawkers any less annoying. I was strolling down the sidewalk in Little Italy, eager to finally see how my neighborhood location for Davanti Enoteca measured up to my experience at Davanti Del Mar. The only thing in my way was a loud man with an exaggerated and very fake Italian accent shouting at me using hackneyed clichés such as “Bella!” and “Buongiorno!” even though it was early evening.

But, once we got past the hawker (don't touch me, dude, and please, for the love of all things actually Italian, like my great-grandparents, knock it off with that terrible accent), David and I were led to the quiet, relaxing, olive-tree adorned patio in the back to dine al fresco. On the patio, the service was friendly and the lights among the olive tree branches twinkled; the relax-

ation we felt was reminiscent of our trips to Europe, though we were but a few miles away from home.

During the summer, we're always looking for a good place to chill, sip wine, and graze on artisanal cheese and cured meats, and in Davanti, we'd found exactly that. I was very happy when, one recent Wednesday evening, we returned to find no hawker at the door, just the wide entrance, a brief moment of waiting, and the appearance of a friendly face to lead us to our seats. When it became clear we were being led to an indoor seat, I requested we be rerouted to the patio, where there just happened to be a table for two right beside the olive tree.

I'd been craving the “toad in the hole” ever since our last visit, though the restaurant doesn't call it that. On the menu, it's “truffle egg toast, fontina, and asparagus.” I get mine without the truffle part.

David had been craving another specialty — the “focaccia di recco,” which is thin dough filled with a ricotta-like cheese and served with honey to complement the savoriness.

We were happy we took our servers suggestion to sample the refreshing, perfect-for-eating-outdoors salad comprising heirloom tomatoes, thinly sliced watermelon, avocado, and basil.

And now, just for your enjoyment, here are some shots from other things we

have tasted in our few trips to Davanti Enoteca. We can't wait to get back soon, sip wine beneath the olive tree, and continue to browse the menu.

by Barbarella Fokos

## Scenes from a snack hunt

Okay, so you caught me heading for Jack In the Box (1110 C Street at City College trolley stop). Yeah, sometimes I do. Quick bite before heading down to Broadway to catch the 210 for Mira Mesa.

Alas and alack: the JIB is no mo'. They've demolished it! Except for the sign. And some iron rebar. Guess they're rebuilding.

So this is how I end up outside OJ's Mini Mart (1129 Broadway, downtown, 619-237-0015), right by the 210 and #2 bus stop. Hey, they may have something. Sandwich, or a bag of chips at least?

I like how the inside's clean and tidy. Seems to stock everything from packets of burger buns to cigarettes.

I step in. A buzz of people ahead of me. Like, guy's looking at a cell phone he's thinking of buying. The lady he's with is trying to decide which incense stick she wants, the cinnamon or the apricot. Big guy between them - think he's buying a pack of cigarettes - starts telling everybody about this motel. “I got Thai, I got Dutch, I got South American... Room two-six... You're not listening to me!”

Nobody is.

Me, I'm backing out to look at the sandwich board just outside the door. The one with the offers.

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Talking about the 7/11 over the road at the trolley station.

I mean maybe they are cheaper here. They're offering things like earphones from \$2.99. But what catches my eye is the \$1 for a 12-ounce coffee or \$1.40 for soda plus chips, and cookies from 60 cents to 99 cents.

Turns out Ferris, the guy behind the counter, is Chaldean.

“Ah!” I say. “Dichiwoods?”

My friend Wissam at another liquor store taught me this. It's Aramaic for “How are you?”

“Randa!” says Ferris. It means “Good!”

It's only now that I notice



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So snack decision time. I'd love to get the \$1.40 deal, but need that cawfee, not soda. So I fork over all of two buckeroos for the joe and the pack of chips.

But who's complaining? Nothin' funner than parking your hot steaming cawfee on the back of the bus stop bench, crackin' open your bag of Sun Harvest Cheddar chips, and shootin' the breeze with the clump of people waiting for their rides (on the #2, mostly). Even if we only met, like, 30 seconds ago, and we're gonna go our separate ways, soon as this 210 rolls up.

But never did chips and coffee taste better.

Was our stuff cheaper here than at the 7/11?

I'da been across Broadway in a flash to check. But right about then, the 210 turns up. That's life in the fast lane, I guess.

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by Ed Bedford

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**Leave Mexico out of it.** Erik Thompson wonders why no one has made a movie about the 91X he worked at 30 years ago. Driven by an exploding new wave and punk culture, 91X was one of the first commercial alternative-rock stations to serve a major

broadcast studio until the late '80s. "To get to the studio you had to drive up this hill to get to this dingy, cinder-block building. We had to create this fantasy for our audience from a shit-hole studio. When it rained you had to park at the bottom of the hill and walk up

first Arbitron quarterly rating in the Spring of '83. Thompson was a DJ/newsman/production director (responsible for making commercials and station-identification spots). He loved the 91X buzz. But not its pay. "I was living under the poverty level. Firing me [in 1988] was the best thing they could have done."

Thanks to his radio experience, Thompson started voicing TV commercials and he narrated the TV series *The Universe* for the History Channel. He now has four agents in three cities who get him work voicing promotional spots for Showtime, HBO, and Fox. He's narrated *Crimes of the Century* for CNN and *America's Most Amazing Videos* for NBC.

To record his work he uses his home studio in Leucadia or the one in his cabin on Palomar Mountain. He then sends his audio tracks to L.A. or New York via telephone line. "I rarely have to go to L.A. anymore...and I now earn in one day what I used to make in one month." Thompson says some A-list voice-over artists have their own managers and publicists. "I drive my own bus."

Thompson, 54, says his voice-over career became a lot easier once he became established. "One producer refers you to another producer." He says it's theoretically easier to get into the voice-over business than it was when he

started 20 years ago: "All you really need is a home studio and the Internet. You can be in South Dakota and do this." He says, however, the voice-over

give away prizes, like trips to Hawaii. It was their way of compensating their staff to make up for the shitty money we were getting paid. Each



In keeping with "the whole pirate-radio aspect," 91X used this Tijuana-based broadcast station

industry is getting competitive. "Now there may be 500 people trying for one gig. It's become cut-throat."

Thompson says he was fired from 91X in 1988 because "They wanted me to talk up records like I was a Top 40 DJ. I thought we were supposed to be a peer of the listener, which is what they were doing at [L.A.'s] KROQ. Plus, I always thought we should use the whole pirate-radio aspect, since we were actually coming out of Mexico. They wanted to leave Mexico out of it."

Then there was the big boss.

"John Lynch never liked me." Lynch, who was general manager and co-owner of 91X, now runs the *UT* media conglomerate. "At some of the staff parties, [Lynch] would pull names out of the hat to

time he made sure his favorite employees would win the prizes."

Regarding the format that gave him his break: "Radio has become a corporate mess," says Thompson. "Radio as we know it is coming to a close." He says the lack of DJs with personality and the reliance of outside consultants to determine what music gets played has left rock-radio irrelevant.

"Now that corporations have sucked the personality out of radio, why would someone not just use their iPod [to listen to music]? When you follow the bottom line, you get the bottom."

— Ken Leighton

#### Our Pulitzer pianist.

"This is my year to play," says Anthony Davis, composer, pianist, and professor of music

at UCSD for the past 16 years. "Last year, I mostly concentrated on writing, but this project with Wadada is really opening up a lot of performance opportunities. Already, we've done three nights in São Paulo, three nights at Roulette in New York, and this week, we're headed to Austria."

The project Davis refers to is Wadada Leo Smith's *Ten Freedom Summers*, a four-disc release containing four and a half hours of music that was nominated for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize in music — it made the final cut of three.

The pianist came to the La Jolla campus in 1997, after teaching at Yale and Harvard, and isn't planning on leaving. "It's a very supportive environment. Being here has afforded me the opportunity to pursue many creative projects."

This isn't the first time Davis, a University City resident, was nominated for the Pulitzer — in 1984 his composition "Wayang #4" for piano and orchestra made the short list, and he also wrote the music for playwright Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, which won the Pulitzer for drama in 1993 and a Tony award as well.

*Ten Freedom Summers* is Smith's musical distillation of the Civil Rights movement, scored for jazz quartet/quintet and chamber group, with titles like "Dred Scott 1857," "Emmit Till: Defiant, Fearless," and "Buzzsaw: The Myth of a Free

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U.S. city. Thompson was one of the DJs onboard who were inventing the new radio format as they went along.

"I got hired in '83, right after they switched to alterna-

the hill unless you had a four-wheel drive. There were moths the size of birds. A three-hour wait back across the border wasn't unusual. Yet it was kind of fun at the same time."



91X crew of 1987: Oz Medina, Susan DeVincent, Billy Bones, and Wreckless Erik

tive," says Thompson, who used the on-air name Wreckless Erik. "For the whole time I was there, we had to drive back and forth across the border." 91X used a Tijuana-based

He knew 91X was onto something. "You heard 91X coming out of vans, cars windows, at the beach...it was everywhere." 91X beat longtime rock powerhouse KGB in its

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Press.” I asked Davis about how much work it took to prepare for the project.

“Wadada’s compositions are very challenging. He uses a special system of notation, and we had to blend with a conductor and small orchestra, so we rehearsed for a week, did three nights of performances at REDCAT (Disney Concert Hall), then took a week to record it.”

“I knew this had the potential to become really big,”



Davis knew Freedom “had the potential to become really big.”

the Grateful Dead after they heard him playing in a small club in Iowa. “I was 18 years old and still living at home. My parents said, ‘You’ve gotta finish college!’” Any regrets?

## daily blogs

**Blue Monday: The return of Lafayette Falquay and Stoney B blues**

By Dave Good — Aug. 26, 8:38 a.m.

**Fresh meet: Diatribes and Champ debut at Soda Bar**

By Chad Deal — Aug. 24, 9:21 p.m.

**Joe Marillo salutes Gary LeFebvre at Dizzy’s**

By Robert Bush — Aug. 24, 6:11 p.m.

**International Cassette Store Day at M-Theory**

By Chad Deal — Aug. 23, 4:44 p.m.

**Basura: San Pedro el Cortez screen documentary in Tijuana**

By Chad Deal — Aug. 21, 5:24 p.m.

**The Malcolm X Experimental Music Festival**

By Chad Deal — Aug. 19, 4:26 p.m.

**Indie Fest 8 — August 17, Craig Yerkes Stage Daytime Round Up with photos**

By Bart Mendoza — Aug. 18, 7:10 p.m.

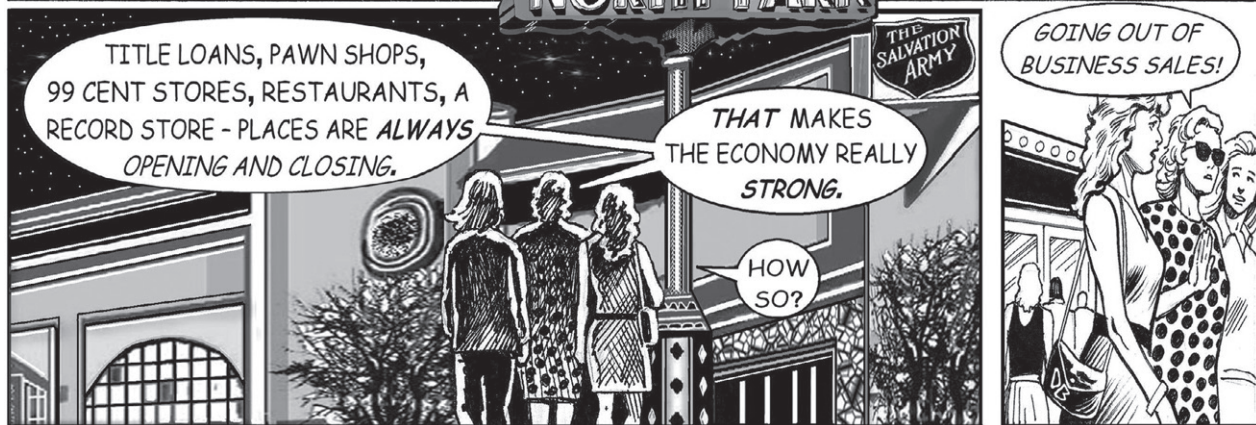
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says Davis, reflecting on the multiple honors the music is up for. “Wadada has been one of the most original and creative composer’s in the world for many years. I thought that when we first started playing

in the early 1970s. This recognition is long overdue.”

Davis turned down the opportunity to become a household name in 1971 when he declined an invitation to join

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“No, not really. I had a very practical reason for staying in college. The draft was still on, and I had a very low number. All things considered, things have worked out really well for me.”

— Robert Bush

### Record-release roundup.

Jazzy hip-hoppers Lyrical Groove will perform their debut full-length *Spoken Soul* on August 31 at Block 16 Union and Spirits on Seventh Avenue downtown, with other acts to include Geminelle, Presto, and Sound Collage Musik.

Pepper will drop their self-titled sixth studio album September 3 via Law/Island Records, showcasing a newer, harder sound from the formerly mellow reggae rockers. “We’ve been pigeonholed in the past, so this is an opportunity to transcend all that,” says drummer Yesod Williams. The first single “F\*\*k Around

(All Night)” is available online, with an accompanying video streaming on YouTube. The same day will see a new smooth jazz/blues rock CD from Patrick Yandall called *Soul Grind*, on the Innervi-

on Loving Me Baby” by Otis Rush. Its release will be followed by a European tour.

Gayle Skidmore’s full-length *Sleeping Bear* includes a coloring book she created. “This is my second [album

Nathan Fox recorded his *I’m All Done* EP in Nashville with several noted country session players, but for the September 17 release party at downtown’s House of Blues, “I’ll be performing the show solo and debuting a couple of new songs. One is a western-style story about a badass female gunslinger avenging the death of her family called ‘The Gunfighters Fate,’ and the other is a rock-and-roll song called ‘Get Gone.’”

Andy Gassaway’s *Sacrificial Dollar* EP release at Tin Can Ale House on September 17 will find the country-style roots-rocker backed by former Gone Baby Gone drummer Nobuko Kemmatsu, on a bill that also includes Austin, Texas country duo Loves It!

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Skidmore’s *Sleeping Bear* comes with a coloring book and cookies.

sions label.

Black Market III’s *Black Roses* CD (due September 5 and recorded at Scottie Blinn’s Grease Punk Studio in Lakeside) includes covers of “Old Man” by Neil Young, “I’ve Just Seen the Rock of Ages” by John Preston, and “Keep

jacket] coloring book,” she says. “I felt incredibly inspired by this album and spent a lot more time on the artwork, most of which I worked on while we were recording.” For the September 15 release party at the Casbah, “I’ll have a batch of my homemade cookies.”

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*"I didn't know anything about musicology. I thought, Man, that's it. I quit my job."*

If you ever meet Bonnie Wright, here are a few things to expect: (1) She will quickly put any music knowledge you think you harness to immediate shame; (2) her never-ending quest to seek out original musical voices will not only make you feel like a lazy pop connoisseur, it will also drown you in a sea of musicians who "you should check out"; and (3) she might borrow you to help her move some mic stands and rugs into a storage space.

Wright lives and breathes music, original music in particular. She "hates cover bands." After her children had grown, Wright re-examined her career path. "I asked myself, 'What do you do when nobody's looking — when you don't have to be interesting or charming?'" Wright said. "I was sitting in on a class at the UCSD Music Department where they had these Thursday noon seminars, and I heard this woman speak named Susan McClary who's a professor. She's a musicologist, and I didn't know anything about musicology. I thought, *Man, that's it. I quit my job.*"

Since she started Spruce Street Forum in 1995, Wright has been at the forefront of bringing original, experimental music to San Diego with her Fresh Sounds series. She often scouts bands and artists during visits to New York City. For example, Wright

selected solo percussionist Ian David Rosenbaum for this fall's series after she heard him playing a piece in the Lower East Side on flower pots.

A big switch is underway for Fresh Sounds.

Nestled next to a bright pink Baptist church is the 40,000-square-foot Bread & Salt building in Barrio Logan. The series is moving to this new

artist enclave, which will host special events, art galleries, work studios, and more. The space is still in the midst of heavy renovations, but Wright is crossing her fingers that everything will be good to go by the time her fall series starts in mid-September.

While bringing concert supplies over to her new space in the Bread & Salt building, Wright was kind enough to answer some questions for the *Reader*.

