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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Is Weiner hiring?

Filner staff fired

San Diego — **Acting mayor Todd Gloria fired most of the staff of ousted mayor Bob Filner on August 28. Filner left office on August 30. Initially, the human resources department delivered the equivalent of pink slips to half the staff, including chief of staff Lee Burdick.**

A few hours later, officials came back and cleared most of the rest of the office out, according to an inside source.

Don Bauder

Bring home the Baconator

Food workers rally for higher minimum wage

Gaslamp — **Up to 100 protesters gathered downtown in support of "Fight for 15," a nationwide one-day strike by fast-food workers in 35 cities calling for a $15 minimum wage and the right to join unions without employer retaliation.**

"Everybody that works here has kids to support," said Debra Flores, a striker who works at the Wendy's restaurant on the corner of First and Broadway where the crowd convened. "We need to make enough money to take care of our families and pay bills, and that can't happen on minimum wage."

Clare Crawford, president and executive director of the Center on Policy Initiatives, said that employers were unrealistic when denying the impact low wages had on workers' lives, pointing to a controversial personal budget proposal released by McDonald's recently, which suggested that workers should have two nearly full-time jobs and budget only $600 per month for rent (the actual rental average in San Diego is closer to $1300, Crawford says) in order to survive on minimum wage.

"If you're a single parent with one child,

Wendy's employees downtown join the nationwide "Fight for 15" one-day rally of fast-food workers.

you need to earn between $21 and $26 an hour in order to afford the basic costs of living here in San Diego," Crawford said. "These workers aren't making anywhere near that, and they're struggling."

"People are still going to struggle because of the high cost of living in San Diego," said labor leader Richard Barrera. "[But] if we paid workers a living wage, we would create 40,000 jobs. Why is that? Because workers would actually have enough money to pay their bills, to put money back into the local economy, to create jobs."

Dave Rice

Horses had enough

Even pet mice taken from abusive home

Ramona — **Nineteen of the 22 horses seized last month from Ramona woman Lori Patton found new homes over the weekend, the San Diego County Department of Animal Services reported August 26.**

Herd of malnourished horses seized from negligent owner have found new homes.

After a herd of malnourished horses was found wandering along Highway 78 near Ramona in May, they were returned to their pasture by California Highway Patrol and Intermountain Fire and Rescue officers. Animal Services monitored the herd, noting that Patton was not providing them with food or water. In the interest of the animals' welfare, ten horses were removed from her property shortly thereafter and subsequently adopted

In July, authorities determined that Patton had not improved living conditions for her remaining animals, and those remaining on the property, including 22 horses, 8 dogs, a cat, a rabbit, a guinea pig, and 3 mice were taken by the County.

After nursing the horses back to health, an adoption event was held Saturday, with prospective new owners completing a prescreening process beforehand. Sixteen families, including one from as far away as Iowa, adopted all 19 of the horses ready for new homes. Another mare and two foals, still not ready for permanent homes, will be placed in the care of a local animal rescue group.

Dave Rice

And they're off!

Mayor's race field grows — and grows

San Diego — **As the number of ousted mayor Bob Filner's alleged victims grows, so to does the list of candidates vying to take over power after Filner leaves office on August 30.**

On August 28, five more people jumped into the race, two of which with some level of name recognition. Those two are the

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Two of a loose band of Twitter accounts Mexicans use to stay abreast of narco violence in Tijuana.

Narco Twitter

By Kent Mennem

When Mexico began fully confronting drug cartels in 2006 violence erupted that has claimed an estimated 70,000 lives.

Mexico's battle against organized crime has shifted between states at times, but the border areas have consistently been affected.

Despite what some outside of Mexico may believe, not all Mexican media has been silenced on the subject. Almost all major outlets still cover drug-related crime, yet some have laid off of the details for safety of their staffs. A few local and regional news outlets have completely dropped covering drug crime, yet many in local media still thoroughly cover the topic.

Blogs have pushed their way into the issue, often aggregating the material that is published from across the nation. One of the more popular blogs in Mexico, *Blog del Narco* (@InfoNarco), has done so, but not without being widely criticized for not giving credit to the authors and news outlets from which they repost material.

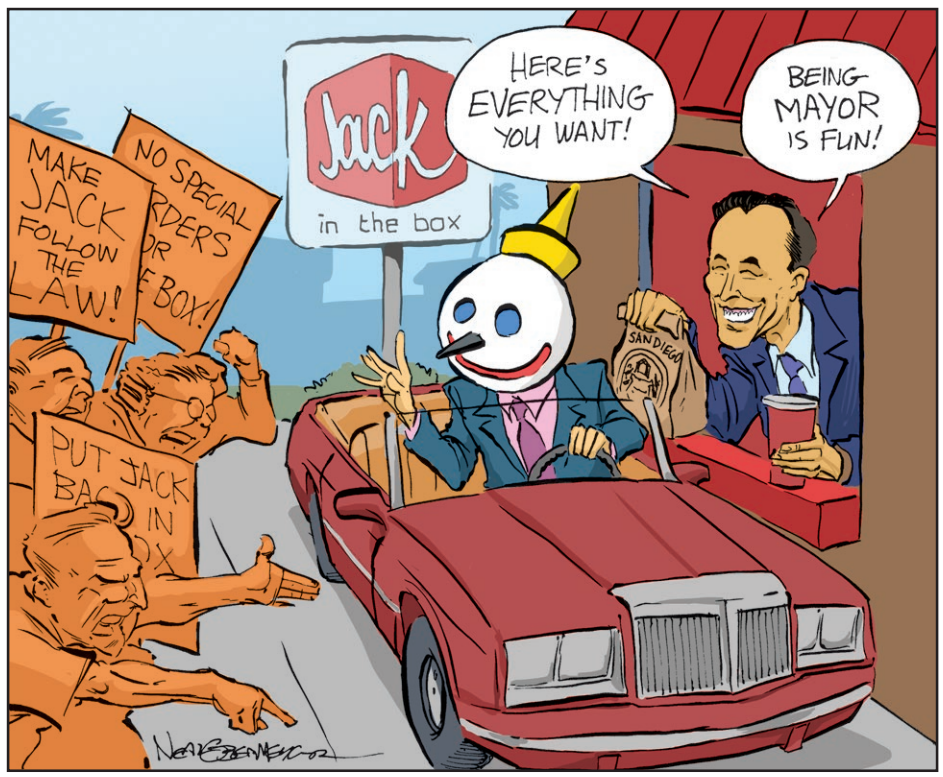
The social network site Twitter has trumped these blogs for gathering information quickly, by allowing real-time information to be viewed from a massive number of users. For those looking for up-to-the-second information and warnings, Twitter has become the go-to tool. Twitter avoids the wait that major media and blogs require when dishing out information.

I asked Nick Valencia (@CNNValencia), CNN national desk editor, about the trend of using Twitter in Mexico for sharing information.

"If there's anything we've learned from the use of social media in Mexico it's that residents are demanding transparency from their local, state, and federal government. The reason this phenomenon started in 2010 was because citizens felt they weren't getting accurate or timely information from the authorities enlisted to protect them," said Valencia.

What has proved most vital on Twitter is the use of hashtags for certain locations. Cities like Reynosa, Tamaulipas, in the northeast corner of Mexico, use the hashtag #ReynosaFollow when post-

Neal Obermeyer



This post-shootout photo taken in Reynosa was posted by @ValorTamaulipas...

ing important news in the city. These hashtags are important because with a single click a citizen can get live updates in the city.

A major Twitter account that has helped lead the way for such a trend in Mexico is Valor por Tamaulipas. With nearly 40,000 followers, many check this account frequently for up-to-the-minute news in the city.

I (@K_Mennem) spoke with the administrator of the account @ValorTamaulipas, who told of the importance of Twitter and dealing with the Mexican drug war.

"It's a great tool, it allows people to get info that the traditional media doesn't tell, or the legal authorities refuse to say just because the political cost it has. In Twitter there are dozens of persons that do not care about the political cost, but the safety of people," stated the administrator.