**Reader:** How do you choose your performers? Do they solicit you, or do you track them down?

**Wright:** I tend to track them down. I have no specific criteria, but since my goal is to bring music to San Diegans that they wouldn't hear otherwise, I tend to have out-of-towners. I started this when I was at UCSD. I was working with George Lewis. He was a member of the AACM, which is the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians. So, he knew all the members of that — Anthony Braxton, Leroy Jenkins, and a bunch of great musicians. So,

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Bonnie Wright, creator of the Fresh Sounds series, says back off to cover bands. She prizes originality.

a lot of them came. I had traveled with him...I was sort of his "off-the-campus" manager. I met a lot of musicians, and because everybody loved George, I had credibility when I started my own series.

**R:** How do you determine what will work for the series?

**W:** I don't care if it's been done, as long as it's not unusual here. It doesn't have to be brand new, it just has to be unusual and genre-stretching. Not what we usually hear here. And since I get to make all the decisions, I choose what I want to hear again. On the less selfish side, I want to give the musicians a chance to perform their music. There are different ways to present music. One way is to try to please your audience. In order to please your audience, for the most part, they want something that is comforting. In order to be comforting, it has to be familiar. And that is exactly NOT what I do. I do it the other way... to try and say, "Okay, here is something adventurous that you may not have heard before. Let's give the musicians a chance to show you what they can do, and maybe you will like it. But how are you gonna know unless you hear it?" I don't like everything I go to in New York, but how am I gonna hear the stuff I do like, if I don't go?

**R:** How would you describe the crowds that

show up for Fresh Sounds?

**W:** Totally different. It depends on the concert. Three of the four concerts next season are contemporary classical. I may get contemporary classical people, but I have no idea. Sometimes they are young noise guys. Sometimes they are people who are just, overall, interested in music. Some are old, some are young. I have no idea.

**R:** Over the years, what has been the most challenging aspect of keeping Fresh Sounds going?

**W:** The easy answer is money because I don't spend a lot of time fundraising. I send out a fundraising letter. I have a few people who help me out. I keep it really small on purpose, so I don't have debt. If I had more money, I would bring in bigger groups, but other than that, it's trying to get an audience. I can't pay for advertising. I Facebook, I Twitter, I do interviews and hopefully get coverage from the press. I love to have an audience mainly because it's embarrassing when someone comes here from New York and there's not many people in the audience. But then I realize... I had a trio here from New York and there were, like, 30 or 35 people, and I said, "Oh, I'm so sorry we don't have more." And they said, "Bonnie, it happens in New York, too." It's the nature of what I do. ■

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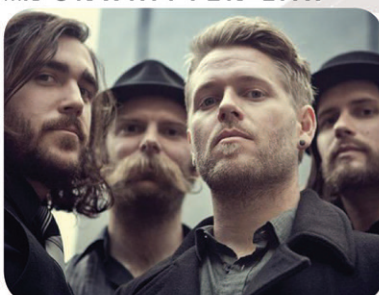
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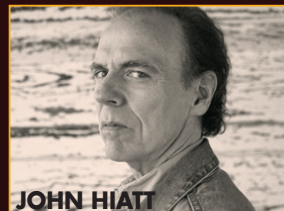
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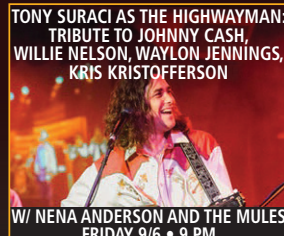


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9/13 Jimmy Cliff - SOLD OUT!!!	10/4 The Spazmatics	11/3 The 1975
9/14 Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers	10/6 Caletico	11/4 & 5 An Evening w/ Graham Nash - SOLD OUT!!!
9/15 Godspeed You! Black Emperor	10/7 Taj Mahal Trio	11/8 40 Oz to Freedom
9/17 Jason Isbell	10/8 Conor Oberst - SOLD OUT!!!	11/9 An Evening with Keller Williams
9/18 Wynonna Judd & the Big Noise	10/9 Steve Earle and The Dukes	11/10 Greensky Bluegrass
9/19 Mishka	10/10 Berlin	11/12 Tycho
9/20 Earthdance San Diego feat. Liquid Blue	10/11 & 12 Super Diamond	11/13 Mason Jennings
9/21 The Young Dubliners	10/15 Primal Scream	11/15 Brett Dennen
9/22 The Psychedelic Furs	10/16 Leon Russell	11/16 Stephen Marley
9/25 BoomBox	10/18 Chali2Na & House of Vibe and The B-Side Players	11/22 & 23 The English Beat
9/26 Michael Rose w/ Sly and Robbie	10/19 Stepping Feet	11/26 Sinead O'Connor
9/27 The Mother Hips	10/20 Three Dog Night	11/27 Chris Isaak
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10/2 Bob Schneider	11/1 Cowboy Mouth w/ Miggs	12/29 Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven
		12/30 Donavon Frankenreiter
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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**710 Beach Club:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Jammin' Z90 Throwback Thursday.  
Saturday, 8pm — Timothy H, Sando & the Irie Vibration.

**950 Lounge at the Handlery Hotel:**  
Wednesday, 6pm — Hump Day Acousticness: Mary Grasso. Free.

**98 Bottles:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Leonard Patton: Michael Jackson Tribute. \$12-\$15.  
Friday, 8pm — Danny Green Trio.  
Saturday, 8pm — Teagan Taylor.  
Sunday, 1pm — Celebrating the Life of Gary Lefebvre.

**Across the Street at Mueller College:**  
Sunday, 7:45pm — BlackBolt, Jeremiah Bonds, Hapizzex. \$5.

**Air Conditioned Lounge:**  
Monday — Organized Grime. Free.

**Analog:**  
Friday, 9pm — Disco Naps presents Body Heat.

**ArtLab:**  
Thursday, 7pm — Imaginary Dance Orchestra. Free.  
Wednesday, 8pm — Robin

Henkel Band with Whitney Shay. Free.

**Bailiwick:**  
Thursday, 7pm — Vibrancy with Stevie Harris.

**Balboa Theatre:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — **Joe Satriani**. Unstoppable Momentum tour 2013. With Marco Minnemann, Bryan Beller, and Mike Keneally, plus special guest the Steve Morse Band. Tickets at [ticketmaster.com](#).  
Thursday, August 29; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO) \$39-\$42.

**Bar Dynamite:**  
Friday, 9pm — 24K Gold.  
Tuesday, 9pm — Boom Bap.

**Bar Pink:**  
Thursday, 9pm — Queen Caveat.  
Friday, 9pm — Fam Royal.  
Saturday, 9pm — Stevie & the Hi-Stax.

**Barefoot Bar and Grill:**  
Monday, noon — Private Domain.

**Beaumont's:**  
Friday, 9pm — Stratos. Free.  
Saturday, 9:30pm — December's Children. Free.

**Belly Up:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Glow Party 2.0: Rock the Discotek.  
Friday, 8pm — Nicki Bluhm & the Gramblers.  
Saturday, 8pm — DJ Z-Trip.  
Sunday, 8pm — The Marshall Tucker Band.  
Tuesday, 8pm — John Hiatt.  
Wednesday, 7pm — The Peripherals.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Nursery rhymes from hell: Johnny Mox brings us doom and dread disguised as something carefree and childish. Imagine "Row Row Row Your Boat" but recorded by the people who brought us the *Blair Witch Project*: grainy, out of focus, handmade, and a real sucker punch to a listener's sense of all things cheerful. Like a Moby from the dark side, Johnny Mox seems enchanted with the image of the country preacher, the old-school type of swindler that could sell central heating to the devil. Mox sings almost everything in the style of a round, meaning he harmonizes against himself via the use of electronics, then adds gospel and blues music and guitar and drums and samples of sermons to form a thing

that, in its own way, is new. In the end, the tracks rumble with bombast and some kind of inner vacuum cleaner, not unlike that of early Jon Spencer.

There's not a lot in print about Mr. Mox, and most of what there is was written in Italian, which makes sense when you come to find out that Mox is really Gianluca Taraborelli, from the small college town of Trento in Northern Italy. If Google Translate is even close to being correct, then Taraborelli also drummed in the bands Sisters and Nurse! Nurse! Nurse! prior to stepping out and starting the Moxsters of the Universe, a five-piece rock act fronted by Mox and his various effects pedals. Johnny Mox is pure fiction, then, a character that works as a loop artist. What Mox does is he records (and/or performs live) lyrics and effects and samples and beats, and then he carefully stacks them in sonic layers to produce his little sound explosions. He also works alone, Johnny Mox does, with a



JOHNNY MOX

boom box and a bunch of prerecorded samples and a mic and a drum kit and a light show. This Awesome Fest 7 pre-party features several bands, and Johnny Mox is the first. Hit the Soda Bar site for the complete list of performers.

**JOHNNY MOX: Soda Bar, Thursday, August 29, 6 p.m. 619-225-7224. \$10.**

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**Bernardo Winery:**  
Saturday, 4pm, Saturday, 7pm, Sunday, 5pm, Sunday, 2pm — The California Rhythm Project. \$10-\$15.

**Block 16 Union & Spirits:**  
Saturday, 6pm — Lyrical Groove, Geminelle, Presto. \$10-\$15.

**Boar Cross'n:**  
Friday, 8pm — Club Musae.  
Saturday, 8pm — Shocks Of Mighty.

**Brick by Brick:**  
Friday, 8pm — My Elysian, Bitter Sober, Animato. \$10.  
Saturday, 7pm — Ronny Jones Project and Dave Casey. \$7.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:**  
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Wednesday, 1pm — WOW 1st Wednesdays: Kanan Road. Free.

**Casa del Prado:**  
Saturday, 10am, Sunday, 10am —

14th Annual Hawaiian Plumeria Festival. Free.

**Casbah:**  
Friday, 8pm — Agent Orange, Secret Samurai, Sculptins. \$13-\$15.  
Saturday, 9pm — Everest and the Heavy Guilt. \$10-\$12.

**Chico Club:**  
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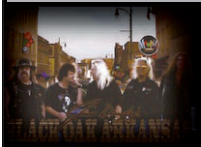
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*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Steve Orr.  
*Friday*, 9pm — Andy Mauser Trio.  
*Friday*, 6pm — Greg Foreman.  
*Saturday*, 9:30pm — Battista.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30pm — Black Market III.

**Del Mar Fairgrounds:**  
*Friday*, 7pm — Rocket from the Crypt.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Reggae Fest featuring Ziggy Marley. \$6-\$20.

**Dirk's Niteclub:**  
*Friday*, 7pm — TNT.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Farmers.

**Dizzy's:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — The Return of the Three Guitars. \$15.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — CJS Quintet: Dexter Gordon tribute. \$10-\$15.

**El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:**  
*Thursday*, 9pm — Boats & Hoes.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — The Tighen Up.

**Epicentre:**  
*Friday*, 6pm — The Acacia Strain and Within the Ruins. \$15.  
*Saturday*, 6pm — Neighbour/s, Radio Active, IW XO. \$8-\$10.  
*Sunday*, 4pm — Pounders, Our Vinyl Vows, Off Track.

**F6ix Niteclub:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Fingaz Fridayz.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Dynamiq.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — SoCal Vibes.

## EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

### She & Him: Volume 3

By Ryu Miyauchi

From the surface details, it may appear She & Him's latest is a gloomy break-up record. Songsmith/ multi-instrumentalist M. Ward incorporates more melodramatic string arrangements, while Zooey Deschanel lyrically digs deeper into heart-break. Compared to its sunny predecessor, *Volume 3* is an over-cast pop record.

But Deschanel is nowhere broken. The record could be summed up nicely

from its track "Together," as Deschanel sings "Yes, we all go through it together/ and we all go at it alone." "I've Got Your Number, Son" establishes a sense of independence from the record's very start. Even at her most unsure moments, Deschanel's vocals remain confident, tough.

When loneliness sets in, it's a time for evaluation rather than self-pity. "I'm stronger than I pictured," Deschanel realizes in the somber "Turn to White." The best melancholy songs here are self-critical without being too much of a bummer.

There is the trademark She & Him playfulness throughout that prevents *Volume 3* from taking a nosedive into sadness. No matter how tough it gets, the music stays optimistic. Deschanel may be working with shades of gray this time around, but it doesn't stop her from shining warm and bright.



An overcast pop record

## Music Reviews from Our Readers

### Prog-rockers relive heydays at Humphreys

By Allan Peterson

If the line to the men's room was any indicator, there were a lot of old guys at Humphreys reliving their prog-rock heydays. And that goes as well for the old guys onstage, a 60 percent facsimile of the band Yes: Steve Howe, Alan White, and Chris Squire. No: Rick Wakeman and Jon Anderson.

Geoff Downes' keyboard playing, like White's drumming, was mostly adequate

if not vintage. Jon Davison, a convincing Anderson clone, did a fine job aping the airy vocal paths laid down over four decades ago as the band gamely played entire albums *Close to the Edge*, *Going for the One*, and *The Yes Album*. To say *Close to the Edge* was arthritic would be generous. *Going for the One* would have seemed an odd choice to follow it, except shorter songs made sense for these aging rock stars. Still, the last song, "Awaken," seemed to do just that. For a moment it was the '70s, and teens who had been dragged to the show by their fathers were transfixed by a compelling vision of the past.



A compelling vision of the past

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*Friday*, 8pm — Deadly Birds.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Ease Up.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

**Golden Acorn Casino:**  
*Friday*, 7pm — Band Of Gold. **Free.**  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Brown Sugar. **Free.**

**Gran Tapa:**  
*Thursday*, 6pm — [Sounds Like](#)

[four](#). Smooth Jazz.  
*Friday*, 6pm — [Juan Moro](#). Flamenco guitar dinner music; 8pm — [Flamenco Dance Show](#). Live show features singer-dancer Oscar Valero, guitarist Juan Moro. \$10.  
*Saturday*, 6pm — [Pan Am](#). Bossa nova, jazz.  
*Sunday*, 5pm — [Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio](#). Opera Latina Romantica.  
*Tuesday*, 6pm — [Tomcat Courtney](#). Born in 1929, Tomcat Courtney performs original down-home blues.  
*Wednesday*, 5:30pm — [Latin Magic](#). Latin dance music with guitar and vocals.

**Griffin:**  
*Thursday*, 8:30pm — Coda

Reactor, Truckfighter, Chiefs.  
*Friday*, 8:30pm — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds and Hirie.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Leanna May & the Matadors.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Noise Makerz and TRC Sound System. **Free.**  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Grand Tarantula.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Bill Evans & Soulgrass.

**Hard Rock Hotel:**  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Intervention Sundays.  
*Sunday*, 9pm — Smashing Alice.

**Harrah's Rincon:**  
*Saturday*, noon — Adult Swim: 12th Planet, Kissy Sell Out. \$20-\$100.  
*Sunday*, 2pm — Dive Dayclub's Reggae Sundays. \$20-\$100.

**Herringbone:**  
*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Julian Tydelski. **Free.**

**House of Blues:**  
*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Dead Rabbitts. \$10.  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Enanitos Verdes. \$35-\$107.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — 6ONE9, Hitman Honey, Way Cool Jr. \$10-\$30.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:**  
*Thursday*, 7pm — Clay Colton.  
*Friday*, 7pm — BetaMaxx. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Caliber.

**Infinity at Pala Casino:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Siren's Crush. **Free.**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Wayward Sons.  
*Tuesday*, 1pm — Jim Curry: John Denver Tribute. **Free.**

**Jumping Turtle:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Against the World and I Will Destroyer.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Etched in Red, Killset, Nyceria.  
*Monday*, 8pm — Hip-Hop Open Mic Night.

**Kava Lounge:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Acyalone.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Future Wednesdays.

**Kensington Club:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Desolators.

**Kona Kai Resort & Marina:**  
*Friday*, 7pm — Hank Easton. **Free.**

**Lestat's Coffee House:**  
*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Just in Case.  
*Friday*, 7:30pm — Josh Damigo and Raelee Nikole.  
*Saturday*, 7:30pm — Jackson Price.

**MaGee's Tavern:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Outta Sync.

**Marrow:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Cruel Summer Prom: Adam Salter, more. \$5.

**Mission Center of Hope:**  
*Saturday*, 7:30pm — Hip-hop for HOPE. \$5.

**Molly Malone's:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Natural Selection. **Free.**

**Office:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — For Your Pleasure.  
*Friday*, 8pm — After Hours with Peril & Unite.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Strictly Business.  
*Monday*, 8pm — Dub Dynamite.

**Patricks Gaslamp Pub:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Mystique Element of Soul.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — T&T.

**Porter's Pub at UCSD:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Jet Life Redeye Tour.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Pacific Division.

**Prescott Promenade:**  
*Friday*, 6pm — Dinner and a Concert: Bill Magee. **Free.**

**San Diego Maritime Museum:**  
*Saturday*, 3pm — Cowboy Jack & North County Cowboys. **Free.**

**San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina:**  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Jojo Hahn.

**San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery:**  
*Saturday*, 7pm — People of Earth. **Free.**

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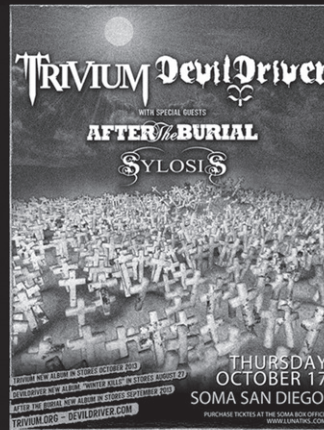
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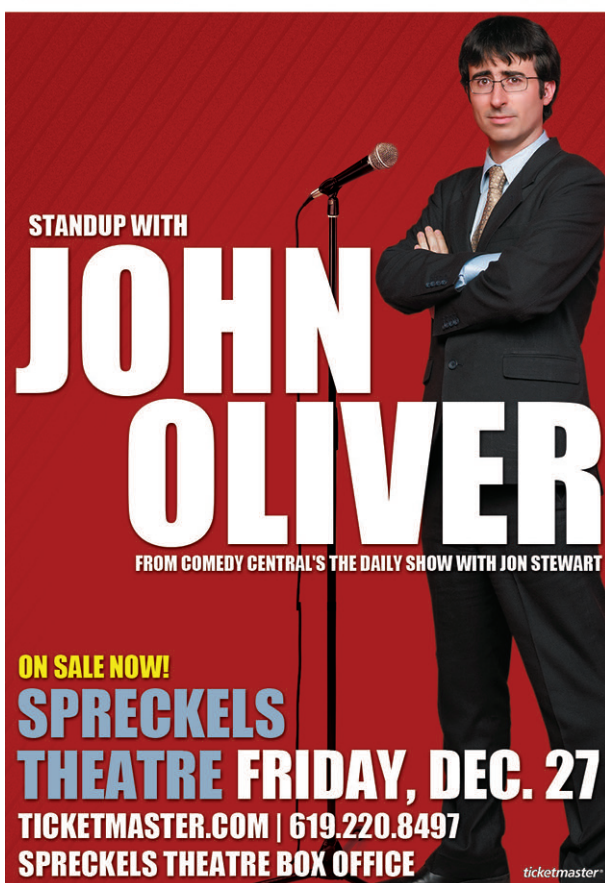
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Saturday, 8pm — Emma "Scout"  
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September 7 — Bad Neighborz,  
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**950 Lounge at the Handlery  
Hotel:** 950 Hotel Circle North,  
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September 11 — Hump Day  
Acousticness: Ryan Hiller.  
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**98 Bottles:** 2400 Kettner Bl.,  
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September 6 — The Rebecca Jade  
Quartet.  
September 7 — Tribute to  
Lambert, Hendricks & Ross.  
September 8 — Kenny Eng.  
September 12 — Fred Benedetti &  
George Svoboda.  
September 12 — Tiffany Jane.

**AMSDconcerts:** 4650  
Mansfield St., Normal Heights,  
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September 7 — The Kennedys.  
September 13 — Tyler Grant and  
Friends.

**The Abbey:** 2825 Fifth Ave.,  
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September 26 — Heroes de la  
Salud.

**The Air Conditioned Lounge:**  
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September 9 — Organized Grime.

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September 28 — Rock the Boat  
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**Barefoot Bar and Grill:** 1404  
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September 8 — Sunday Fun Day  
Concert: Siers Bros.  
September 15 — Sunday Fun Day  
Concert: Last Call.

**Belly Up:** 143 South Cedros  
Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-  
8140.  
September 5 — Everlast (acoustic  
duo).  
September 6 — Left4Dead.  
September 6 — Tony Suraci as  
the Highwayman.  
September 7 — Don Carlos.  
September 8 — Burt Brion  
Review.  
September 11 — Minus the Bear.  
September 12 — Beer Fest with  
Family Wagon.  
September 13 — Jimmy Cliff.  
September 14 — Roger Clyne &  
the Peacemakers.

**Birch North Park Theatre:**  
2891 University Ave., North  
Park, 619-239-8836.  
September 13 — Ra Ra Riot and  
Caveman.

**Boar Cross'n:** 390 Grand Ave.,  
Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.  
September 12 — The Roman  
Watchdogs.

**Bread & Salt:** 1955 Julian Ave.,  
Logan Heights, 619-851-4083.  
September 13 — Eric Byers.  
October 1 — Ian David  
Rosenbaum.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos  
Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
September 6 — Iron Mayhem.  
September 12 — Calabrese and  
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September 13 — Symbolic.

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September 7 — Murder by Death,  
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September 8 — Tobacco.  
September 9 — Reign Wolf and  
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September 10 — Broncho.  
September 11 — Ewert and the  
Two Dragons.  
September 12 — SDMT: New  
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**Chico Club:** 7366 El Cajon Bl.,  
La Mesa, 619-465-4190.  
September 6 — DJ Harvest.  
September 7 — Rhythm Red.  
September 8, September 13 — DJ  
Harvest.  
September 14 — Vinyl Pirates.

**Crush:** 437 South Highway 101,  
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September 11 — Black Market III.  
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September 21 — Hullabaloo  
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September 14 — Mikan  
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**El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:**  
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September 6 — Hickies &  
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September 10 — Gold Fields.  
September 11, September 18 —  
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**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Bl.,  
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September 6 — Radical  
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September 14 — Ghost Town and  
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**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046  
Newport Ave., Ocean Beach,  
619-222-5300.  
September 6 — Hip Hop  
Anonymous.  
September 11, September 18,

**The Griffin:** 1310 Morena Bl.,  
Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.  
September 5 — Jelly Bread and  
Jack Berry.  
September 7 — Darlings, Nations  
Afire, Emmer Effer.  
September 12 — Normandie  
Wilson.  
September 13 — Leftover Cuties  
and the Features.

**Hard Rock Hotel:** 207 Fifth  
Ave., Downtown San Diego, 866-  
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September 8, September 15,  
September 22, September 29 —  
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September 21 — Teagan Taylor Group.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.  
September 5 — Chief Keef.  
September 6 — Charli XCX.  
September 7 — Hopsin, Dizzy Wright, Brotha Lynch Hung.  
September 8 — ZZ Ward and the Wild Feathers.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.  
September 8 — Blues Brunch: Robin Henkel & Billy Watson.  
September 9 — Robin Henkel Band with horns.

**Humphreys by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.  
September 8 — Melissa Etheridge.  
September 13 — Carly Rae Jepsen and Hot Chelle Rae.

**The Irenic:** 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335.  
September 7 — The Tree Ring.  
September 13 — Titus Andronicus.  
September 22 — Kathleen Hanna's Julie Ruin, La Sera.

**Junior Seau Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre:** 200 North of the Strand, Oceanside, 760-435-5540.  
September 21 — Independence Jam.

**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington, 619-284-2848.  
September 13, September 14, September 15 — Sin Fronteras/Salsipuedes Fest #2.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
September 5 — This Way to the Egress, Joe Firstman.

**The Loft:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.  
September 25 — Finish Ticket, Holy Child, Natasha.  
September 28 — MC Sol.  
October 2 — Ólafur Arnalds.

**Martinis Above Fourth:** 3940 Fourth Avenue #200, Hillcrest, 619-400-4500.  
September 17 — Leigh Scarritt: Stars of the Future.  
October 3 — Lorenz & Yandell: Jason Robert Brown.

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September 6 — Stone the Giant.  
September 13 — Rock Steady.  
September 20 — Moxie.  
September 27 — The A List.  
October 4 — SoCal Vibes.

**Morgan Run Resort and Club:** 5690 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-367-9729.  
September 6 — Steven Ybarra.

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September 5 — For Your Pleasure.  
September 7 — Strictly Business.  
September 10 — Dub Dynamite.  
September 12 — For Your Pleasure.

**Open Air Theatre:** 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.  
September 14 — One Republic and Sara Bareilles.  
September 30 — Vampire Weekend.

**Porter's Pub at UCSD:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828.  
September 12 — Mickey Avalon.  
September 13 — Mykki Blanco.  
September 20 — The Orb.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.  
September 20 — The Robert Cray Band.

**Prescott Promenade:** 211 1/2 E. Main St., El Cajon.  
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September 13 — Dinner and a Concert: Back to the Garden.

**Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:** 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
September 7 — Tab Benoit.  
September 12 — The Zombies, Get Groovin', Et Tu Bruce.  
September 13 — Tommy Castro Band.

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September 7 — Rock the Block: Lovelite.

**Robbie's Roadhouse:** 530 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-634-2365.  
September 24 — Cowboy Jack.

**Rock and Roll San Diego School of Music and Performing Arts:** 3360 Sports Arena Bl., suite A, Midway District, 619-255-9594.  
September 18 — Music From the Drummer's Perspective.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** 3402 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.

September 13 — Ristband.

**The Royal Dive:** 2949 San Luis Rey Rd., Oceanside, 760-722-1911.  
September 8 — Havok.

**San Diego Civic Theatre:** 1100 Third Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.  
September 6 — Earth, Wind & Fire.  
September 7 — Tenacious D.

**San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery:** 8364 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-1797.  
September 7 — The PushPins.  
September 14 — Sock Monkeys.

**The Shakedown Bar:** 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.  
September 12 — Calabrese.  
September 18 — The Toasters and the Amalgamated.

**Sleep Train Amphitheatre:** 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.  
September 6 — Dave Matthews Band and Gary Clark Jr.  
September 13 — Rascal Flatts and the Band Perry.  
September 14, September 15 — Rockstar Energy Drink UPROAR Festival.

**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.  
September 5 — Barbarian, Is/Is, Oh Spirit.  
September 7 — The Dread Crew of Oddwood, Revival House.  
September 9 — S (ex-Carissas's Wierd), Night Cadet.  
September 10 — Turquoise Jeep.  
September 11 — Never Come Down, GlobalLies, Allophone.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.  
September 21 — Incredible Me.

**St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ:** 5825 Imperial Ave., Valencia Park, 619-262-2671.  
September 15 — Sunday Night Live Gospel Artist Networking.

**Swedenborg Hall:** 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights.  
September 20, September 21 — Berkley Hart Selis Twang.

**Tin Can Ale House:** 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.  
September 17 — Andy Gassaway EP release.

**The Tower Bar:** 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.  
September 10 — Homeless Sexuals, Nasalrod, Stab City.  
September 28 — Ssssnake.

**U-31:** 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188.  
September 13 — Cash'd Out.

**Valley View Casino Center:** 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.  
September 6 — Kid Cudi, Tyler the Creator, Logic.  
September 22 — Fall Out Boy, Panic! At the Disco.

**Wine Steals:** 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-230-2657.  
September 7, September 17 — Robin Henkel.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
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## ALLIED GARDENS

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

## ALPINE

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

## BALBOA PARK

**The Prado Restaurant:** Tuesday-Thursday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, draft ale, margaritas, selected appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-11pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, selected appetizers.

## BANKERS HILL

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

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

**The Caliph:** Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 11am-9pm, (All day Monday.) Friday, 11am-8:30pm, (All day

Monday.) Saturday, Noon-8:30pm: 75¢ Roast Beef Sandwiches. (All day Monday.)

## BAY PARK

**Tio Leo's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 street tacos, TJ hot dogs, carne asada fries, buffalo chicken tacos & more.

## BONITA

**Casa Bella:** Monday-Wednesday, 4-10pm: Half-off bottles of wine with purchase of two entrées.

## CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

**Beach House:** Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.95 draft/domestic beer, \$3.45 wells, \$3.95 bloody mary & house wine, \$4.95 well martini, \$5.95 cosmopolitan, mojito, margarita, bloody mai tai.

## CARLSBAD

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

## 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 street tacos, TJ hot dogs, carne asada fries, buffalo chicken tacos & more.

## CHULA VISTA

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

## CITY HEIGHTS

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

# Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN



**JASON O'BRYAN**  
Gang Kitchen  
345 Sixth Avenue,  
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Given has had a hard row of it in San Diego — that's according to Jason O'Bryan, one of the top bar-risters at the Asian fusion Gang Kitchen.

"You would think that the starting ingredient in a Tom Collins or a South Side, here in the land of endless summer, would recommend itself," he tells me.

But Gang's cocktail menu — designed to match its Asian-informed cuisine — is ginning up the juniper juice by bringing back an old standby — the Singapore Sling.

"The Singapore Sling didn't catch on immediately," O'Bryan admits, "but it's got wheels underneath it now."

A Tiki cocktail before there were Tiki cocktails, O'Bryan says, the Singapore Sling came to life at the Raffles Hotel in 1915 where American travelers were looking to add tropical color to their typical gin. Gang's

version, he adds, is a far cry from the degraded fugue of fruit juice and booze the drink had become in the '70s.

"The first thing you get is the pineapple and cherry combined," O'Bryan says. "It's as fruity as classic cocktails ever get. Then with the Benedictine and Angostura Bitters, there's a little note of spice that runs through it."

Fresh pineapple juice is a must, O'Bryan insists — and citrus in the mix prevents the heavy curse most other juice drinks suffer.

"The lemon juice helps keep the drink from being cloying," he says.

When all is said and slung, O'Bryan says, the excellence of Gang's Sling comes from attending to the right ingredients in the right order and proportion, which makes it a good go-to to go with the eatery's entrees.

"That sort of tropical sweetness goes well with Asian food," he explains, "the same way that a Riesling goes traditionally well with Asian food. It's a good fit."

**KITCHEN PROOF:** Gin and juice show mutual respect, while lemon, Heering, and bitters add a welcomed tart and dry spiciness.

## GANG'S SINGAPORE SLING



In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, pour:

- 1 oz. Beefeater Gin
- ½ oz. Cherry Heering
- ¼ oz. Cointreau
- ¼ oz. Benedictine Liqueur
- 1 oz. Fresh lemon juice
- 2.5 oz. Fresh pineapple juice
- 1 dash Angostura Bitters

Shake "with vigor" and strain over ice in a Collins glass, garnish with pineapple leaf and maraschino cherry, and sling it back in slow motion...

— Joseph O'Brien

**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

**Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint:** Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm:

\$5 vodka martini, house margarita, \$6 cadillac margarita, \$4 house wine by the glass, \$5 well drinks, beer specials. \$5-\$6 appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$5 vodka martini, house margarita, \$6 cadillac margarita, \$4 house wine by the glass, \$5 well drinks, beer specials. \$5-\$6 appetizers.

## COLLEGE AREA

**Marie Callender's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well,

\$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only).

## CORONADO

**Candelas on the Bay:** Daily, 11am-11pm: 1/2-off drafts, glass wine, cocktails. 1/2-off tacos, salads, soups, quesadillas.

**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-Tuesday, Sunday, 4-6pm: \$4 craft drafts, \$2 off craft cocktails, \$5 wells & glasses of select wine. Wednesday-Saturday, 4-6pm & 10pm-midnight: \$4 craft drafts, \$2 off craft cocktails, \$5 wells & glasses of select wine.

**Primavera Ristorante:** Monday, 5-7pm: \$3 off any drink. \$5 martinis.



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**Pal Joey's:** *Monday*, 9am-6:30pm: \$3 Svedka drinks. *Tuesday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 Svedka drinks, \$5 Jager shot, Bud pint. 9pm-1am: 2-for-1 drinks with college or military ID. *Wednesday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 Jim Beam, Jack Daniels and Jameson. *Thursday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 Svedka, \$5 Cazadores & Bud. *Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 Fireball shots. *Saturday*, Endless champagne and mimosa 'til 3pm. \$4 mind erasers. *Sunday*, Endless champagne until 3pm. \$3 champagne and mimosas, \$3 bloody marys.