"Twitter is a tool for the people, but also has its risk, due to the presence of criminals that have their twitter accounts, and even authorities that uses this place as a source of information, and because of that crime also reacts to those activities."

In mid-March of 2013, mayhem hit the streets of Reynosa. No real count of those who died has been released, but dozens of shootouts and illegal road blocks plagued the streets for three days. Some estimate up to 60 deaths occurred. Locals claim the bodies were dragged away by the cartel henchmen who claimed them as their own.

During this outbreak of violence, #ReynosaFollow was heavily used. Twitter users punched the hashtag into the search box and a plethora of tweets erupted. Accounts of those witnessing shootouts, citizens reporting road blocks, photos of bullet-ridden vehicles, and others warning to stay inside certain neighborhoods were posted. Locals gave no faith into what local news stations were telling them. Their only real sources were these twitter feeds.

"New media allows interested parties to interpret the situation as it evolves — real-time," says John P. Sullivan (@zftwarning), senior fellow for *Small Wars Journal*, as we spoke via Twitter. "Emerging and evolving threats can't be silenced. Reporters use it to identify and vet stories. Residents use it to avoid trouble spots; and narcos use it to intimidate rivals. New media is the new commons for both civil society and *narcocultura*. #Hashtags are the new reference point... @xxx is the new byline."

...as was this shot taken in Tampico.

Researchers at Microsoft did a study on the phenomenon in February. The study, *The New War Corre-*

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UNDER THE RADAR

Great war for a vacation With rumblings of revolution and war in the Middle East, maybe summer 2013 wasn't exactly the best time to take off for a free deluxe tour of Israel, but freshman Democratic congressman **Juan Vargas**, accompanied by his wife Adrienne, managed to soldier along. According to an official free trip report filed August 19, Vargas and spouse enjoyed the hospitality of the American Israel Education Foundation on a tour that "educated members of congress about the U.S.-Israel relationship." The foundation is an affiliate of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, known as AIPAC, a key lobbyist for foreign policy positions endorsed by the Israeli government.

Roy Sianez breakdances for joy over the $300 in free tickets and parking he got for a Pitbull concert.

From August 4 through 13, Vargas and his wife were put up at the five-star King David Hotel in Jerusalem, the Scots Hotel ("with direct frontage on to the Sea of Galilee") in Tiberias, and the Merom Golan in Merom Golan, the latter used for a "dayroom to prepare for departure." Transportation costs were $5970 each, total lodging ran $2490, and meal expenses were $900 each.

Other costs, including $500 per person to pay for security ("AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip"), ran $1766 each. All told, the couple's junket cost its sponsors a grand total of $19,914. Side trips included a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu**; a "strategic survey of Jerusalem"; and a meet-up with **Mahmoud Abbas**, president of the Palestinian Authority. Then it was off to the Gaza Strip for "Living with the Threat of Rockets" and "America's Role in Protecting Israel."

Did Netanyahu realize that Juan Vargas is just a junior congressman who likes free travel?

Legislative pit bulls Telecommunications giant AT&T apparently felt generous back on June 13, anteing up a pair of free tickets to Sacramento's Sleep Train Arena concert of **Pitbull** for **Crystal Quezada**, legislative director for first term San Diego Democratic assemblywoman **Shirley Weber**. The value of the freebies was reported to be $287.86. Only **Roy Sianez**, legislative director to assembly Democrat **Norma Torres**, did better, with two tickets and parking at the same event worth $299.86. Pitbull, aka Mr. Worldwide — whose real name, for those who don't know, is **Armando Christian Pérez** — is one of the world's biggest Latino rappers, with hits including "I Know You Want Me (Calle Ocho)" and "Give Me Everything." Notes Wikipedia: "Pitbull made his film debut in *Epic* with a voice role of the character 'Bufo.'"

Can Qualcomm buy the GOP? Ramping up for what's expected to be an all-out company effort to get former GOP assemblyman **Nathan Fletcher** elected mayor of San Diego, cell phone giant Qualcomm still had plenty of cash for federal candidates, according to a recent federal disclosure filing. Fletcher, currently employed by the homegrown San Diego political powerhouse, is now a newly minted Democrat vying to replace fallen fellow Democrat **Bob Filner**.

Company founder **Irwin Jacobs**, the city's richest man, is also a Democrat, having given considerably more than $1 million to the party and presidential standard bearer **Barack Obama**. Jacobs and his wife Joan are currently backing the pre-presidential bid of ex–first lady and former secretary of state **Hillary Clinton**.

But Qualcomm doesn't appear to be quite as choosey as its founder regarding the cash it gives to members of the country's opposing parties. On July 15, for instance, the company's employee political action committee gave $2500 to Republican **Paul D. Ryan**'s congressional fund. For those who might not remember, Ryan was the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee, running with part-time La Jolla resident **Mitt Romney**. Missouri Republican Senator **Roy Blunt**'s Rely on Your Beliefs Fund also got $2500, as did GOP House Speaker **John Boehner**'s campaign committee. The Every Republican Is Crucial PAC, run by Virginia GOP congressman **Eric Cantor**, got $1500.

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Double Trouble

You have Holler in the August 29 *Reader*. The one from Clairemont was already printed a few issues ago in the same column. I know that, because the guy called it "Square-mont." I'm curious why it was printed again.

There's also an item (News Ticker: "You shot me!") where it says a "16-month-old male fetus" was killed. It wasn't killed, but it died later on, when the mother died. It was 16 months in the womb? *Any* baby? Uh, yeah, that kid's gonna be screaming to crawl out!

Tony Owen
Chula Vista

Ecological Misfits

When I read the story about Donna Tisdale's fight ("They're Everywhere Out Here," August 22 cover story), I immediately thought of *The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey. Perhaps if more people read it....

Allen Stanko
via email

Herpes Caused by Wind Turbines?

The recent cover article, "They're Everywhere Out Here," (August 22) repeated a variety of myths about wind energy without closely examining the claims.

Credible, peer-reviewed scientific data and various government reports from the U.S., Canada, Australia, and the U.K. refute the claim that wind farms cause negative health impacts. Claims regarding health impacts from wind turbines can be explained by two new international studies that have identified a "nocebo" effect. Nocebo describes a situation in which individuals are led to expect physical symptoms, and actually experience those symptoms, whether or not the supposed cause of the symptoms is actually present.

According to Simon Chap-

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TIJUANA

Mexico beach party

Vandals live like tourists

A few weeks ago, federal, state, and city officials in Tijuana swept through the concrete river channel known as El Bordo and dislodged hundreds of indigents, who had made the area their home.

Unless officials act quickly, Playas boardwalk could become a lawless community.

Now, according to a business leader in Playas, many of those who were rousted by police have migrated to the beach area and have become a nuisance there.

"We now have a big problem," Elías Cervantes Jáuregui, president of the Comerciantes Ambulantes, an association of sidewalk vendors, told *El Sol de Tijuana.* Cervantes, according to *El Sol*, said that before the sweep of El Bordo a few weeks ago, there were about 20 indigents living along the oceanfront in Playas, and now there are more than 100.

"The vandals live like tourists," Cervantes told the newspaper. "These are very nice properties." He said the indigents use the abandoned dwellings or vacant lots to take drugs or as places of refuge after committing robberies.

In addition, said Cervantes, some of the indigents have illegally occupied vacant lots and have constructed wooden shacks in which they live, or use the beach "as a hotel."

Because the land in question is controlled by the federal government, municipal police say they have no authority to act, despite requests from the merchants for help, Cervantes told *El Sol.*

Not only have the indigents from El Bordo flocked to Playas, he said, but many illegal vendors ordered off downtown sidewalks in early August are now competing with legitimate vendors, especially on weekends.

Cervantes predicted that, if city and federal officials don't act quickly, the Playas neighborhood could turn into a virtually lawless community.

BOB MCPHAIL

ENCINITAS

ATM doesn't fit in

"It's an ugly 'Welcome to Encinitas' monument."