## DEL MAR

**Brigantine:** *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

**Zel's Del Mar:** *Daily*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$2 off premium drinks, \$2 off all wines by the glass, \$4 wells. \$5 ceviche, \$8 ahi poke, crispy mahi tacos.

## DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

**Block 16 Union & Spirits:** *Friday*, All night: \$3 glasses of Champagne until 11pm, \$5 the rest of the night.

## BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

### Brew mistress

Craft beer fans may remember the name **Red Topper Brewing Company**. Well, forget it. It's changed its moniker to **Council Brewing Company**.

The business is the product of husband and wife Curtis and Liz Chism and CFO Greg Leiser. Admit it. On first read, you simply assume that Curtis is the brewer of the bunch, but pump your brakes. Curtis is an avid homebrewer, but so is Liz. Turns out, she will be the full-time brewery manager and brewer, making her one of a very small handful of women helming brewhouses in San Diego County. The duo have racked up numerous homebrewing awards

and both are certified beer judges.

Council will utilize a three-barrel system, and project annual production to come in at 400 barrels. The Chisms lean more to the traditional than experimental. Their core beers will include a pale ale, American (read: hoppy with a diminutive malt presence), saison, brown ale, and an imperial oatmeal stout called Pirate's Breakfast. Those beers will be offered in an industrial setting similar to many small operations located in business parks. They haven't yet selected their suite, but have narrowed their search to Kearny Mesa.

Originally, the Chisms were aiming to settle down in Golden Hill. The move north is reminiscent of **Chuck Alek Independent Brewers**, another husband-and-wife operation in Ramona run by City of San Diego residents who had their sights set on Golden Hill but found it necessary to look elsewhere. Council's ownership says they couldn't find any available commercial space in the quaint community. In selecting Kearny Mesa, Council would become the third brewery to open there, following Societe Brewing Company and Helm's Brewing Company.



Curtis and Liz Chism are the husband and wife duo behind Council Brewing.

### Are smaller brewpubs over and out?

Brewing companies are starting to close with greater regularity than we've seen over the past decade. **La Jolla Brewhouse**, **El Cajon Brewing**

**Company**, and **The Brew House at Eastlake** have all shuttered in the past year.

Three businesses might not seem like much, but considering there are only around 70 brew-houses in San Diego County, it represents nearly five percent of the local industry. Throw in **Mad Lab Craft Brewing**, the Otay Mesa brewery that closed its facility with plans of reopening as a manufacturing-only brewery next year, and that percentage rises.

On top of this news, word on the street has it that the owners of **Pizza Port** are looking to unload their unincorporated brewpub **Bailey's Wood-Pit BBQ** in Julian.

All of the businesses are brewpubs, restaurants with onsite brewing facilities. The model can and does work in San Diego. Craft beer fans talk all the time about market saturation and bubbles bursting. Could the first example of this be found in the brewpub sector of the industry? Are there too many businesses for a smaller or newer operation to survive amid larger, more established and successful contemporaries? ■

For more breaking craft beer news, follow San Diego Beer News on Twitter (@SDBeerNews) or keep up on Facebook.

**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.

**House of Blues:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

**Magnolia Tap & Kitchen:** *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$4 Local Drafts, \$4 Wells, \$6 Wine + Specialty Cocktails.

**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:** *Monday-Friday*, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: \$3.25 domestic drafts, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3.50 well drinks. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10am-8pm: \$3.25 domestic

drafts, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3.50 well drinks.

**Sevilla:** *Daily*, Open-7pm: \$4 well drinks, domestic and draft beer, house red and white wine. Tapas, flatbread and platter specials.

**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.

## ENCINITAS

**Cap'n Kenos:** *Daily*, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

**D Street Bar and Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$3 well cocktails, \$4 beer of the month. \$2 off all appetizers.

## ESCONDIDO

**Sand Crab Tavern:** *Monday-Thursday*, 3pm-close. 1/2 off appetizers; \$1.00 oyster shooters; Buckets of beer 5 for the price of 4.

**Vintana Wine + Dine:** *Daily*, 2:30-6:30pm: \$7 martini. Seven different apps for \$7 each.

## FALLBROOK

**Aqua Terra:** *Monday-Tuesday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials. *Wednes-*

*day-Sunday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials; sushi happy hour: 1/2 off select rolls.

## GOLDEN HILL

**Turf Supper Club:** *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

## GRANTVILLE

**Tio Leo's:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 street tacos, TJ hot dogs, carne asada fries, buffalo chicken tacos & more.

## HARBOR ISLAND

**C-Level:** *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks, \$5 appetizers.

## HILLCREST

**The Alibi:** *Daily*, all day: \$2 pint Bud, Bud Light; \$3 wells, 23-oz. Bud, Bud Light.

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## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, Sunday-Thursday 2-6pm, All Day Monday: \$2 Bud Light draft and domestic bottles. \$1 off all other drafts and bottles. \$4 select glasses of wine. \$3 Jack or Fireball shots. \$3.50 Jack and Coke. \$4 appetizers.

**Press Box Sports Lounge:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

## RANCHO SANTA FE

**Delicias:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$4 draft beers and well drinks. \$5 red and white house wine. \$8 margaritas. Food specials.

## ROLANDO

**Effin's Pub & Grill:** *Monday*, noon-10pm: \$4 Jack Daniel's, Southern Comfort, Tuaca, Finlandia. *Tuesday*, noon-11pm: 1/2-off cocktails, beer. *Wednesday*, noon-close: \$1 off whiskey. *Thursday*, 5:30-11pm: \$5 Patrón, Jäger. *Friday*, noon-close: \$10 Long Island pitcher. *Saturday*, 5pm-11pm: \$3 Bud, Bud Light, Absolut, Malibu. *Sunday*, 10am-2pm: \$9 Bud and Bud Light pitchers, \$10 mimosa pitcher.

## SAN MARCOS

**Back Alley Grill:** *Tuesday*, All Day: \$1 Taco Tuesday. *Wednesday*, All Day: 50¢ Wings Wednesday. *Thursday*, All Day: \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

**Cowshed Bar and Grill:** *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

**The Jumping Turtle:** *Monday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 wells. \$1.50 cheeseburger sliders, \$2 chicken sliders. *Tuesday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 Coronas, Pacificos, Dos Equis & margaritas. *Wednesday*, Noon-7pm: \$4.75 Paradise iced tea. \$2.75 meatball slider. *Thursday*, 11am-7pm: \$5 Barrenjäger. *Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 Hefeweizen pints. \$5 one-topping pizza. *Saturday*, 11am-7pm: \$4.75 frosty lemon blast. \$5.75 cheeseburger and fries. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: \$4 BLC Bloody Marys. \$5 bacon cheese fries.

## SANTA YSABEL

**Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts,

bottle beers. \$1.50 food specials (bar only). *Saturday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, bottle beers.

## SCRIPPS RANCH

**La Bastide:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$6 drink specials, \$7 appetizer specials.

## SERRA MESA

**Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic beers, \$3.25 well drinks.

## SHELTER ISLAND

**Blue Wave Bar & Grill:** *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$1 off drinks; 1/2 off appetizers.

**Fiddler's Green Restaurant:** *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 house wine and house beer, \$5 well drinks and margaritas.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:** *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off select drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

## SOLANA BEACH

**Chief's Burgers and Brew:** *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

**The Fish Market:** *Monday*, 3:30-9:30pm: \$3.95 wells and domestic bottles, \$4.25 draft & import bottles, chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and pinot noir. \$3.50 fish tacos, \$5.95 calamari. *Tuesday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells and domestic bottles, \$4.25 draft & import bottles, chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and pinot noir. \$3.50 fish tacos, \$5.95 calamari. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$3.95 wells and domestic bottles, \$4.25 draft & import bottles, chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and pinot noir. \$3.50 fish tacos, \$5.95 calamari.

**The Saddle Bar:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

## SORRENTO VALLEY

**Ali Baba's Cave:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 pints, \$3.50 bottled beer, \$5 22oz, \$5 polish beer, \$4 house wines, \$2 off cocktails.

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company:** *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$4 pints, flights, house wine, and well drinks. \$5 wings, hummus, calamari, chili lime sweet potato fries and spinach dip.

## SOUTH PARK

**Alchemy:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 local draft beer, \$3 well drinks, \$2 off wines by the glass, street food specials.

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# THEATER LISTINGS

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## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Entry-level Shakespeare. Director Ian Talbot has spun the comedy in an unsentimental direction: *A Clockwork Orange*, marinated in things punk (including Puck), and performed with freaked-out fright wigs. Everyone talks tough — and loud. The concept might work if the cast wasn't working so hard. The result has inventive moments (as when Winslow Corbett's Hermia gets tossed off the rear stage; or when Oberon sniffs on the "love in idleness flower" and trips out), but it's too heavy-handed and the incessant huffing and puffing takes a toll. [Note: the play runs in repertory with *The Merchant of Venice* and *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*.]

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## Big Top Battle

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## Burn This

Different Stages, which began in 2011, took the name because the company performs at different venues. Their current offering, Lanford Wilson's comedy-drama, is a big tough play for any group. The choice shows ambition, though the results are mixed. When the play begins, Pale, Anna, Larry, and Burton have been locked in stasis. The sudden death of a roommate kick-starts them back into life. The production has one of the best fight scenes in some time (unlike most we see, Michael Nieto's work doesn't look choreographed), but the scenes vary in quality; most are too slow and the actors often verge on mumbling. Anna could use more spontaneity, though this is one of Melissa Coleman-Reed's finest efforts. Credit as well to Mark Robertson's set: an NYC loft that looks like the genuine article.

SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAYS.

## Desperate Affection

Ascension Theatre, in association with San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre, presents Bruce Graham's contemporary thriller: "Can true love change the career goals of a professional hit man?"

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY.

## Detained in the Desert

Teatro Mascara Magica presents a new play by award-winning playwright Josefina Lopez (author of *Real Women Have Curves*. William Virchis directs.

SHANK THEATRE AT UCSD, 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15.

## Double Indemnity

David Pichette and R. Hamilton Wright's stage adaptation skips over the classic, Billy Wilder/Raymond Chandler movie and uses James M. Cain's original novella. They, and director John Gould Rubin, overstate everything. The result's a watered-down remake devoid of subtlety and, surprisingly, of menace. The designers get it right. Stephen Strawbridge's masterful lighting, combined with Keith Skretch's watery videos, recreate the *film noir* look effectively. The actors, however, favor broad, cartoon-like emotions and deliveries. By design? Hard to tell. The clichéd script's so thin, maybe the director felt only irreverence could make it go. It doesn't. At its best, it's pseudo-*noir*; at worst, which is often, just a soft-boiled spoof. SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1.

## Les Misérables

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## Mixtape, the Greatest Hits of the '80s

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs “mark your memories.” *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: pet rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll’s versatile band and under Kerry Meads’s feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. [Note: Lamb’s Players has extended the run several times] 619-437-0600. HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1.

## National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre, now in its 14th season, presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is “appropriate for all audiences.” NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 9:45PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 1.

## Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. “When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect.” 760-489-2496. MIKE’S BBQ & SPORTS BAR, 1356 WEST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-4444. 7:30PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

## Once Upon a Wedding

Dinner theater comes to the California Center for the Arts. Laughing Tree Productions presents “all the joys of attending a real wedding without the pressure of buying that perfect gift. After all, every wedding

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CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 NORTH ESCONDIDO BL., ESCONDIDO. 760-839-4138. 7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY.

## Rosencrantz and Guilden- stern Are Dead

This is probably as good a production as Tom Stoppard’s comi-tragedy will ever see. Director Adrian Noble knows the play to its inches and has encouraged excellent performances from leads Jay Whittaker (Guildenstern) and John Lavelle (a hilarious, “second banana” Rosencrantz). The duo are minor characters in Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*, which a TV crew is filming, and exist only in relation to the play. Or do they? Though “nobody special,” they raise the same questions as the melancholy Dane, and in a far more entertaining fashion. [Note: *R&G* runs in repertory with *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *The Merchant of Venice*]. **Critic’s Pick.**

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM NIGHTLY EXCEPT MONDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

## Second City: The Good, The Bad, and the I-5

Satirical feedback or, San Diego seen from outside the loop. The Second City (spawners of many a *Saturday Night Live* star) skewer our mega-buffed image. As with all improv comedy, some bits miss, but most hit (and hit home) especially about our mayor — and show that we can’t sweep our roving Id(iot) under the national rug. Since the six performers take suggestions from the audience, the show will change from night to night (though Andel Sukik’s song for “all the whales” is worth the price of admission). It’s a pleasure to watch skilled performers in the moment, creating literally on the spot. They know how to work real hard yet seem to be hardly working. *Worth a try.* LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1.

## Sideways

A matter of taste because this remake of Rex Pickett’s novel

sends Jack and Miles on a “blow-out” road trip to the Santa Inez Valley (and behave like our headline-grabbing mayor). Sex-crazed Jack (Sean Allan Krill) has a hair-trigger; morose Miles (Patrick Breen) has no firing pin. As they flee from adulthood, they imbibe gallons of *vin*o and may, or may not, find *veritas*. The piece needs some rethinking, and to get quicker off the blocks. On the plus side the dialogue snaps and crackles with keeper one-liners, and director Des McAnuff finds opportunities to inject potential substance into adolescent (and sexist) boys-will-be-boys hi-jinx. [Note: due to popular demand, the La Jolla Playhouse has extended the show’s run twice].

## Worth a try.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1.

## Simply Sci-Fi

New Play Cafe presents new 10-minute science fiction plays, by San Diego playwrights served up with dessert and coffee at the Big Kitchen Cafe, BIG KITCHEN, 3003 GRAPE ST., SOUTH PARK. 619-234-5789. 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

## Suds: The Rocking '60s Musical Soap Opera

New Village Arts presents the “home-grown” (by Steve Gunderson, Melinda Gilb, Will Roberson, and Bryan Scott) musical about a woman “looking for love in a laundromat.” Javier Velasco directs. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1.

## The 39 Steps

In the classic Hitchcock movie, Richard Hannay’s caught in a web of international intrigue and becomes wanted on three continents. In Patrick Barlow’s parody, Hannay goes through a warped looking glass and enters the Actor’s Nightmare: He has a clue about a vital secret but narry a clue what to do next. The Lamb’s Players show, brisk and beautifully



PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL LAMONT

**Miles Anderson plays Shylock in the Old Globe Theatre’s Shakespeare Festival production of The Merchant of Venice, which runs through September 28.**

timed, is goofy fun. David S. Humphrey, Kelsey Venter, Jesse Abeel, and Robert Smyth sprint through blink-of-an-eye scenes and costume changes. Some of the funniest parts come when a bit doesn’t work, by design. These supposed mishaps skewer the campy stuff the way the script skewers the movie. They also underline the dexterity of the cast and Deborah Gilmour-Smyth’s spot-on direction. *Worth a try.* LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-

ANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22.

## The Dinner Detective

Performers are dressed just like everyone else, leaving all of the guests to suspect who is a part of the show and who is not. At the end of the night, prizes are awarded to the top sleuth who solves the crime.

Each ticket typically includes an interrogation reception, a four course meal, the interactive murder mystery show, music, prizes, and more.

COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-446-3000. 6:15PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

## The Merchant of Venice

Adrian Noble directed Shakespeare’s controversial play as a comedy of bad manners. *Merchant* contains anti-Semitism. But what is it pro? If it’s for Christianity, then it has an embedded critique of un-Christian behavior — all of which pulverizes Miles Anderson’s extraordinary Shylock. He begins as both wary and chipper. By the end he threatens to tear down the confining walls of comedy. The production is funny, stern, and opulent, thanks to Deidre Clancy’s late 19th century costumes and Ralph Funicello’s Venice (bridges and canals)/Belmont (golden hued) scenic design. The director adds a cameo near the end for the mightily wronged Shylock. But it’s unnecessary, since Anderson has already built a profound, artistically-earned case for unstrained mercy. **Critic’s Pick.** OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM NIGHTLY EXCEPT MONDAY; THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

## The Tempest

Coronado Playhouse presents Shakespeare’s late work about exiled Prospero’s chance to get even with all of his enemies. Or will he take the “rarer action” and forgive them? CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22.

## Young Frankenstein

Moonlight Stage Productions presents the Broadway musical version of Mel Brooks’s spoof, the first professional production in Southern California. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREngle TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7.

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# Zoom, pan, kaboom!

**W**hat's this? An intelligent, paranoid suspense thriller with no bullets fired, zero special effects, two sizzling romantic leads who don't kiss (let alone hit the sheets), and the good sense to pack a tripod?!

Summer's over. Adults are once again free to move about the multiplex.

Directed by John Crowley (*Intermission*, *Boy A*), *Closed Circuit* opens on a bank of a dozen or so police monitors keeping watch on a crowded London market. Before given a chance to ponder whether or not Crowley's surveillance cameras — which are capable of simultaneously zooming and panning to follow the movements of 12 individuals — take some artistic license, a terrorist bomb reduces the scene to rubble.

A Turkish suspect (Denis Moschitto), the only surviving member of the reported terrorist cell, is taken into custody. The evidence that the government plans to use against him is so hush-hush that neither the bomber nor his lawyer can see it. Enter Claudia Simmons-Howe (Rebecca Hall), a Special Advocate appointed by the Attorney General (Jim Broadbent) who is allowed access to the classi-

fied documents. One snag: there's to be no contact between Claudia and the defendant or his council.

This might not have been so difficult had Claudia and defense barrister Martin Rose (Eric Bana) been casual colleagues instead of former lovers. In order to make it legal, the two must hide their doused past from the judge.

She dines on Chinese takeout in a perfectly appointed glass-and-chrome high rise while he passes out on a battered leather sofa in his dank flat. For a contemporary suspense picture that runs a little over 90 minutes, it's amazing that Crowley and screenwriter Steven Knight actually reserve a chunk of screen time to offer a glimpse into the lives of the professionally and romantically bound couple when they're alone and outside of chambers.

The suspense builds to heights that rival the towering stacks of evidentiary documents, which are all neatly bound by pretty pink ribbons. Two parallel interrogations seamlessly cut together to form one. It's one of the damndest things I've seen in a theater this year. Let's hope that the Academy remembers editor Lucia Zucchetti come Oscar time. Better yet, snub him and really prove his worth.

## MOVIES



**Closed Circuit:** "There's a quarter in your ear...no, wait, that's a government tracking device."

Two things keep me from tacking on another star. An unnecessary third act reveal is the film's only concession to Hollywood formula. And for a tightly constructed throwback that thankfully places story and character ahead of CG explosions, the filmmakers didn't know when to put an amen on it.

Some of you have written to complain about my habit of opening a review with an obscure reference to ancient cinema. To you, I close with *Adam's Rib*.

— Scott Marks

## 4TH ROW CENTER, SPECIAL DRIVE-IN EDITION: *MIDNIGHT COWBOY*

Who among us can claim that their parents took them to their first X-rated movie?

Mom and Dad probably thought *Midnight Cowboy* was a sequel to *True Grit*. It took some work, but they eventually agreed to take their 13-year-old

son to a drive-in screening of the then X-rated Oscar-winning drama.

Since I was big for my age — or "husky" as the slacks salesman politely put it — the MPAA had stood in the way of a paid admission only a few times. At 16, I didn't make it past the box office for *A Clockwork Orange*. A painfully withdrawn fellow sophomore — void of humor and, being smart for

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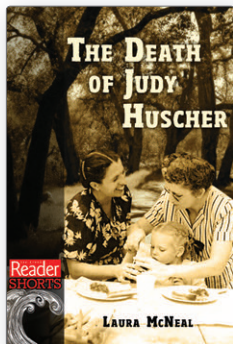
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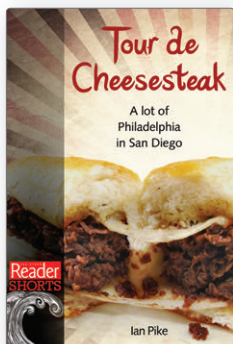
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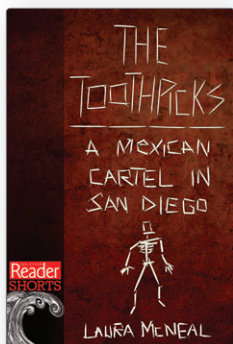
## The Death of Judy Huscher

When a stranger kills a child, we punish him and fortify the walls around our children. But when the killer is the child's mother, the home ec teacher who taught every girl in town how to set the table, the friend we've known for 20 years, we're less inclined to call it a pattern, and hard put to fortify the walls.



## Tour de Cheesesteak

Ian Pike, restaurant critic at the San Diego Reader, travels the length and breadth of San Diego county in search of Philly cheesesteaks. Over the course of several weeks, Pike devoured ten distinct cheesesteak subs from the county's best (and worst) steak sandwich shops. His travels, recounted in detail, prove that there's a lot of Philadelphia style in San Diego.



## The Toothpicks

This is the chilling story of a kidnapping and ransom drop that led to the arrest of two Mexican cartel leaders currently on trial for a string of brutal murders in San Diego. It started when Eddy Tostado gave the architect who was remodeling his patio the gate code. The architect shared the code with another member of Los Palillos—the Toothpicks—and the gang decided Eddy should be their next San Diego target.



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## The Last Meeting of the Dove Club

Newspaper reports about the murder trial of San Diego's Ed Fletcher III called him a scion of the Fletcher dynasty. His grandfather, the first Ed Fletcher, had done everything required of American monarchs: he rose from poverty, he acquired land, he became a millionaire, he held public office, and he fathered ten heirs.

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## Calendar MOVIES

her age, a full year younger — decided to exercise what little power she had in life. From inside the box, she refused my admittance on the grounds that she knew "for a fact that I was not 18 years of age."

Nor did I have much luck at a thousand-seat suburban dream palace where the white-haired, well-groomed manager personally sold and ripped tickets. Not only wouldn't he entrust the cash drawer to his teen staff, he was always the first to caution my father against bringing a kid to certain R-rated movies. After the *Midnight Cowboy* fiasco, any hopes of seeing Harold Robbins's smutty *The Adven-*

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turers were quickly dashed when dad took old whitey's advice and purchased a pair of tickets for Disney's hateful *The Barefoot Executive*.

Even more deflating was an under-age attempt to see the wonders on display in Russ Meyer's *Cherry, Harry, & Raquel*. Friends and I miraculously managed to gain access to the auditorium. But halfway through the opening credits a nervous manager rethought his decision, yanked us out, and cheerlessly refunded our money.

After I turned 18, the MPAA could officially kiss my husky ass, but five years earlier, it took a bit of arm-bending to convince the folks to take their impressionable kid to an X-rated movie.

Even with the excess padding, there was no way that I could convince a ticket-taker that I was 18. At least not at a hardtop theater. But things might look different through a dirty window. For weeks I watched the ads, hoping that *Midnight Cowboy* would play the Sunset Drive-In.

My prayers were answered soon after *Cowboy* took home the Oscar for best picture.

"But, dad," I pleaded. "It won the Academy Award. It must be good." Even then I knew it was horseshit, but for once, I played the "prestige card" needed to eventually wear him down.

From my spot in the backseat of my parent's Rambler Ambassador, it was clear that the characters in *Cowboy* might just as well have been speaking in Swahili for all I understood. They kept calling Joe Buck a "hustler," but I never once saw him pick up a cue stick.

Seconds after Bob Balaban orally relieved Joe Buck in a movie theater men's room, my dad leaned across the front seat and whispered to my mom, "I don't think this was a good movie to bring the kid to."

What was the big deal? I was 13, didn't know a blow-job from Odd Job, and at that age, I was a lot more interested in watching Harold Sakata fling a Gillette-rimmed bowler.

— Scott Marks

## A FLECK ON A FANBOY'S WINDSHIELD

Given the twittering hubbub made over Hollywood's latest casting choice, you would think that Ben Affleck had committed murder, not been chosen to replace Christian Bale in the next *Batman* movie.

What's the matter, widdle fanboys? Did big bad Warner Bros. take away your caped crusader? Grow a set of balls! Do you think I liked it when the networks tried to bewitch viewers by pulling the old Dick York/Dick Sargent switcheroo? I lived. It took months to

compose myself after John Williams became the substitute Mr. French on *Family Affair*. It was tough, but time wounds all heals. Roberto Benigni instead of Peter Sellers? Okay, that last decision was unclear, but you get my point.

Hollywood will always let you down. Get used to it. Whatever nugget of gold there is to be mined from an original idea will be turned to iron, man, by studio alchemists.

The headlines should have screamed, "OH, MY GOD! THEY GAVE ZACK SNYDER ANOTHER BUDGET!"

— Scott Marks

## MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, 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 are available online at [SDReader.com/movies](http://SDReader.com/movies).

**2 Guns** — Just diverting enough, thanks in large part to the weary charm of Denzel Washington's undercover DEA agent, and the earnest charm of Mark Wahlberg's undercover Navy investigator. (The wiseassery Wahlberg uses to cover the earnestness, alas, quickly wears thin.) Thanks also to a willingness to make almost everyone at least a little bit bad — it's all rotten, so you just need to find something you can tolerate and fight for that. The shared badness allows for a few mostly unexpected turns in this story of institutional corruption and drug-thuggery, and the silliness doesn't really kick in until the third act. (To hell with Chekhov's gun, we've got Chekhov's helicopter!) There's even some creative time-shifting at the outset to help get things moving. Both Washington and Wahlberg can do better, but they've also done worse. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Ain't Them Bodies Saints** — A date movie for those who like their passion slow-burning and risky and their storytelling laconic and moody. Bob (Casey Affleck, whose voice and manner seem to hail from the Great Depression) is an outlaw who winds up in jail for a crime he didn't commit (plus maybe some he did). Why did he take the rap? For love. When his wife Ruth (a soulful and sad Rooney Mara) bears his child while he's locked up, Bob's longing to see them is such that he breaks out of jail and heads for home. Bob knows in his heart that love will conquer all. Some other folks have other ideas. Director David Lowery does a fine job of letting you know just as much as you need and no more, lest you mistake this for a crime drama instead of a love story with bullets. And it's a near thing deciding whether cinematographer Bradford Young or composer Daniel Hart does more to contribute to the pretty unpretentiousness of things. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Austenland** — If you love Jane Austen so much, why don't you marry her? Or at least travel to England to engage in an immersive Austen experience, in the hopes of having an Austen-like adventure? With Keri Russell. 2013. (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Blackfish** — Is director Gabriela



Cowperthwaite's documentary an indictment of Sea World's use of Killer Whales as modern-day circus lions, despite the physical and psychic toll that captivity takes on the creatures? Or is it an indictment of Sea World's apparent willingness to put its trainers in the water with animals it knows to be dangerous and even deadly? Or is it the story of Tilikum, a male orca raised in captivity, traumatized from his earliest days by his fellow prisoners, and valued chiefly for his breeding potential, who repeatedly lashes out in disastrous fashion? Or is it an investigation of our gradually improved understanding of Killer Whales, one that calls for a reassessment of how we treat them? All of the above. Now and then, the stories get in the way of one another, but Sea World doesn't look good in any of them. Excellent, chilling footage, and some remarkable testimony. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE; READING CAR-MEL MOUNTAIN)

**Blue Jasmine** — In *Annie Hall*, Woody Allen wrote a zingy throwaway line ridiculing a saliva dribbling, shopping bag-schlepping lunatic who wanders screaming into a cafeteria. We mock the things we are to be. Thirty-six years (and just as many films) later finds him crafting an entire feature around a more upscale version of the babbling bedlamite. We join the ever-exceptional Cate Blanchett, a once wealthy socialite in mid-comeuppance, forced to move in with her working class sister (Sally Potter). Woody squanders much of his time paying cross-tribute to Tennessee Williams and John Cassavetes (*A Streetcar Under the Influence?*), resulting in a finished product that has little to show for itself save for a healthy contempt for rich Republicans. Character introductions are accompanied by five minutes of expository dialogue, and for a man with as many films to his credit as Allen, the filmmaker's ability to artlessly incorporate a flashback structure hasn't changed one iota since *Take the Money and Run*. 2013. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Closed Circuit** — Reviewed this issue. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**The Conjuring** — In the decades since Linda Blair first hocked up a pea-soup facial, Hollywood xerographers have found in demonic possession a perennial cash absorber. Director James Wan (*Saw*, *Insidious*) stylishly resists the easy temptation of schlock-shocks and CGI as a means of supplanting storytelling. For its its first hour, this fact-based haunted-house chiller (Harrisville, not Amityville) effectively delivers the jolts. Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson star as a team of husband-and-wife exorcists — he's the official demonologist of the Catholic Church — brought in to repossess a remote farm that has placed its occupants — Lili Taylor, Ron Livingston, and their five daughters — under permanent house arrest. The trailer for *The Conjuring* is scarier than most horror features of recent vintage, and the feature makes good on the promise. Audience members at the screening I attended appeared to have been seated on pogo sticks. And clap hands for sound designer Joe Dzuban's exquisite aurally-induced anxiety. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (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)

**Drinking Buddies** — A friendship between a pair of "spoken for" coworkers at a Chicago brewery gradually heats up in what has to be the sweetest, most romantic, and nonjudgmental 90 minutes you'll ever spend in the company of functioning alcoholics. With top comedic performances in *Butter* and now *Drinking Buddies*, Olivia Wilde has finally emerged as something more than an action figure or sex kitten du jour on *Maxim's* Top 100. Ms. Wilde is but the jewel that crowns this year's finest ensemble cast. Improvisational cinema is not normally my drug of choice, but a good movie is a good movie. Having shed his mumblecore cocoon, writer-director Joe Swanberg (*LOL*) coaxes more genuine human interaction in 5 minutes of *Drinking Buddies* than all of Judd Apatow's improv olympics combined. You're going to love this movie! With Jake Johnson, Anna Kendrick, and continued understated brilliance from Ron Livingston. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

**Elysium** (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Fruitvale Station** — You know where this train is going before it leaves the station: the film opens with cell-phone footage of BART officers subduing a young black man who does not appear to require subduing. Then you hear a shot. The young black man was 22-year-old Oscar Grant, and *Fruitvale Station* is the story of his last day on Earth: December 31, 2008. Writer-director Ryan Coogler keeps the tone even, the pace steady, and the drama unforced: he knows what he's got is powerful, and he doesn't need to overplay. Grant (played with great charisma by Michael B. Jordan) has a lot going for him: intelligence, good intentions, loving family, loving girlfriend, loving daughter. But he's also unemployed, dishonest, hot-tempered, and a two-time loser who made some enemies in San Quentin. In short, a human being. But in the end, none of that mattered. With Octavia Spencer, Melonie Diaz. 2013. — M.L. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Getaway** — You had better believe that there will be a review forthcoming at *SanDiegoReader.com*. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**The Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi)** — Why, Wong Kar, why is every major Asian action director compelled to bring forth a stodgy historical epic? As if Wilson Yip's two exceptional biopics on martial arts legend Ip Man weren't enough, Wong Kar-Wai, a legend in his own right, offers

this disordered, sorely cheerless elucidation. It's a kung fu picture for those not normally predisposed to kung fu pictures. The opening fight scenes — particularly the director's enlistment of close-ups and the kind of accelerated motion that turns raindrops into projectives with every swivel of Tony Leung's Leone-sized hat brim — combine with a historical rundown of the various forms and styles of kung fu to give the film its solid first half hour. But after the entrance of unrequited love — a pet theme of the director's that, for once, adds a wet log to the fire — you'll be in the mood for a nap. Fifteen minutes were trimmed for the American release. For once, scissor-happy Harvey might have done us a favor. 2013. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**The Hunt (Jagten)** — An entire town turns on one of its own when little Klara (Annika Wedderkopp) makes unwarranted accusations of sexual molestation against a teacher (Mads Mikkelsen). Though it is made clear from the outset that Lucas (Mikkelsen) is innocent, one can easily understand why the tyke picked the gawky divorcee as a target. Not since Peter Lorre has a more convincing-looking actor been cast to play the part of a short eyes, alleged or otherwise. But what moves with near documentary-like precision for its first half begins tobogganing towards labored, *To Catch a Predator* histrionics, until it finally abandons all sense of reason for an obvious, symbolism-laced Christmas Eve climax. One kept hoping that writer, director Thomas Vinterberg would insert a fade-in that would allow us to skip forward and see how life had changed in the town once innocence had been established. With Thomas Bo Larsen, Lasse Fogelstrøm, and Anne Louise Hassing. 2012. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**In a World...** — Sharp little showbiz story about Carol, a woman seeking to follow her famous father into the world of movie trailer narration. The King — gravel-voiced god Don La Fontaine — is dead, and the industry needs a new voice to tell the world about its latest girl-friendly action epic. Dad (a magnificent, ponderous Fred Melamed) represents the old guard — once, he would have been the obvious choice. But the heir apparent is young, cocksure Gustav (Ken Marino). Carol shouldn't even be in the running, but forces — some benign, some less so — conspire to get her a shot at the prize. There are plenty of behind-the-curtain barbs and yuks, but the trailer is never the whole story, and that goes double here: this is more of a straight family drama than a zany workplace comedy. A fine, funny, thoughtful debut from director-writer-star Lake Bell. With Demetri Martin, Rob Corddry, Nick Offerman. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Instructions Not Included** — Kids, am I right? You have them sometimes after you have sex! And sometimes the mom drops one off and then disappears on you! For years! And then sometimes, she comes