Last March, the owner of Berry Happy Frozen Yogurt erected an ATM for his business on the busy corner of D Street and South Coast Highway 101. But he didn't put it inside his business. Instead, he mounted a large, self-contained, freestanding ATM about 20 feet from his establishment's front door, right next to the heavily traveled, southbound sidewalk.

Downtown revitalization supporters called it ugly. The machine was covered in large "ATM" banners and was placed directly under the lighted "Encinitas" sign that stretches across Highway 101, from the yogurt shop to the La Paloma Theatre.

As one yogurt shop customer said regarding the new ATM, "It's an ugly 'Welcome to Encinitas' monument."

KEN HARRISON

CHULA VISTA

Just give 'em blanks

Accidental shooting at Southwestern College

On August 23, a Southwestern College campus police officer's weapon went off accidentally. An anonymous source reported that two people were almost hit.

The Southwestern daily crime log for that day reported that at 10:02 a.m., a subject was transported from the college police department's office to the hospital.

SUSAN LUZZARO

MEXICO

Crackdown on pizza and poetry

Border Patrol watchful as poets gather at Friendship Park

An international incident interrupted the "Poesía transfronteriza" poetry reading attended by over 60 people on August 25 at the border fence in Friendship Park.

People on both sides of the border watched a series of writers reciting their work in Spanish and English through the large metal fence while an armed border patrol agent kept close watch. The U.S. part of the event, called Border Poets, was held in a no-man's land between the old fence on the Mexico side of the border and the new fence running parallel about 60 feet away built in 2009 on the U.S. side. Near the end of the reading, the poet Nasheili Gonzalez on the U.S. side of the fence was escorted out of the zone by Border Patrol agent Kris

Dan Watman (with unplugged microphone) and Border Patrol watching from vehicle.

Stricklin after she stepped into a forbidden area to pick up a small homemade kite that had been dropped through the fence posts from the Mexico side.

Before ordering Gonzalez out of the area, Agent Stricklin said to her, "Why would you

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Holler

From your 'hood

Cardiff-by-the-Sea — **A Great BIG Holler to the staff, volunteers, patrons of Rancho Coastal Humane Society on the near completion of the restoration of their thrift shop. It is nearly complete and has been transformed into a comfortably ample shop. During this process, however, they were all subjected to store closures and a noise-filled environment in which they could hardly hear themselves speak or think — hardly a "humane" environment to work or shop in. Bravo to you all!**

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Chula Vista — **Lived here in CV for a good portion of my life and I've loved everything about it! Nice lake out back, nice hiking trails, convenient shopping centers. And let's not forget...both the Parkview and Eastlake Little League teams!**

msanvictores, August 30

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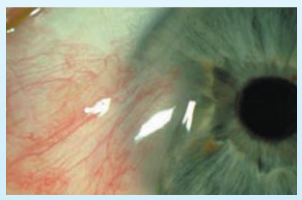

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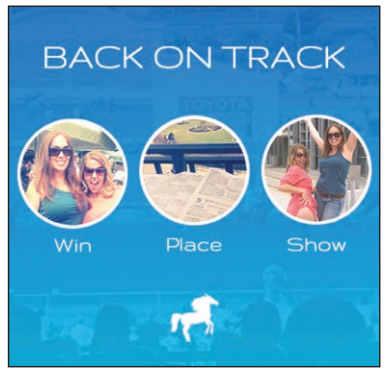
POST TITLE: **Almost Forty**
POST DATE: **June 30, 2013**

Raise your glass, or plastic cup, and cheers to me. It's my birthday. Yeah, yeah, I know, big f*#king deal. But this is my 39th birthday. In 12 months I'll be 40 — that's two decades after 20 and halfway to 80.

I want to do something to make this year fantastic. Should be a breeze with all my free time between chauffeuring the boys, obsessing over food labels, and slaving in the kitchen to provide my family three well-balanced meals each day, plus commuting an hour three days a week to keep my brain functioning at an adult level with my part-time job as an attorney, and trying to keep in shape so my husband will still tell me I have a great ass… even at thirty-friggin'-nine.



The secret to picking winners: check out their butts.

This year, I won't be trekking through the sacred hills of Imerina or learning Mandarin Chinese. Not with what's already on my plate and not with my lack of resources, financial and otherwise.

Instead, I've devised a list: 40 things to do before I turn 40. There's nothing on the list I can't do; all the goals are achievable. The challenge will be to get them all done. They include fun things I want to do, ways to be less of a snappy bitch and to be a more well-rounded gal, and even things that I dread doing but just have to get done. Some goals are daily or weekly or monthly, or some just have to be completed by year's end.

Starting tomorrow, and over the next week or so, I'll post my list of 40 goals.

In the meantime, Happy Birthday to me. I need a drink.

POST TITLE: **Fillies and Colts and Mares, Oh My**
POST DATE: **July 28, 2013**

Goal 16 — Break maiden. More specifically, break maiden on a handicapped wager as the jockey hand rides his pony down the furlong. Currently, I bet using some innocuous tidbits: the horse's name (great ones include Bodacious Tatas, Menage a Trios, Tit'n Your Girdle), color scheme, and the jockey's weight (if he weighs more than me, he's out). Goal 16 is to follow some handicappers' tips and place informed bets at the track.

POST TITLE: **You Wanna Bet?**
POST DATE: **August 7, 2013**

Newsflash: I broke maiden. Wow did it feel good! I made it out to the track a couple days ago and had my first lesson on betting the ponies. A few things I learned: pay attention to whether and how many races they've won recently, and the length of those races as compared to the length of the race they're about to run. Also consider the jockey, and how well he's been hanging on in recent races. With this advice in mind, I perused the racing form and studied up on the stats. I placed a $2 bet on horse number nine, Almost Better, across the board, which means I bet that he would either win (come in first), place (come in first or second), or show (finish somewhere in the top three). Almost Better was first to cross the line! I was about $20 in the money (i.e., that's how much I won).

Next I trotted over to the paddock to take a look at the asses…literally. I like big butts, which correlate with faster, stronger running. And I like the horses that are a little edgy, not ornery or attention deficit disordered, but adrenaline-pumped and frisky — they're ready to win. This time I picked a few horses by the visual, then looked at their stats. Hotradamus, number ten was my favorite. He had a nice strong arse, was a little jumpy, and he had fared fairly well in previous races. Also, the same jockey who rode Almost Better was about to ride this guy. They were on my side — they came in first! *Woo hoo!* It is so much fun to win! I won about $30 on that race, then bought a round of drinks.

No need to press my luck. Two wins down, I pocketed my winnings, put down the racing form, and just horsed around for the rest of the races. Goal 16: Complete!

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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

Puerile prize?

2013 Pulitzer Prize for Photography goes to A. Source for his photo of Filner press secretary Lewis

By now, we all know the story: A. Source was attending the Las Vegas bachelorette party for Lena Lewis, Press Secretary for San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, a man accused of inappropriate sexual conduct by no less than 3458 women. Lewis, in a move common among bachelorettes, took a sip from her Bride's Cup using a straw shaped like a male member. A. Source caught the moment on camera. Days later, Bob Filner resigned as Mayor. Today, that photo won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize.

In their comments, the Pulitzer judges wrote:

"Sometimes, the most powerful comments on a situation come from the fringes of that situation. Eddie Adams's famed photo of a South Vietnamese general executing a Viet Cong lieutenant in the streets of Saigon didn't depict the more famous horrors of that war — napalm bombing, the massacres of entire villages, etc. Indeed, it didn't even indicate America's presence or role in the conflict. But the intimacy and immediacy of the image was enough to highlight — to make personal — the larger nightmare. Source's photograph operates in much the same way. Though the genders are reversed — a woman doing the objectifying — and the context is recreational rather than professional, the image captures the warped sexual power-play that infects American politics and, indeed, American culture in general. Also, the way we use cultural norms (Power Must Be Served, What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas) to protect ourselves from acknowledging and dealing with the problem.