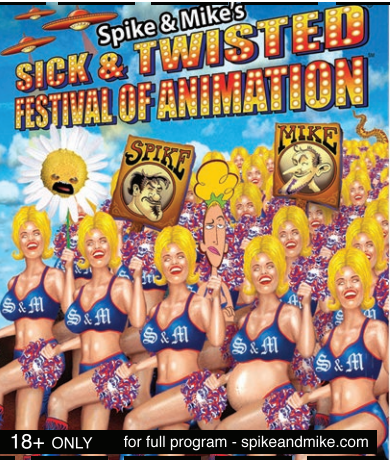
back and makes trouble! This is a comedy about that. 2013. — (REGAL PARKWAY PLAZA; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

**Kick-Ass 2: Balls to the Wall** — Queasy-making "real-life superhero" story, not so much for the graphic, nasty violence (though there is plenty of that) as for its roller coaster of tonal shifts. Emotionally shattering events — the murder of a father, the accidental killing of a mother, the slaughter of ten policemen in broad daylight on a suburban street by a Russian superwoman — serve as comedically tinged plot points, while social betrayal by a trio of high-school mean girls is played as devastating drama. The film asks all the old questions again and again: is the hero's true identity the man or the mask, do superheroes make the world better or merely add color to the mayhem, etc. But it doesn't seem particularly interested in answering them. Frenetically filmed and apathetically acted, with the possible exception of star Chloe Grace Moretz, who invests Hit Girl with enough pubescent sexuality and lethal athleticism to make a million fanboys swoon. Special viewing bonus: watch a pretty girl get diarrhea! 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Lee Daniels' The Butler** — Lee Daniels's schmaltzy abridgement of the Civil Rights movement. Cecil Gaines (Forest Whitaker), an African-American man born into a family of sharecroppers and schooled in the art of "knowing he's black," spends thirty-four years of his life in domestic servitude under seven Presidents. While Cecil dignifiedly fights to change the system from within, his politically

active son Louis (David Oyelowo) turns left on Forrest Gump Dr., bearing witness to everything from the Freedom Writers to the Black Panthers. Screenwriter Danny Strong (*Game Change*) spoons on the sugar, transforming the story of real-life White House Maitre d'hôtel Eugene Allen into a sprawling, sometimes pandering saga that never slackens in spite of several flat-out weird casting choices and a myriad of historical happenstance. Cinematographer Andrew Dunn's filmy lens can only shave so many lumens, and instead of the warm sense of period, the baked harshness and blaring color design add a touch of gauzy nostalgia. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Monsters University** — Everybody loves Mike and Sully, the scaresome monster team from *Monsters, Inc.* So maybe they'll be happy to see them again as college students in *Monsters University*. So happy that they won't mind the clichéd plot — lovable band of misfits in loser frat must rally to beat arrogant jerks in various feats of skill. And maybe they won't mind the shoe-horning of Disney-style affirmation-speak: "I just wanted to be special." "Stop being a Sullivan, and be you!" (Neither makes sense: Mike doesn't want to be special, he wants to be scary. And Sullivan doesn't want to be something other than a Sullivan, he wants to live up to his illustrious name.) The story's finest moment comes in its final minutes, when it finally refuses to be completely, utterly conventional and expected. But even then, it never attains to inspired. You may very well chuckle. But you almost certainly won't care. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)



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# Calendar MOVIES

**The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** — Angels. Demons. Vampires. Werewolves. Witches. Warlocks. Monks. Goths. Rune tattoos. Tarot. Love triangles. The Chosen One. *Twilight*. *Star Wars*. *The Matrix*. *Underworld*. *Men in Black*. Hunters who get their power from angel blood even as they proclaim the equality of all religions. Armories under church altars. Closeted gays. Mommy issues. Daddy issues. Sibling issues. Interdimensional portals. Repressed memories. Magic geegaws. Secret societies sworn to protect humanity in an unseen war against evil. J.S. Bach. Sprinklers ignited by passion. Bad poetry. Did I leave anything out? The movie sure didn't. Overstuffed, overlong, overcomplicated, and ludicrous. With Lilly Collins. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**One Direction: This Is Us** — At around the 30-minute mark, Martin Scorsese and his young daughter appear backstage after a concert at Madison Square Garden for an audience with the boy band sensation. Marty speaks of how He and Francesca exchange music and then proceeds to offer the group His personal dispensation. With a forced chortle. He's off. It's 16 of the most divine seconds ever committed to film. Five stars! A must-see! The greatest concert movie since *Shine a Light*! Compared to this, *The Last Waltz* is a masterpiece! Starring Martin Scorsese, Francesca Scorsese, Chris Rock, and The New Monkees. Directed with measured anonymity by Morgan Spurlock. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**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 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. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; AMC MISSION VALLEY; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

**Paranoia** — A little cheese on the corporate ladder (Liam Hemsworth), desperate to raise money to pay for his dad's life-saving operation, accepts the boss's offer to spy on the competition in this moldy melodrama given a techno facelift. What good is a thriller if the audience is always two steps ahead of the filmmakers? Slow to start and even longer to finish, director Robert Luketic (*Legally Blonde* and the putrescent 21) telegraphs every snail's-paced tingle. I'll pretty much look at anything with Gary Oldman or Amber Heard (for different reasons), but the real surprise here is the generally comatose Harrison Ford, who, for the first time in his career, successfully lends comic support. On the other end of the acting spectrum stands fair-haired Hemsworth, whose wide-eyed gasconading makes him better suited for a *Blonde* reboot. With Embeth Davidtz and Richard Dreyfuss picking up a paycheck. 2013. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Passion** — 2011 saw the United States release of *Love Crime*, a French corporate-erotic thriller starring Kristin Scott Thomas and Ludvine Sagnier as a couple of hot lesbians, er, as a couple of professional women who get entangled in less than professional ways. Now, just two years later, Brian De Palma is bringing us an English-language version, with Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace filling in for the original ladies. You know, sort of the way David Fincher remade *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* just a couple of years after the Swedish version came out, with Rooney Mara filling in for Noomi Rapace. So remember: after Rooney replaced Noomi, Noomi replaced Ludvine. Got that? 2013. (READING GASLAMP)

**The Red Shoes** — One of many edification exercises by the team of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger: the world of ballet, on stage and back of it. Enough canny showmanship intervenes to make it not too painful; even, in the art direction and cinematography (Jack Cardiff), quite pleasurable. And in "The Red Shoes Ballet" itself, some Busby Berkeley-isms suspend edification altogether. Moira Shearer, Marius Goring, Anton Walbrook. 1948. — D.S. ★★★★★ (READING GASLAMP)

**R.I.P.D.** — Why do I hate *Comic-Con*? It's 2013 and I'm a film critic: *every* day is freaking *Comic-Con*! A pair of paranormal detectives return from the grave to track down spirits who eluded earthly justice and send them to hell. Is it a dead buddy-comedy or a dead-buddy comedy? Hyphenate the former. One has learned the hard way not to expect much from Ryan Reynolds, but for the first time in his career, the heretofore spotless Jeff Bridges is a willing and eager contributor to the horridness. He's Rooster Cogburn (minus the eyepatch) channeling Foghorn Leghorn in a performance that's strictly for the birds. There is not a better deterrent to close with than this: written by Phil Hay and Matt

Manfredi, the same somnambulists who lulled audiences into submission with their maundering adaptations of *Eon Flux* and *Clash of the Titans*. With Kevin Bacon, Mary-Louise Parker, and a one-joke James Hong. — S.M. ● (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

**The Spectacular Now** — Charismatic youngster Miles Teller stars in yet another substance abuse pic. In *Project X*, he played Miles Teller (!), college kid chasing high school skirt while getting wasted at a house party. In *21 & Over*, he played a college dropout on a quest to get his old high school buddy blasted on his 21st birthday. Here, he's a failing high-schooler who's never without his flask, thanks mostly to his absent father. He hooks up with "nice girl" Aimee (a too-pretty-for-the-part Shailene Woodley) and introduces her to the sauce. She takes to it like mother's milk (actually, Dad died from pills), and the two of them share a boozy interlude before reality comes crashing in. Or at least, comes creeping around the edges. Everything here — high school, teenage romance, adolescent drinking — seems a step removed from the messy intensity of reality. Or maybe it's the audience that's a step removed: held at arm's length lest we miss the point. There's plenty of mood, but not enough feeling. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**Storm Surfers 3D** — The most exciting 3D thrill ride of the summer contains no special effects and the only costumes these heroes don are wet suits. Directors Justin McMillan and Christopher Nelius follow tow-surfing legend Ross Clarke-Jones and two-time World Champion Tom Carroll on their quest for liquid nirvana. Seated before a bank of computer monitors, the wave hunters track giant storms hoping to find the biggest, baddest, most dangerous waves in Australia. In addition to being the first stereoscopic surf documentary — and

a terrific adventure yarn — *Storm Surfers 3D* serves as a historical document, transporting audiences to a remote spot in the Indian Ocean heretofore unseen by human eyes. An exhilarating experience, perfectly suited for the entire family, that demands a big screen presentation. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (READING GASLAMP)

**The United States of Football** (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. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**The Wolverine** — Credit director James Mangold and three screenwriters for trying something new with the superhero genre. Instead of a global threat that threatens the globe, the beclawed Logan must solve a *Big Sleep*-style mystery set in Japan. There's even a cleverish play on the world-weary detective: our nearly immortal hero is so world-weary that he flirts with death (embodied by his dead lover Jean Grey). There's even some talk of what makes life meaningful! But remember how *The Big Sleep* was ridiculously overstuffed, needlessly complicated, and redundantly repetitive to the point of near-silliness? Yeah, here too. And star Hugh Jackman, while he does get many chances to display his remarkable physique, doesn't get much to compare with Bogey's dialogue. Also disappointing: Japan seems valued more for its scenery and costumes than anything having to do with its character. Oh, well — we'll always have action scenes. With Tao Okamoto, Rila Fukushima. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**The World's End** — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

**You're Next** — What do you call a low-budget, largely improvised horror film that's shot in SeizureVision and dead on arrival? *Mumblecorpse*. Remember *The Strangers*, the atrocious slasher film where married couple Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman are terrorized by a band of masked spree killers while staying at an isolated vacation home? Same crap, different mask. Adam Wingard's *You're Next* ups the potential chill factor with equally remote, albeit swankier digs in which to celebrate an anniversary party/family reunion for a defense contractor and his frazzled wife. Fanboy connoisseurs will no doubt praise this common sewer pic for its empowered female lead and sudden third-act tonal shift to screwball comedy, but a slasher film by any other name smells. With Sharni Vinson, Joe Swanberg, A.J. Bowen, and (SPOILER ALERT!) Wendy Glenn as the cigarette smoker. 2013. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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**Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation** The festival's 20th anniversary includes a lineup of "the best classic films of the past 20 years," as well as "brand new sick and twisted titles from around the world." More than 25 films will be screened. Festival runs August 24-November 23. Tickets and info: www.spikeandmike.tix.com. Back To School special: 2 for 1 tickets for students with Valid ID, at door only **Saturday, August 31, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, Thursday, September 5, 7:00pm, Friday, September 13, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, Saturday, September 14, 7:00pm, 9:00pm**

**Meet the Voices of Futurama Characters** A meet and greet with voice actor Billy West, who voices over 30 characters from (Matt Groening's) *Futurama*, including Fry, Dr. Zoidberg, and Professor Farnsworth. West will be present to sign autographs and take pictures during all September 13 and 14 screenings of Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation. **Friday, September 13, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, Saturday, September 14, 7:00pm, 9:00pm**

**OTAY RANCH TOWN CENTER**  
2015 Birch Rd., Eastlake  
619-656-9100

**Que Viva! Cine Latino Film Festival 2013** For the seventh year in a row, this

festival will showcase critically acclaimed Latino productions from the past 12 months, including *No* (September 4), *Cinco de Mayo: la Battala* (September 11), *La Camioneta* (September 18), and *The Girl* (September 25). Each week will also feature pre-screening entertainment with an assortment of live local Latino musical groups. Screenings takes place in the Food Pavilion. **Wednesday, September 4, 6:30pm, Wednesday, September 11, 6:30pm, Wednesday, September 18, 6:30pm**

**THE PEARL**  
1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma  
619-226-6100

**Dive-In Theatre** A weekly "cinema social" combining eclectic film choices, along with food and drink. Steeped in mid-century design, the Dive-In takes place at the poolside lounge and outdoor theater. Films are projected onto a 10' x 13' foot projection screen with full sound, overlooking the hotel's vintage, oyster-shaped swimming pool. **Wednesday, September 4, 8:00pm, Wednesday, September 11, 8:00pm, Wednesday, September 18, 8:00pm**

**REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER**  
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park  
619-238-1233



**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: *Hub-ble* (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, August 30, 11:00am**

**Dolphins** From the dazzling coral reefs of the Bahamas to the wind-swept seas of Patagonia, *Dolphins* takes museum guests on an underwater adventure with Atlantic spotted dolphins, dusky dolphins, and the familiar bottlenose dolphin. While most of what we know about dolphins comes from studying them in captivity, Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski, Dr. Bernd Würsig and Dr. Alejandro Acevedo-Gutierrez conducted their research in the wild. Film features a soundtrack with music from Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Sting. Showing through September 30. **Friday, September 6, 12:00pm, Friday, September 6, 3:00pm, Friday, September 6, 6:00pm**

**SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION**  
2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 200, Point Loma  
619-235-2300

**The Impact of San Diego's Film Industry** Learn about San Diego's developing filmmaking industry and how production of the San Diego Film Festival (a five-day independent film festival) sparks our region's economic growth. **Friday, September 6, 8:30am**

**WAVE HOUSE**  
3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach  
858-228-9283

**Summer Movie Nights** Swim, snack, and drink while viewing movies. *Finding Nemo* (August 13). *The Incredibles* (September 10). 858-678-9334. **Tuesday, September 10, 7:45pm**



# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

*Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.*

## CENTRAL

### CLAIREMONT

#### Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722)  
**Anna Netrebko-Live from Red Square, Moscow 2013** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; **Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:05, 3:35) 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; **Closed Circuit** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:00, 3:15) 5:40, 7:55, 10:20; **Elysium** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; **Getaway** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; **Jobs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:00, 9:45; **La Traviata-Very Verdi-La Scala** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 12:15, 1:40, 3:20) 4:35, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:20, 3:50); **One Direction: This Is Us** (PG) Fri-Sun; **One Direction: This Is Us in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun; **Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:00) 4:30; **Planes** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:25, 12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **The Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi)** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:55) 4:50, 7:40, 10:35; **The World's End** (R) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:25, 10:05; **We're the Millers** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 7:35, 10:15; **You're Next** (R) Fri-Sun 6:20, 8:30, 10:40

### CORONADO

#### Vintage Village Theater

820 Orange Ave (619-437-6161)  
Call theater for program information.

### DOWNTOWN

#### Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709)  
**2 Guns** (R) Fri-Sun (11:35, 12:35, 2:05, 3:05) 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40, 10:40; **20 Feet from Stardom** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; **Getaway** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:20; **Jobs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:20, 3:50); **Paranoia** (PG-13) Fri 5:55, 8:25, 10:45 Sat 10:45pm Sun 5:55, 8:25, 10:45; **Pas-sion** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:15) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; **Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters** (PG) Fri-Sat (1:10, 3:35); **Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:50a.m.) Sun (10:40a.m.); **Star Trek Into Dark-ness** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:30) 7:00; **Storm Surfers 3D** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Conjuring** (R) Fri-Sun (12:30) 10:35; **The Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi)** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** (PG-13) Fri (1:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15 Sat,-Sun (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; **The Red Shoes (1948)** (Not Rated) Sat 7:00pm Sun (1:00pm); **The World's End** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 12:45, 2:20, 3:20) 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50, 10:45; **This Is The End** (R) Fri-Sun (3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **World War Z** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00) 4:25, 9:55; **You're Next** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 6:05, 8:15, 10:30

#### Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
Call theater for program information.