"To be sure, many brides-to-be suck penis straws, just as many men shot other men during the Vietnam War. But the fact that it was this woman, at this time, sucking this particular penis straw, together with the fact that Source was there to capture the image at just the right moment, is what makes this photograph extraordinary and significant."

Hail Filner!

Emperor Elagabobus celebrated final week in office with nonstop orgy

Emperor's final words before self-immolation: "Everything was consensual, and absolutely nothing was off limits. City Hall has been debauched beyond recognition. My place in history is secure."

His Dread Majesty's farewell speech: "Today, the last day of the month named for the great Emperor Augustus, marks the end of my rule and of my life. For to me, to live is to rule, and to rule is to live, and if I cannot rule, I will not live. The people have become a lynch mob, but they shall not have the satisfaction of exercising their gross and common violences upon me. I will not be dragged through the streets like an animal. I shall ascend to heave on a column of fire, like the god I am. For the past five days, we have indulged the flesh during regular office hours in ways undreamt of by even our most decadent forbears. Now, my glory shall be made complete. No man may kill me, except me!" With that, Elagabobus lit the massive pile of sexual harassment complaints that had been piled at his feet and was burned alive. City Hall will remain closed to the public "until we can get rid of the smell," said Councilman Todd Gloria.

Gone but not forgotten

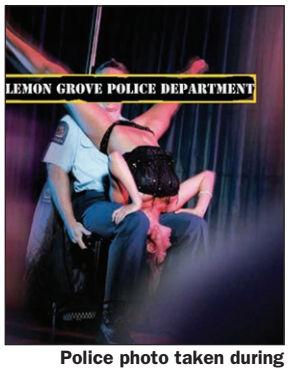
Sunroad developer announces plan to name nine-foot Centrum Park easement "Filner Alley"

Statement from Sunroad: "With Filner gone, there shouldn't be any more trouble about our dealings with the city on this really very minor matter of taking a teeny tiny slice of public parkland and mixing in a little private interest. That is a great relief, and naming the easement after the former mayor seemed like the least we could do — you know, after he let us pay him off for it. And in the end, isn't an alley the right sort of space for the man?"

Protect and get served?

Relaxed and happy officers report on Lemon Grove strip club goings-on.

Police psychiatrist attributes officers' "oddly cheerful" demeanor to "post-stress euphoria."



Police photo taken during sting operation.

Last week, the cops raided Little Darlings Adult Cabaret in Lemon Grove, making three arrests and promising many more, "probably after the club's Police Appreciation Month winds up at the end of September," said Lemon Grove Police Chief Bill Stopay. "We'd like to thank the Narcotics Task Force for their exhaustive six-month investigation into the goings-on at Little Darlings," continued Stopay. "Their tireless efforts, night after night, laid the groundwork for this dramatic and successful raid."

SD on the QT has obtained police notes on the morning-after statements filed by those investigating officers. A couple of notable items:

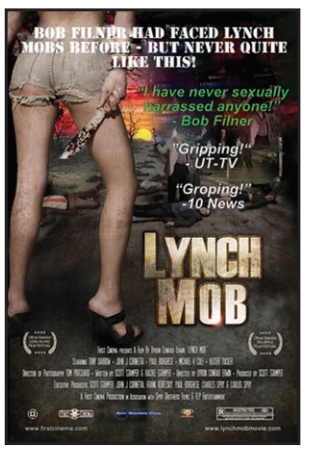
"At 8:28 p.m. on July 15, dancer REDACTED approached officer REDACTED and offered a private REDACTED with a Russian-style REDACTED to follow for an extra $50. 'And for $20 more, your partner can watch,' said REDACTED. In an unrelated incident, at 9:15 p.m., dancer REDACTED removed $100 from officer's wallet, which had somehow fallen out of his pocket. Officer did not perform arrest, in order to preserve undercover status."

"At 11:45 p.m. on August 8, dancer REDACTED approached officer REDACTED and offered to sell him a quarter-ounce of GDP X Purple Urkle marijuana. Transaction was conducted in accordance with NTF guidelines. At 9:22 a.m. on August 9, officer REDACTED awoke in the parking lot of Perry's Cafe, still in possession of his weapon and belt, but apparently missing his pants. Suggest investigating whether or not writing 'Poke the Pig' with a Sharpie above a police officer's naked buttocks constitutes assault."

San Diego Film Festival announces 2013 opening night premiere: Lynch Mob: The Filner Firestorm

Filner at resignation speech:

"The hysteria that has been created...is the hysteria of a lynch mob. I have faced lynch mobs many times before."



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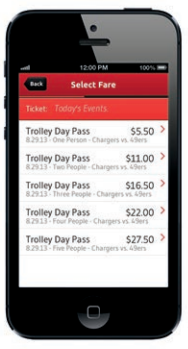

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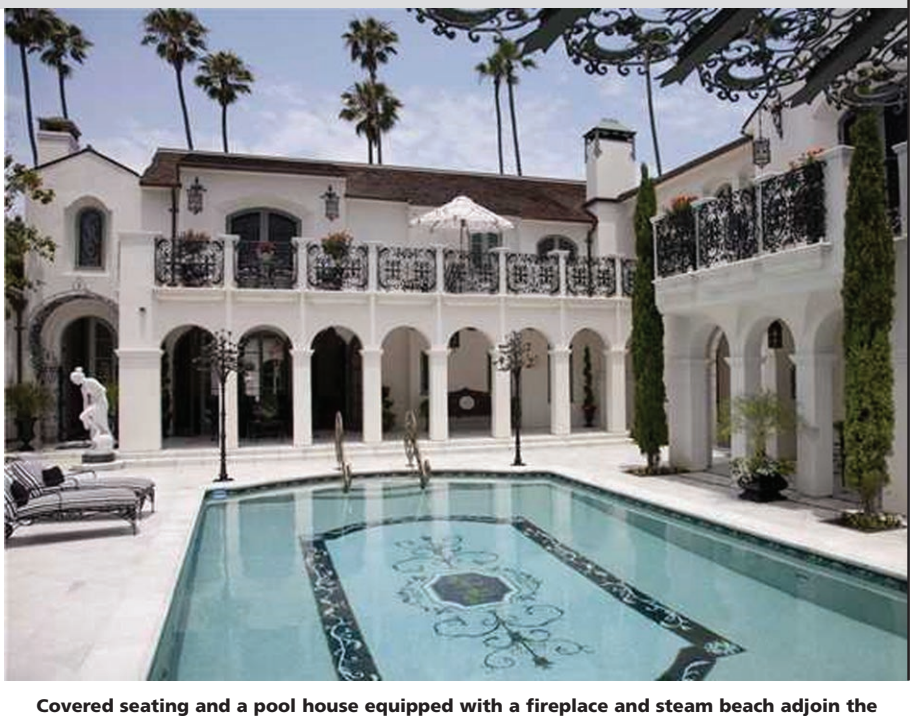
by Dave Rice



Covered seating and a pool house equipped with a fireplace and steam beach adjoin the glass-tile-inlaid pool at "La Fenice."

"La Fenice," named after a famed 18th-century Italian theater, is one of the oldest and most elaborately finished mansions in La Jolla. And for the right price, the six-bedroom, eight-bathroom, 10,000-square-foot home sitting just one block off the water in the "pristine and perfectly manicured" Lower Hermosa neighborhood of La Jolla can be yours.

According to the property's listing materials, the home was designed and built in 1929 by Thomas Shepherd, "a brilliantly acclaimed architect whose masterpieces have continued to be coveted by true collectors of fine homes."

The house, situated on an 18,000-square-foot lot, wraps around a central courtyard highlighting the pool with glass mosaic tile inlays and overlooked by covered sitting areas. An adjacent pool house features its own fireplace, changing rooms, steam shower, and kitchenette. Professionally landscaped formal gardens, "perfect for entertaining," cover the rest of the property's exterior.

Inside, the home has been "completely renovated and expanded from top to bottom," though many old-world touches remain, such as Venetian leaded glass windows, hand-crafted wrought iron accents and staircase balustrades, and an extensive use of marble and hardwood flooring. The "grand living room" has a 14-foot bay leaded glass window with coat of arms "flanked by glass display niches and an imported marble fireplace," and many of the ceilings, including the central rotunda, breakfast room, and a sitting room off the master feature custom ornately carved ceilings.

The master suite takes up a significant portion of space, with two separate bathrooms and dressing areas, a living area within the bedroom, and the aforementioned separate sitting room. Four of the five additional bedrooms are also in the traditional style of a master, with en-suite bathrooms.

Updates include the chef's kitchen and butler's pantry "that invites a more causal Southern Californian lifestyle and includes Viking, Meile, and Subzero appliances," as well as marble counters from Calcutta and French tile. There's a wine cellar with storage for 600 bottles, and an eight-seat private theater. The house also has a Crestron "smart

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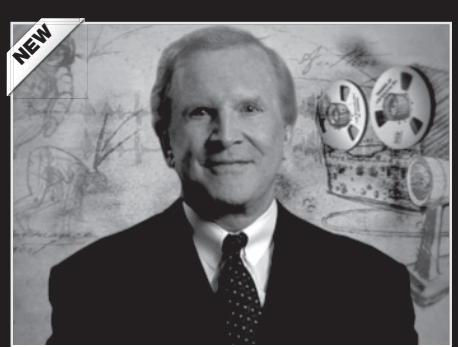

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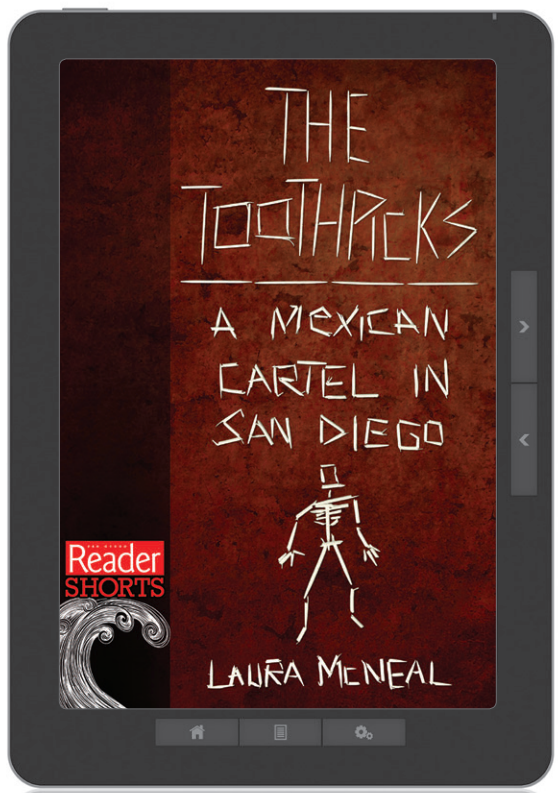

This is the chilling story of a kidnapping and ransom drop that led to the arrest of two Mexican cartel leaders currently on trial for a string of brutal murders in San Diego. It started when Eddy Tostado gave the architect who was remodeling his patio the gate code. The architect shared the code with another member of Los Palillos—the Toothpicks—and the gang decided Eddy should be their next San Diego target.

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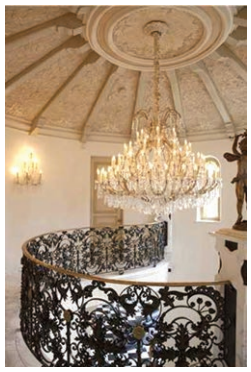
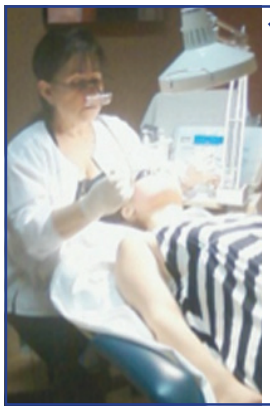
Despite the updates, the home "has been historically designated to allow for the next owner to benefit from the very low property tax!" Indeed, the property is assessed on tax rolls at a value of just under $1.5 million, even though its last recorded sale, to Terravista Partners, Ltd. in 2002, showed a sale price of $3.5 million. That $2 million difference could result in a savings of about $25,000 annually on a property tax bill.



The house's extensive use of marble and wrought iron are evident in its staircase.

La Fenice was listed for sale in May 2011, with an asking price of $19,900,000, which was later reduced to $14,950,000 by the time the second listing expired in September 2012. It was re-listed again in July, and the sellers currently say they will entertain offers between $9,875,000 and $12,900,000. ■



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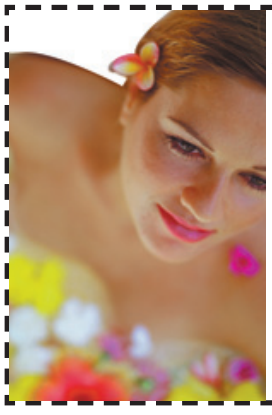

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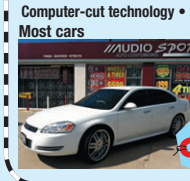

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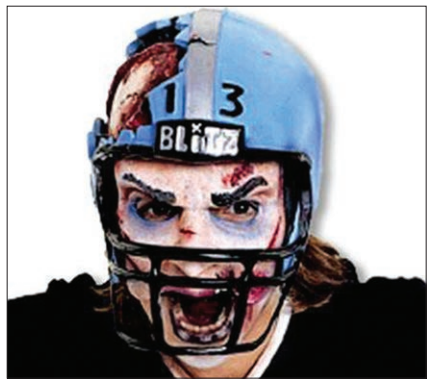

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Friday's edition featured six sportswriters picking week 1 winners. Follows are their first three nominees.

Alabama vs. Virginia Tech. Lookie here, all six pros pick Alabama to win. Hmm, the Vegas line has Alabama as 21-point favorites. Perhaps picking Alabama is not an impossibly difficult choice?

How about Ohio State vs. Buffalo? Hey, once again, all six *USA Today* sportswriters pick the same team, Ohio State. What does Vegas say? Ohio State is a 34-point favorite. Perhaps picking Ohio State is something my dog could do?

Finally, Oregon vs. Nicholls State. You guessed it, everyone picked Oregon. Funny, Oregon is favored by 59 points.

Only because you want it, let's find out how our panel did. By golly, Alabama, Ohio State, and Oregon won! Oh, magical prophesies come true!

In that same spirit the Box will offer a pick. General Electric will take in more revenue this quarter than the El Cajon franchise of In-N-Out Burger. Bet on it!

In harmony with the above are NFL contracts. One reads, "...signed a seven-year deal for $130 million." Actually, the player can only count on money for the season he's playing and his signing bonus. Everything else is IF. But, it's rarely written that way.

Which brings us to the NFL concussion settlement. Media reports say there's a $765 million settlement between the NFL and players provided, as expected, U.S. District Judge Anita Brody approves.

This year the NFL is expected to amass $10 billion, making $765 million less than 10 percent of one year's revenue. But, as in the case of player contracts, those numbers don't tell the story.

There are 4500 players involved in the lawsuit. A settlement of $765 million works out to $168,000 per player. But, you and I know it's never that simple. For example, the settlement actually covers 18,000 former NFL players, and different injuries will get different amounts of money, but let's ignore all that for the moment.

Grantland journalist Bill Barnwell writes, "In actuality, the league is putting aside a paltry $10 million for research and education, $75 million for baseline testing of each player involved with the lawsuit, and then $675 million as compensation for players or family of players who 'suffered cognitive injuries.'"

Well, $675 million is still a fat check. Works out to $144,000 per player.