### KENSINGTON

#### Landmark Ken

4061 Adams Ave (619-283-3227)  
**Drinking Buddies** (R) Fri: (2:30), (4:45), 7:00, 9:10, Sat-Mon: (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:10, Tue-Thu: (4:45), 7:00, 9:10, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “ ( ) ”; **Terraferma** (R) Opens Friday, September 06

### LA JOLLA

#### AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (888-262-4386)  
Call theater for program information.

#### Landmark La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Dr (619-453-7622)  
**Ain't Them Bodies Saints** (NR) Fri: (1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 9:50, Sat-Mon: (10:20), 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50, Tue-Thu: (1:30), (4:30), 7:30, 9:50; **Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri: (1:40), 4:40, 7:40, 9:55, Sat-Mon: (10:30), 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:55, Tue-Thu: (1:40), (4:40), 7:40, 9:55; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri: (1:00), 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, Sat-Mon: (10:00), 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, Tue-Thu: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 9:45; **The Hunt** (R) Fri & Tue-Thu: (4:10), 7:10, Sat-Mon: (10:10), 4:10, 7:10; **Blackfish** (PG-13) Fri-Thu: (1:10), 9:40, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “ ( ) ”; **Salinger** (PG-13) Opens Friday, September 06 & at Hillcrest

### MIRA MESA

#### Regal Mira Mesa

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)  
Call theater for program information.

### MISSION VALLEY

#### AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)  
Call theater for program information.

#### AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)  
Call theater for program information.

### SAN DIEGO

#### ArCLight La Jolla

4425 La Jolla Village Dr (858-768-7770)  
**Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri 10:05, 1:00, 3:25, 4:50, 7:40, 9:05; **Elysium** (R) Fri 5:05, 9:45, 11:00 Fri 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 7:30, 12:15; **In a World...** (R) Fri 10:00, 2:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:25; **Jobs** (PG-13) Fri 10:25, 2:25, 4:10, 5:45, 8:20, 9:25, 12:00; **Kick-Ass 2** (R) Fri 9:55, 11:25, 12:25; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri 9:55, 11:00, 12:00, 1:05, 2:00, 3:05, 4:30, 5:10, 6:00, 7:00, 8:05, 9:40; **Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters** (PG) Fri 12:10, 3:40, 5:00, 6:50; **Star Trek Into Darkness** (PG-13) Fri 4:45pm Fri 10:20, 8:25, 11:15; **The Heat** (R) Fri 12:55, 3:00, 11:20; **The Smurfs 2** (PG) Fri 9:50, 11:05, 12:05, 3:20; **The Spectacular Now** (R) Fri 10:15, 11:45, 1:15, 2:15, 5:35, 7:25, 9:20, 11:45; **The Way, Way Back** (PG-13) Fri 12:50, 6:20; **The Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri 7:50, 11:05; **The World's End** (R) Fri 7:15, 9:30 Fri 9:45, 11:50, 1:45, 2:45, 5:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45, 12:05; **Turbo** (PG) Fri 9:45, 10:50, 12:40, 4:15; **We're the Millers** (R) Fri 10:30, 2:10, 5:15, 7:35, 8:40, 10:50, 12:20; **World War Z** (PG-13) Fri 9:50pm Fri 11:55, 2:40, 11:55

#### Digiplex Mission Valley

7510 Hazard Center Dr #100 (619-685-2841)  
Call theater for program information.

#### Digital Gym Cinema

2921 El Cajon Blvd ((619) 293-1938)  
Call theater for program information.

#### San Diego Natural History

**Museum-Kaplan Theater**  
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)  
Call theater for program information.

### UPTOWN

#### Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Ave (619-298-2904)  
**Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri: (1:50), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sat-Mon: (11:25), 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Tue-Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **The Spectacular Now** (R) Fri: (2:00), 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, Sat-Mon: (11:35), 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, Tue-Thu: (2:00), (4:40), 7:10, 9:40; **In a World...** (R) Fri: (2:40), 4:50, 7:30, 9:50, Sat-Mon: (11:45), 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50, Tue-Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:30, 9:50; **The Way Way Back** (PG-13) Fri-Thu: (2:10), 7:20; **Blackfish** (PG-13) Fri & Tue-Thu: (5:00), 9:45, Sat-Mon: (11:55), 5:00, 9:45; **Austenland** (PG-13) Fri: (1:40), 4:20, 6:45, 9:20, Sat-Mon: (11:15), 1:40, 4:20, 6:45, 9:20, Tue-Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 6:45, 9:20, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “ ( ) ”; **Salinger** (PG-13) Opens Friday, September 06 & at Village; **Afternoon Delight** (PG-13) Opens Friday, September 06

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**Cosmic Collisions** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 4:00pm; **Flight of the Butterflies** (Not

Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00, 3:00; **Flight of the Butterflies IMAX** (Not Rated) Sun 12:00, 3:00; **Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk** (Not Rated) Sun 2:00, 6:00; **Rocky Mountain Express** (G) Fri-Sun 1:00, 5:00; **To The Arctic IMAX** (G) Fri-Sun 11:00a.m.

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

#### Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
Call theater for program information.

### LA MESA

#### Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Center Dr (800-326-3264)  
**Closed Circuit** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Elysium** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Getaway** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:25) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; **One Direc-tion: This Is Us** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:45, 2:55); **One Direction: This Is Us in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:35) 5:05, 7:15, 9:25; **Planes** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:15, 3:25); **The Grandmas-ter (Yi dai zong shi)** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; **The World's End** (R) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:05, 3:35) 6:00, 8:25, 10:50; **We're the Millers** (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **You're Next** (R) Fri-Sun 5:40, 7:50, 10:05

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

#### Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Rd (800-326-3264)  
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### SANTEE

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Ave (619-448-7447)  
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## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

#### AMC Palm Promenade

770 Denmyer Rd (888-262-4386)  
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#### Regal Rancho Del Rey

1025 Tierra del Rey (619-216-4707)  
Call theater for program information.

#### UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway (between H and I) (619-338-4214)  
**After Earth** (PG-13) Fri (11:15) 4:45, 10:15; **Epic** (PG) Fri (11:30a.m.); **Man of Steel** (PG-13) Fri (1:30) 7:00; **Now You See Me** (PG-13) Fri (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Pa-cific Rim** (PG-13) Fri (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:15; **R.I.P.D.** (PG-13) Fri (11:45, 2:15) 4:40, 7:15, 9:30; **The Lone Ranger** (PG-13) Fri (12:30, 4:00) 7:15, 10:30; **White House Down** (PG-13) Fri (2:00) 5:00, 8:00; **World War Z** (PG-13) Fri (11:00, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45

### EASTLAKE

#### AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)  
**Elysium** (R) Fri-Sun 11:00, 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10; **Getaway** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **Instructions Not Included** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:35, 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; **Jobs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:20pm; **Kick-Ass 2** (R) Fri-Sun 9:45pm; **Lee Dan-iels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:50, 3:00, 6:20, 9:30; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sun 10:30, 1:15, 3:55; **One Direction: This Is Us in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 6:15, 7:20, 8:45, 9:55; **Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:40, 1:25, 4:05, 7:00; **Planes** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50, 1:10, 3:40 Fri-Sun 6:45pm; **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **The World's End** (R) Fri-Sun 11:40, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:30; **We're the Millers** (R) Fri-Sun 10:45, 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; **You're Next** (R) Fri-Sun 11:55, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25

### IMPERIAL BEACH

#### South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Ave (619-423-2727)  
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### NATIONAL CITY

#### AMC Plaza Bonita

3030 Plaza Bonita Rd (888-262-4386)  
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## NORTH INLAND

### BONSALL

#### Digiplex River Village

5256 Mission Rd (760-945-8784)  
**Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:15) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 10:00 Sun (11:15) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:15) 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30 Sun (10:15) 1:15, 4:15, 7:30; **One Direction: This Is Us** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:00) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sun (10:00) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; **Planes** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:10) 12:45, 9:30 Sun (10:30) 12:45; **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:45) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun (10:45) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **The United States of Football** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (3:00) 7:15; **We're the Millers** (R) Fri-Sat (11:00) 1:45, 4:45, 8:00, 11:00 Sun (11:00) 1:45, 4:45, 8:00

### CARMEL MOUNTAIN

#### Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Rd (800-326-3264)  
**Blackfish** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 9:20pm Sun 7:25pm; **Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10 Sun (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55; **Closed Circuit** (R) Fri-Sat (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 Sun (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00; **Elysium** (R) Fri-Sat (11:50, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:20 Sun (11:50, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40; **Getaway** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:05 Sun (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05 Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:25; **Monsters University** (G) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:00) 4:35; **Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:40) 4:15; **Planes** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:45, 12:50, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15 Sun (10:45, 12:50, 3:00) 5:05; **The Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi)** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:40, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15 Sun (11:40, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35; **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:55, 1:35) 4:25, 7:10, 10:00 Sun (10:55, 1:35) 4:25, 7:10; **The Smurfs 2** (PG) Fri-Sat 7:05, 9:25 Sun 7:05pm; **The Way, Way Back** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 7:45, 10:10 Sun 7:45pm; **The World's End** (R) Fri-Sat (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 9:50 Sun (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30; **We're the Millers** (R) Fri-Sat (11:25, 2:25) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45 Sun (11:25, 2:25) 4:55, 7:20

### ESCONDIDO

#### Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)  
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### POWAY

#### Digiplex Poway

13475 Poway Rd ((858) 679-3887)  
**Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:00, 9:20 Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:00; **Elysium** (R) Fri-Sat (10:45, 1:30) 4:30, 7:45, 10:20 Sun (10:45, 1:30) 4:30, 7:45; **Getaway** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10 Sun (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00; **One Direction: This Is Us** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:00, 2:30) 7:15; **One Direction: This Is Us in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat (12:15) 4:45, 9:30 Sun (12:15) 4:45; **Planes** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 7:30; **Planes in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat 5:15, 9:50 Sun 5:15pm; **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:00, 1:00) 4:15, 7:30, 10:30 Sun (10:00, 1:00) 4:15, 7:30; **The United States of Football** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (3:00) 7:15; **Turbo** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:30, 12:45) 5:00, 9:40 Sun (10:30, 12:45) 5:00; **We're the Millers** (R) Fri-Sat (10:45, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun (10:45, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **You're Next** (R) Fri-Sat (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:40 Sun (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15

### SAN MARCOS

#### Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Blvd (800-326-3264)  
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### TEMECULA

#### Digiplex Temecula Tower Cinemas

27531 Ynez Rd  
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### VISTA

#### Krikorian Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Dr (760-945-7469)  
**Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri (11:45, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **Closed Circuit** (R) Fri (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:10, 9:35; **Elysium** (R) Fri (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:10; **Getaway** (PG-13) Fri (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Instructions Not Included** (PG-13) Fri (11:00, 1:45, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri (10:30, 1:25, 4:25) 7:20, 10:15; **One Direction: This Is Us in 3D** (PG) Fri (11:20, 1:50



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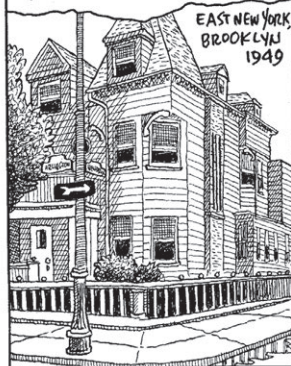
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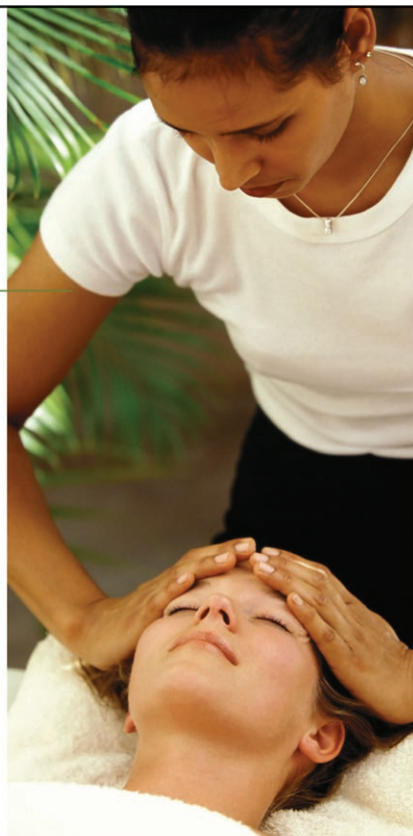
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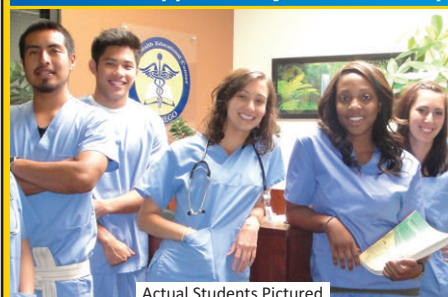
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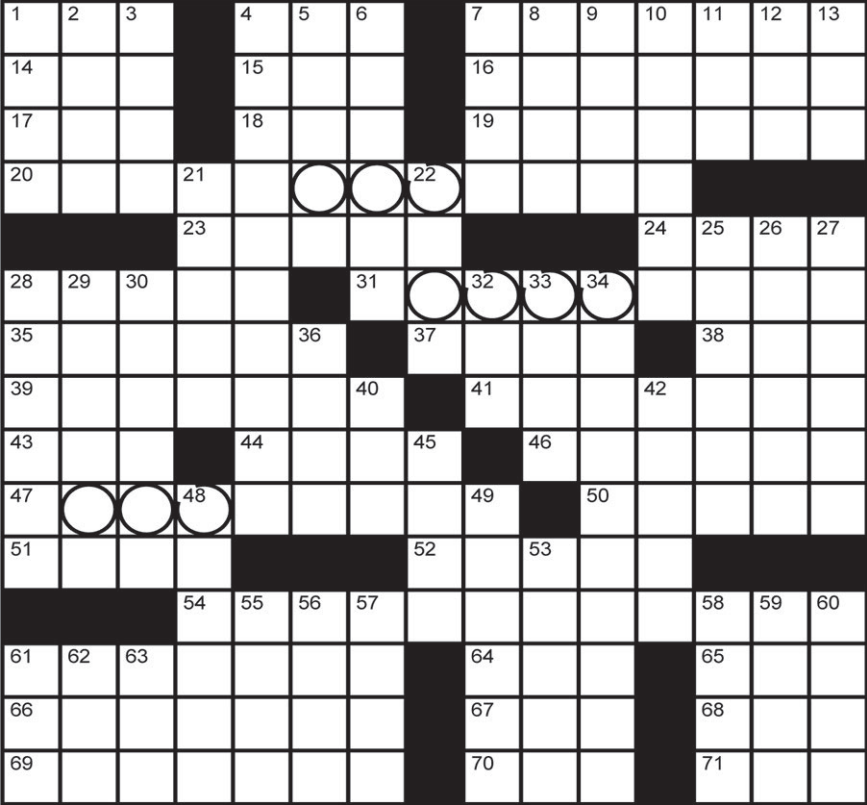
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**Across**

- 1. Permit
- 4. Horizontally: Abbr.
- 7. Gwen Ifill presentation
- 14. Psyche part
- 15. Bemoan
- 16. Chip away at
- 17. Obit number
- 18. Talking-\_\_\_\_ (scoldings)
- 19. Handle, as paperwork
- 20. Middle East leader from 1981 to 2011
- 23. "\_\_\_\_, all ye faithful ..."
- 24. "Believe" singer Groban
- 28. Rope fiber
- 31. Famous rebuke from Caesar
- 35. Saw
- 37. Chuck
- 38. 2012 Mark Wahlberg comedy
- 39. Golden State athlete
- 41. Accustoming (to)
- 43. Emmy-winning scientist
- 44. Hebrides isle
- 46. It may raise spirits
- 47. How campers may sit
- 50. Times up?
- 51. Lymph \_\_\_\_
- 52. Solo director?
- 54. In an inane way ... or something to be found in 20-, 31- and 47-Across
- 61. One of the Simpsons
- 64. "Aloha nui \_\_\_\_"
- 65. Exist
- 66. Feverishly

- 67. Ristorante suffix
  - 68. Turn sharply
  - 69. Quick way to stop
  - 70. "Vox populi, vox \_\_\_\_"
  - 71. Org. trying to clear the air?
- Down**
- 1. Remini of "The King of Queens"
  - 2. Food brand originally called Froffles
  - 3. Stocking stuffers?
  - 4. Part of the Constitution covering judicial powers
  - 5. Governor who quipped "You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose"
  - 6. Monster.com posting
  - 7. Rap's Salt-N-\_\_\_\_
  - 8. Roseanne who got .05% of the vote in the 2012 U.S. presidential election
  - 9. Spartan walkway
  - 10. Cable channel for kids
  - 11. Suffix with butyl
  - 12. Mg. and kg.
  - 13. "I'll send an \_\_\_\_ to the world" (Police lyric)
  - 21. 2008 Jordin Sparks hit
  - 22. "Little Women" woman
  - 25. Pleasure trip
  - 26. Big stink
  - 27. Property borders, at times
  - 28. Like jacket linings, usually
  - 29. "Forget it!"
  - 30. Cream cheese, e.g.

**SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:**



- 32. 2/22/2022, aptly: Abbr.
  - 33. Caterer's carriers
  - 34. Film in which Elvis wears a lei
  - 36. It's opened and shut
  - 40. GOP fund-raising org.
  - 42. Nancy : Ronald :: \_\_\_\_ : Mikhail
  - 45. "It's \_\_\_\_ big mistake!"
  - 48. Ended
  - 49. "Father of Geometry"
  - 53. Unisex designer cologne
  - 55. \_\_\_\_ Valley, site of the Reagan Library
  - 56. Goal of phishing
  - 57. Wished
  - 58. Bulldoze
  - 59. Job for a plumber
  - 60. Nintendo competitor
  - 61. Half of Bennifer, once
  - 62. German article
  - 63. Cousin of calypso
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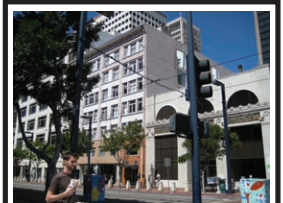
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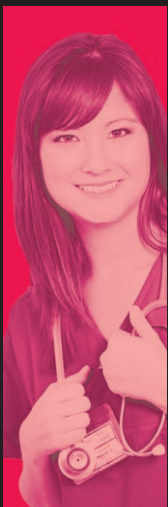
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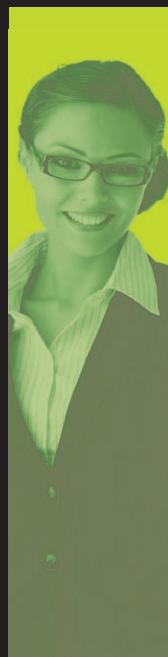
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2BD+1BA, upstairs partially remodeled unit in quiet 4-plex near Sports Arena. Conveniently located near freeway, shops, restaurants and public transportation. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. New carpet. New bath. Coin laundry. Parking. Shared courtyard. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 9/1/13. 4234 Venus Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

**OCEAN BEACH, \$2100.**  
3BD+2.5BA, townhome. All appliances plus washer/ dryer in unit! Fireplace. Private patio. Parking. Cat OK with extra deposit. Close to cliffs. 4846 Del Monte. Available 10/1/13. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH NORTH, \$1880.**  
2BD+2BA, large downstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Two garage spaces. Fenced patio. Coin laundry. One block to Tourmaline Surf Park. No pets. 760 Sapphire Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1,995.**  
2BD+1BA. Appliances, front and back yard, garage and laundry hookups. Close to the bay and park. 1733 La Playa Ave. 858-272-9614.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1075 & UP.**  
Studio+1BA 700sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. [baypointe@progressmanagement.net](mailto:baypointe@progressmanagement.net); [www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com](http://www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com).

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1095.**  
1BD+1BA upstairs unit. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry room, parking. No pets. 1735 Reed Avenue #17. Agent. 619-232-6811.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.**  
1BD+1BA. Large apartment. Newer carpeting. Parking, laundry. Near bay. Near beach. With patio. No pets. Call Von, 619-846-2117.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1235.**  
1BD with large private balcony in Crown Point area. Large upstairs back unit. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Lots of closet space! Garage space. Coin laundry. No pets. Available 9/10/13. 3711 Ingraham Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1245.**  
1BD+1BA, upstairs detached unit. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Wood floors. Bright and sunny unit four blocks to ocean! Small pet OK with extra deposit. Available 9/21/13. 4413 Dawes Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

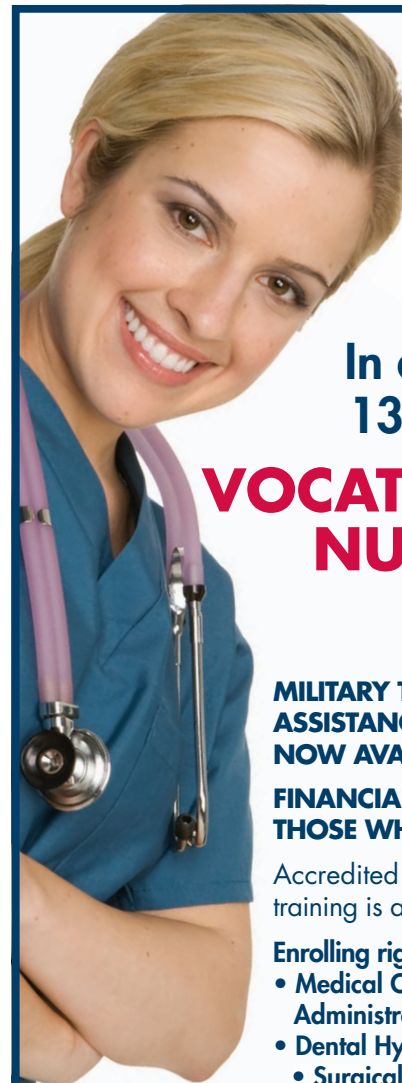
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**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1625.**  
2BD+2BA, upstairs condo in East Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Washer/ dryer in unit! Wood and carpeted floors. Garage with opener. Private deck and balcony. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Easy freeway access. Available 9/15/13. 4615 Pico Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1895 & UP.**  
2BD+2BA, 1000 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. [baypointe@progressmanagement.net](mailto:baypointe@progressmanagement.net); [www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com](http://www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com).

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1925.**  
3BD+1.5BA, house in East Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Cat OK with extra deposit. NO dogs. Private fenced patio/ yard area. Available 8/10/13. 2751 Hornblend Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

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### THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

#### RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at [SDReader.com/puzzle](http://SDReader.com/puzzle). But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.

3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

#### EASY:

2			4	5				1
	7	3	6			4	5	
			1	7			6	2
			5		9			6
4	1						8	9
3			8		1			
8	4			2	5			
	2	7			4	9	1	
5				1	6			4

#### HARD:

				8	9		4	
					7	2		
4	3	9			6			
	9	2						3
	6			7			8	
5						4	1	
			4			5	9	1
		1	7					
	8		9	2				

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our **new** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to [Sudoku@sdreader.com](mailto:Sudoku@sdreader.com). Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

#### MEDIUM:

		1			7	4		
	3		8	2	6		9	
	7	9						5
							5	
9			3	1	2			4
	8							
1						9	8	
	2		4	9	3		1	
		5	7			3		

#### EVIL:

3						2		
			4		6	9		
	8	4	7		5			
	7	9						6
			3		4			
8						4	2	
			6		2	5	9	
		7	5		3			
		2						8

### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

#### EASY:

4	6	3	2	5	9	7	8	1
8	5	2	6	1	7	4	9	3
7	1	9	3	4	8	5	2	6
3	7	6	9	2	4	1	5	8
1	2	8	5	7	3	9	6	4
9	4	5	1	8	6	2	3	7
2	8	7	4	6	5	3	1	9
5	9	4	8	3	1	6	7	2
6	3	1	7	9	2	8	4	5

#### HARD:

4	8	9	1	5	2	3	7	6
7	2	3	8	6	4	5	9	1
6	1	5	3	9	7	8	4	2
5	9	7	6	1	8	2	3	4
1	3	6	2	4	5	7	8	9
2	4	8	7	3	9	6	1	5
3	5	1	9	7	6	4	2	8
8	7	4	5	2	1	9	6	3
9	6	2	4	8	3	1	5	7

#### MEDIUM:

6	5	9	3	7	1	4	8	2
8	1	3	9	2	4	5	6	7
7	2	4	8	6	5	3	1	9
4	7	1	5	3	8	2	9	6
9	3	6	7	1	2	8	5	4
2	8	5	6	4	9	7	3	1
3	4	8	1	9	7	6	2	5
1	6	2	4	5	3	9	7	8
5	9	7	2	8	6	1	4	3

#### EVIL:

4	7	9	8	2	3	6	5	1
6	3	5	9	1	7	8	4	2
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5	6	4	2	8	1	3	9	7
1	8	7	5	3	9	4	2	6
3	9	2	7	6	4	5	1	8

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### THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

- **Ivy Westmoreland, Lemon Grove, 3.**
- **Tommy DiPietro, San Diego, 5.**
- **Tkaehuk Serafima, San Diego, 6.**
- **Lily Sun, Carmel Valley, 6.**
- **Jim Upshaw, Clairemont, 6.**

#### PACIFIC BEACH, \$2775.

3BD+2.5BA, downstairs unit in By the Sea Condos on the water in North Pacific Beach. Carpet and tile floors. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Coin laundry. Parking. Private patio. No pets. Available 9/1/13. 4465 Ocean Blvd. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

#### PACIFIC BEACH, \$3600.

4BD+3.5BA, townhome in North Pacific Beach. One block to ocean! All appliances plus washer/ dryer. Net metering for SDG&E. Garage. Granite counter tops. Patio plus balcony. Available 9/1/13. 854 Felspar Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

#### PACIFIC BEACH, \$895.

1BD+1BA. Quiet, gated entrance. Ceiling fans, laundry, off-street parking, pool. Building well maintained. No pets. Available now. 619-279-0031, [akarnazes@yahoo.com](mailto:akarnazes@yahoo.com).

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#### PACIFIC BEACH, \$950.

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#### DOWNTOWN, \$400 & UP.

Rooms \$400/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Centre City Manor, 1450 4th Avenue and Beech Street. 619-255-5631. [www.HughesManagement.net](http://www.HughesManagement.net).

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#### DOWNTOWN, \$475-550.

Affordable rooms near Petco Park. Utilities included. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, vending machines. Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue & Island. 619-235-6068. [www.HughesManagement.net](http://www.HughesManagement.net).

#### DOWNTOWN, \$486-625.

Cozy rooms, very comfortable, convenient location. Historic building near C Street Trolley. Choice of common or private bathrooms. Utilities included. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B. 619-239-3808.

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#### DOWNTOWN, \$500 & UP.

Studio+1BA. Rooms \$500/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. [www.HughesManagement.net](http://www.HughesManagement.net).

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#### DOWNTOWN, \$550-800.

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Pacific Beach • Point Loma

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Logan Heights • Sherman Heights  
South Park • Stockton

## EAST COUNTY

Alpine • Borrego Springs • Boulevard  
Campo • El Cajon • Imperial Valley • Jamul  
Julian • La Mesa • Lakeside • Lemon Grove  
Mount Laguna • Potrero • Ramona  
Rancho San Diego • Santee  
Spring Valley • Warner Springs

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

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College Area • Del Cerro • Grantville  
Kearny Mesa • Linda Vista • Mira Mesa  
Miramar • Mission Valley • San Carlos  
Serra Mesa • Sorrento Valley • Tierrasanta • UTC

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Valley Center • Vista



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Paradise Hills • San Ysidro

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### Central San Diego

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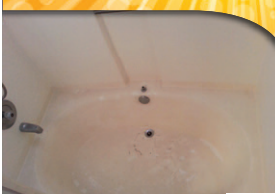
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### LAST WEEK'S HIDDEN PHRASE

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attention for the dog's **goofy** attitude and comical proportions. Few of Morton's drawings exceed four-  
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**MOVIES**  
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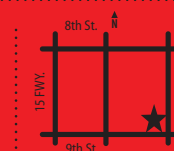
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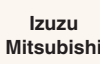


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## Cultural Diversity

— For “beach season” in Qingdao, China, recently, middle-aged ladies returned to the shore of the Yellow Sea sporting their relatively revealing (though age-appropriate) bathing suits — but wearing distinctive cloth hoods with tiny holes only for the eyes, nose, and mouth. To many in China, dark skin still signals laborers and fair skin the indoor “leisure” class, according to a July report on the business website

Quartz.

— Because Zimbabwe is reputedly among the world’s most corrupt countries, bribery is normal and makes the news only when innovators go above and beyond. The antipoverty organization Transparency International reported in July that one hospital in Harare had recently been imposing a \$5 charge on mothers each time they screamed during childbirth (in addition to the \$50 delivery fee). Furthermore, it has long been rumored that hospitals in Zimbabwe (and other countries) may detain mothers and their children at the hospital if they cannot pay the fees. (Transparency International reported several days later, after finally obtaining a meeting with a government official, that the per-scream charge will be lifted.)

## Latest Religious Messages

— Satan was thrust into the recent Texas legislature debate with pro-choicers shouting, “Hail, Satan!” at the right-to-life faction. However, whom Satan had endorsed was not clear. A British organization called UK Church of Satan appeared to criticize the pro-choicers (according to Twitter comments) while the New York-based Church of Satan (founded in 1966 by Anton LaVey) insists on a woman’s right to

choose, said its High Priest Peter Gilmore — although he acknowledged that shouting “Hail, Satan” to anti-abortion activists was “ludicrous and meaningless.”

— Megachurch bishop Ira V. Hilliard told his Sugarland, Texas, congregation (New Light Christian Center) in June that one of his two private aircraft — a helicopter valued at about \$1 million — needs new blades, but rather than pay it himself, he asked parishioners to each find it in their hearts to send him \$52 “favor seeds” for the blades. (His ministry also owns a \$2 million Hawker jet and a \$3 million hangar.) To sweeten the deal, he virtually promised that a donor’s gift would be met by a “breakthrough favor” from God in the form of a car repair or their very own “dream” car either 52 days or 52 weeks later (according to a church letter described by the Christian Post).

## Questionable Judgments

— Sharon Jobson thought her major grieving was over at the two-year mark after her son had been killed driving into a CN Rail train at a crossing that had not then been updated with safety features. (John Jobson, 22, was speeding and failed to stop, perhaps because of a partially obscured warning sign and a nonstandard train

horn.) The government subsequently ordered upgrades, and Sharon decided not to sue, but CN Rail had no such reluctance and filed in July for \$500,000 against John’s estate to cover damage to its tracks and the subsequent customer slowdown caused by the collision. (At press time, with grief forced upon her once again, Sharon was re-evaluating litigation.)

— Inexplicable: (1) In May, a 24-year-old man accidentally shot a teenage boy in the leg with a high-caliber gun at a home in Santa Fe, Texas, in front of the boy’s mother, whose first reaction was to look up “gunshot” on WebMD — and then not to take her son to Mainland Medical Center until seven hours later. Deborah Tagle was charged, along with the shooter, for injury to a child. (2) Carole Longhorn, 66, struck a metal object in her garden in Norfolk, England, in June, and, though it looked like a projectile-bomb, she said she decided to take it inside and wash it off in the sink before calling police (who later detonated the World War II-era munition in a controlled explosion). (Said her husband later: “You can imagine what I said to her.”)

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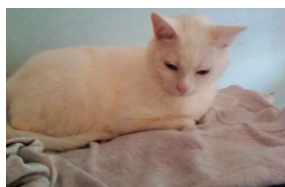
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