Players don't get the $144,000 in a lump sum. The money is distributed over a 20-year period. Half to be paid out in three years, the other half to be paid out over 17 years. The NFL is making $10 billion in yearly revenue, projected to be $25 billion by 2027. But, let's suppose the NFL's revenue stays flat at $10 billion a year, and let's suppose there is zero inflation for the next two decades. Journalist David Tigabu, commenting on how much money the NFL will take in over the next 20 years, writes, "...the $675 million figure being distributed to the players through this settlement amounts to .34 percent of the NFL's total projected revenue over this period." Less than one-half of 1 percent.

In return, the NFL all but shuts down future litigation and admits no guilt. Payouts won't be divvied up and handed out. There will be categories and conditions, such as the age of the player, how many years in the NFL, diagnosis, and so on. And payouts are capped. Alzheimer's disease gets up to $5 million. Chronic traumatic encephalopathy up to $4 million. Dementia up to $3 million. That's top of the line, best case. Most players won't see anything near that. For players there will be hoops to jump through, evidence to provide, actually getting the money, much less enough money, in one's hand will, I'm predicting, be as gut-wrenching as it is with any nitpicking, loophole-looking, customer-hating insurance company.

Three years ago I had vascular surgery to clear plaque from my left carotid artery (the big artery running up the side of your neck). It's not setting a broken arm, but it's not a heart transplant either. About 150,000 carotid endarterectomies are done ever year. According to Harvard Medical School, for experienced surgeons, bad outcomes are in the range of one to two percent. I had the operation and spent one night in the hospital. In and out within 24 hours. The bill was $103,000. For the NFL walking dead, checking in with multiple, long-term brain injuries, a million bucks is only the beginning.

NFL as beloved institution in one hand, one-half of 1 percent in the other.

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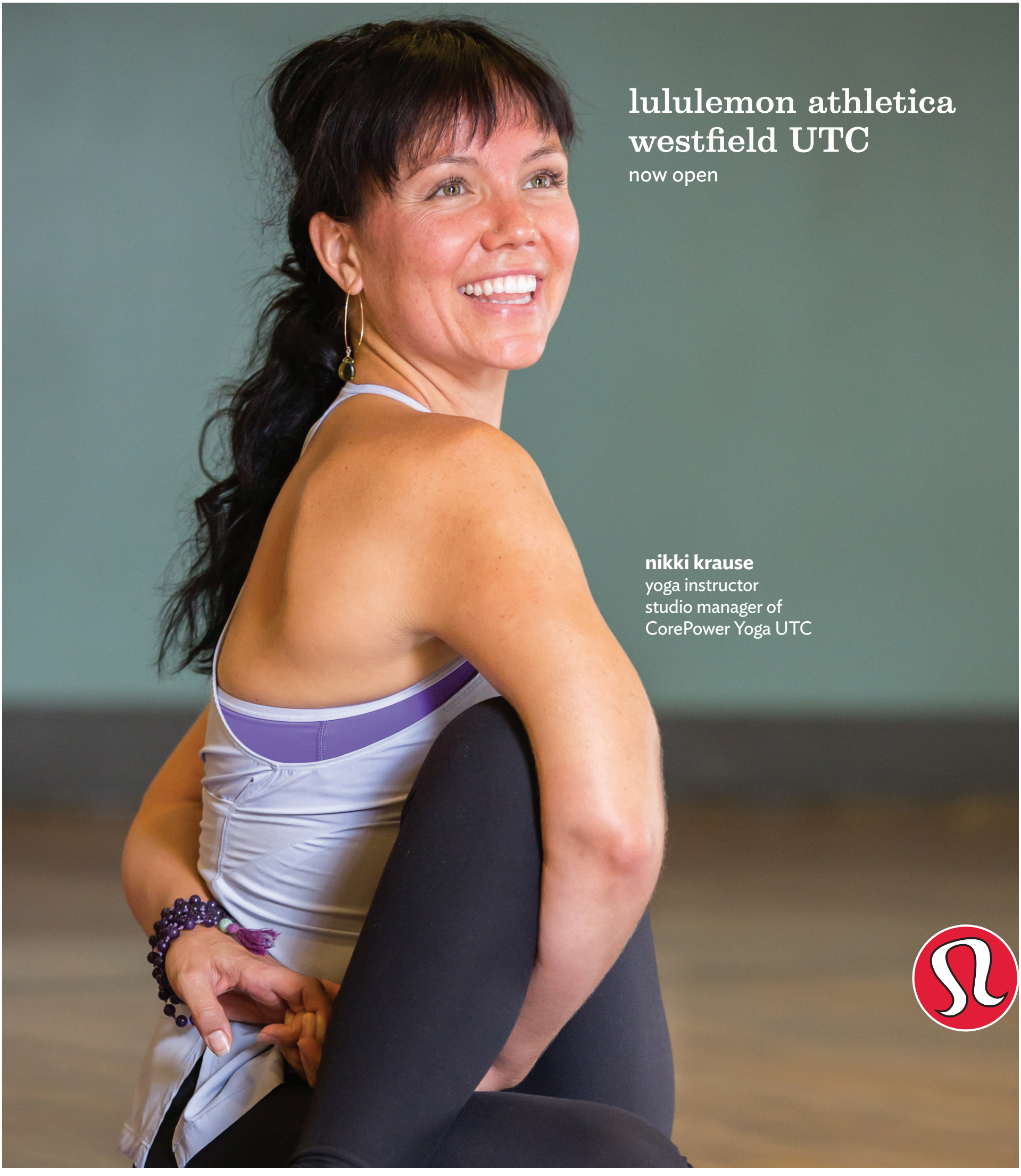
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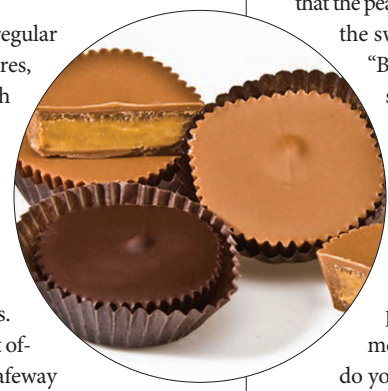
"I could use these for cake decorations. They're the perfect size and shape for castle turrets."

'Reese's Peanut Butter Cups have been your gold standard forever," I said to my man Patrick, handing him a peanut butter cup.

"Yes, the combination of soft, sweet chocolate wrapped around the grainy, salty peanut butter creates a sort of sublimity," Patrick waxed poetic.

"Think there's anything better out there?" I asked.

"I doubt it," he smiled. "But might be fun to find out."



After hitting the regular circuit of grocery stores, I headed back with my load of peanut-y goodness and plopped it down in front of Pat. "Oh, it is so on," he said, as he unwrapped the goodies with his eyes. I handed him the first offering of the day, a Safeway Creamy Milk Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter Cup (**$2.99** for a 9-ounce package at Vons). "I just get sweet and gritty with a gooey center. Makes me shudder," reported Patrick.

"This one is even worse," I grimaced, handing Patrick a Great Value Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter cup (**$2.82** for 12 ounces at Walmart Marketplace). "It has that classic candy peanut butter flavor," Patrick said. "You know cherry candy flavor is instantly recognizable, but it tastes nothing like a cherry? This is the peanut butter version of that."

"Here's a keeper," I announced, handing him a Trader Joe's Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup (**$4.29** for 16 ounces). "The bitter of the dark chocolate offsets the sweetness of the peanut goodness."

"Agreed." Patrick popped one more into his mouth.

"But its cousin, Trader Joe's Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup, is cloyingly sweet," I noticed (**$4.29** for 16 ounces). "Both the chocolate and the peanut butter are super sweet and soft. The slight salty bitterness of dark chocolate balances the sweetness of the center. And the firmness of the dark chocolate contrasts the soft peanut-y middle."

"Let's pull out the Reese's varieties," I said, handing Patrick the petite-sized Reese's Peanut Butter Cups Minis (**$2.49** for 8 ounces at Target). "The ratios are all wrong," Patrick said, "too much chocolate, not enough peanut butter."

"I could use these for cake decorations," I added. "They're the perfect size and shape for castle turrets."

The Milk Chocolate Reese's Peanut Butter Cups Miniatures run a little bigger than the minis but smaller than the regulars (**$2.89** for 12 ounces at Target). "What's good about the regular-sized Reese's Peanut Butter Cups is that the peanut-y goodness perfectly balances the sweet chocolate," offered Patrick. "But in the minis and the miniature-size cups, the chocolate-to-peanut butter ratio is all wrong."

The smallest chocolate of the evening was the Mini Peanut Butter Cups from the bulk section at Sprouts (**$6.99** per pound). "What's even the point?" Patrick asked. "It amazes me they can even make these...how do you get the peanut butter into that small of a chocolate?"

"When the peanut butter is essentially liquid, it's no problem," I answered, grimacing from a bite. "And the aftertaste is getting worse with the passage of time."

"This is a branding with a big head," I said, unwrapping an Unreal Candy: Unjunked the Double One Peanut Butter Cup (**$3.99** for 6.3 ounces from Target). "Big head, little body," Patrick joked. "The peanut butter filling is jello-y. And the whole candy carries a terrible aftertaste."

"Paul Newman has never failed us," I smiled, handing my man a Newman's Own Organics Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup (**$1.69** for 1.2 ounces at Whole Foods).

"Maybe this time he has," Patrick answered. "The chocolate is waxy, and it's too oily. I'm just getting sweet and oily, not much cocoa or peanut," Patrick noticed.

"What about Justin? Maybe he holds the ticket," I said, offering a Justin's Organic Peanut Butter Cup to Patrick (**$1.99** for 1.4 ounces at Whole Foods).

"Why am I smelling banana?" asked Patrick.

"Must be the palm oil," I answered. "This would be perfect in a dark chocolate," I remarked.

"Not a fan of the mousse-like filling," Pat concluded, "Justin is not a winner. Reese's and Trader Joe's Dark Peanut Butter cups are the winners."

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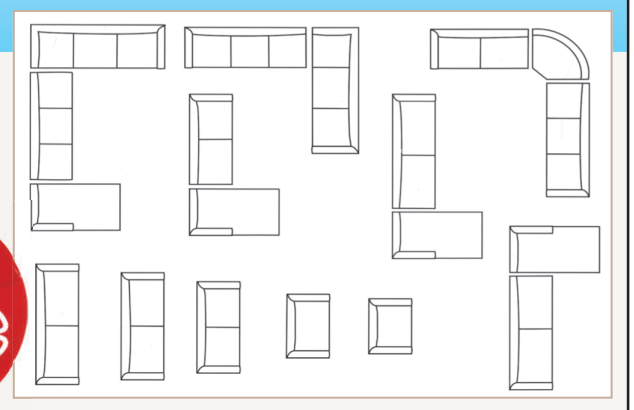

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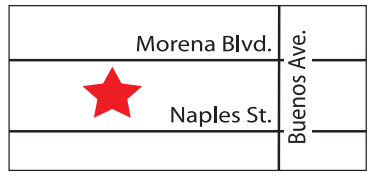

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When I turned 22, I decided that I wanted a boyfriend.

There was no logical reason for this, except that, barely old enough to strut past bouncers with my valid ID, I was wrapping up my final months in the Navy. I'd gone in right after high school, and Uncle Sam had held me on a tight leash; I spent four years squirming in ranks like a rambunctious puppy. Civilian freedom felt like the popped cork of a shaken champagne bottle. I was facing college, a career, and the option to book it to Timbuktu, if I pleased. So, looking back now, I'm stumped as to how my heart mustered the desire to bounce from one commitment to another.

"Southern California beach life was wild and free"

Maybe a boy was the aspirin for my hangover — from booze *and* life. The two went hand in hand for me in those days. At 21, I was residing in the ideal habitat for novice bar-hopping. My overpriced, two-bedroom, 550-square-foot apartment was parked between Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean, and I gleefully crashed in the hub of beer bongs and body shots. It didn't matter that my living room was within arm's reach of my bed, because I was also stumbling distance from Corona-littered white sand, and a cheap cab fare away from the drunken, surfer-soaked Garnet strip. I was surrounded by chivalrous neighbors who never wore shirts and always had a line of cocaine or two to lend.

But after a year of Jägerbombs that ended too often in bare-foot staggers into parties I would never remember, and one too many walks of shame from this or that musician's beer-stained sofa, I urgently wanted to curl up in a fetal position.

In hopes of decaffeinating my lifestyle, I moved to Pacific Beach's older brother, Ocean Beach. Though still seaside, and only four miles south, O.B. seemed the ideal safe harbor for a P.B. recovery, while still having perks: pubs, salty air, and wave-crashing melodies. Mellow, dread-locked hippies replaced amped frat boys. While P.B. was a line and a shot, O.B. was a joint and a beer.

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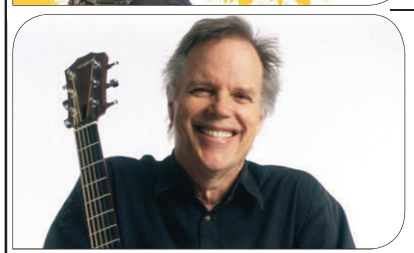

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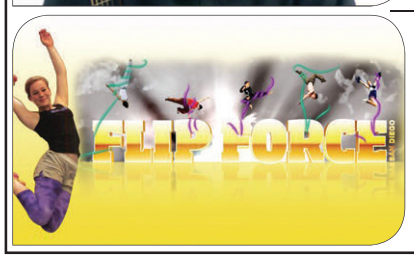

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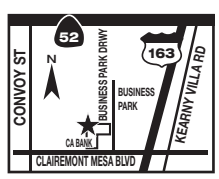

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For the first time in my life, I lived roommate free. My digs were one of a coastal complex of six studios, and my neighbors were young professionals living out those years between Tuesday night keg stands and white picket fences. I took on an adult routine of work and the gym and healthy, semi-cooked Trader Joe's dinners. I gave myself pats on the back for staying in on weeknights. I relished my newfound adult routine, but I also took note of the unoccupied space in my bed.

Living alone, social media was my cure for isolation. It had been four years since I'd left my Tennessee upbringing behind, and I'd been sparring with South vs. Southern California culture clash ever since. Initially, the differences were as trivial as my thighs touching. But once my country twang morphed to valley girl, and I accepted my Barbie-post-freshman-15 physique, I found myself rattled by other comparisons to my homeland.

Photos of frilly white dresses, pastel-frocked bridesmaids — and of cake-cutting, champagne-sipping, and bouquet-diving — accompanied every Facebook login. They all looked the same to me. A blushing bride, a girl I remembered from high school, with highlighted hair professionally curled to correspond with a freshly spray-tanned complexion. A bouquet composed in shades of rose, blush, and ruby. The girl was always surrounded by gushing sorority sisters and former, familiar-faced high-school cheerleaders. Soon enough, maternity shots followed, with the brides now wearing church-appropriate blouses, their eyes closed, faces pointed down at their protruding bellies. They stood curled against their husbands in an upright spoon.

My initial reaction was "Holy hell, those girls are *way* too young for marriage and babies."

I'd gather with my single girlfriends and fellow So-Cal transplants, all of us raised in the in-betweens of America's urban hubs. Through vodka-soda sips, we'd rant about the fates of our childhood opponents. To think that the popular girls we'd once idolized were now tossing their lives into the pit of suburbia. How awesome we were to be so independent.

"By the time we're 30 and ready to settle down," we'd scoff, "they'll be ending their second marriages with a whimpering brat on each arm."

My voice was often the loudest in these discussions. Maybe I was the head cheerleader of our state of denial.

The truth is, my Southern roots factored into who I was. It would always feel rude to dismiss a request to RSVP, or to show up at a social gathering uninvited. When nobody was within earshot, I still pumped up the volume on the country music station, and "y'all" never escaped my vocabulary. But while I didn't have a single betrothed acquaintance on the West Coast, my childhood playmates' marital sprees made had me wondering if I was meant to follow them, stepping in the same way into adulthood.

Dating felt like a healthy compromise.

I'd never really dated before. Rather than take me out to the movies or to prom prom, my high-school boyfriends usually courted me with bong hits and back seats. And since moving to San Diego, I hadn't sampled much of the local flavor. My first two years were spent chipping paint on a destroyer and looping in and out of Navy ports.

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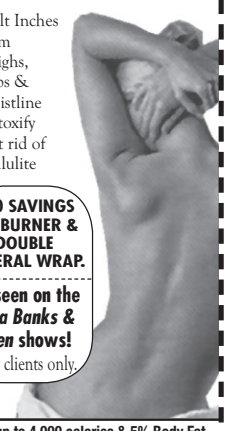

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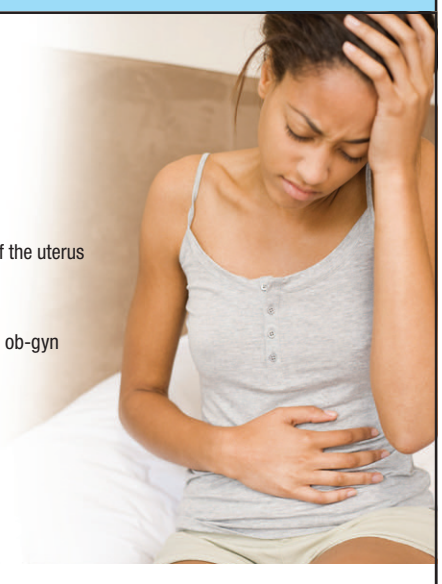

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I lived on the ship, so in those days I stuck to sailors. Then I moved to P.B. and drowned myself in beach-town debauchery. I wanted casual, and casual had come as easily as my legs spread. But by the ripe old age of 22, lust, along with the rest of P.B., had lost its luster.

That summer, in addition to changing my location, I vowed to mature my relationships. By no means was I constructing blueprints for wedding bells, but I wanted dinner, good conversation, and long walks on the beach. I was ready to forfeit the game of musical chairs in exchange for routinely spooning with *one* familiar person.

I was certain I knew what I was getting into. Sure, San Diego was a party town. The locals were less structured, more laid back. People settled down later in life here than in rural America, so commitment was gradual. I wasn't expecting over-the-top displays of flowers and plunges to open my car door. But I was filled with optimistic enthusiasm.

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Dan (not his real name — all of the names in this story are pseudonyms) was an East County boy, and what I've observed is that the people of East County take pride in their indifference to the rest of the city. They don cowboy hats and sip Budweiser. They own houses with air-conditioning and swimming pools, and they will occasionally snicker at the extra grand of monthly rent their coastal neighbors fork up to live a whopping 15 minutes west.

I expected Dan to be anti-stereotypical San Diego, and in many ways he was. Raised on a small Ramona horse farm by his construction-contractor dad and schoolteacher mom, Dan came off as the boy next door — an endangered species in So-Cal. He stood six-foot-two with a medium, softish build, and had sun-flushed skin, sandy brown hair, and a sincere, comforting smile. Dan was mildly handsome, yet easy to overlook. A San Marcos Communications graduate, he'd struggled in the job market, eventually surrendering to a construction gig with his father. He was the type of guy who seemed content to nestle into ease and familiarity and mediocrity, rather than dream. His humor, which made complete strangers feel as if he were an old high-school buddy, was his greatest attribute.

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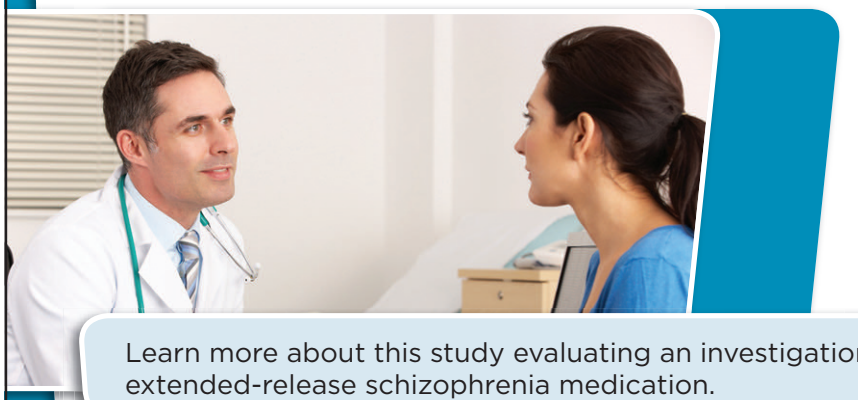

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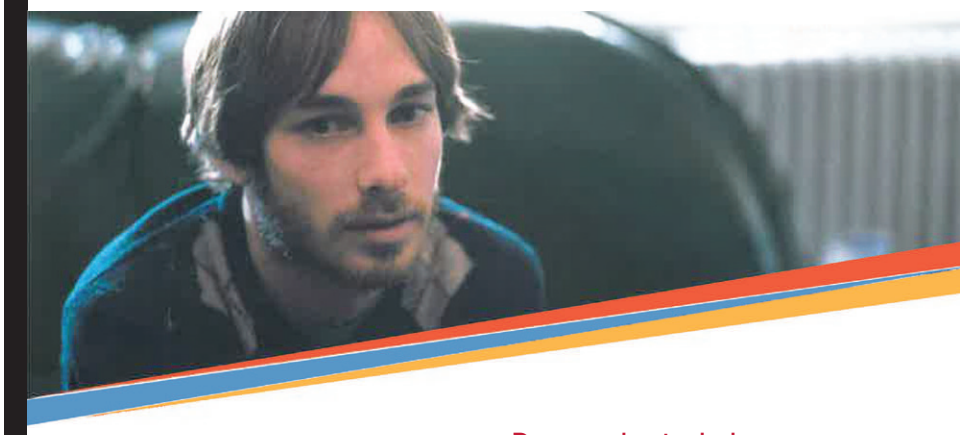

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UNITI2 program

So, of course I became blindly, pathetically, and almost obsessively infatuated with him.

For our first date Dan picked me up in a late-'90s Chevy pickup that he called Big Red. He also referred to the truck as "she" and occasionally patted her as if she were a beloved dog. Dan was nicely attentive. He opened every door for me and even reached across my lap to fix my tangled seatbelt, sending a chill through me from the slight contact. As he drove Big Red through the city's rolling, palm tree–covered hills, he recited random useless tidbits about San Diego, such as the name of the city's oldest sandwich shop.

"I've never been the gatekeeper of important knowledge," he joked, "but I am the Albert Einstein of pointless facts."

He took me to Mount Soledad, a small mountain near Pacific Beach that is full of some of San Diego's wealthiest citizens. From there, we could see the entire city and a bit of Mexico. It was a pretty view, typical for a date, and there were several other people sightseeing. I leaned against a railing, my face in the sun, and stared into the distance as Dan spouted a pleasant something about the historic discovery of San Diego. He rambled on amusingly about growing up in the country and the best friends he'd had since elementary school.

I didn't recognize how much his charm had distracted from other important details until he was long out of my life; at the time, I was too entranced by his chivalrous waltz of door-opening, drink-paying, and nose-diving for my dropped water-bottle cap. But though he talked about the Big Wheels he'd played with as a kid, he never mentioned where he lived or who he associated with, and he never could remember my career aspirations or my home state.

Dan was *nice*. Because he performed the courtesies I was raised to require as a bare minimum, I latched onto him like a leech. By the time he dropped me off that night, my tongue was halfway down his throat.

It turned out that Dan, my countryish, useless-fact-knowing, Big Red–driving boy next door, was a meth addict. I never would have pegged him as that. And when I reflect now on our relationship, I realize that that's exactly what being with him felt like — the unhealthy, dehydrating, emotional tornado that defines a meth addiction. The man who gave me vivid images of his elementary-school-teacher mother, of camping with his childhood buddies and teaching his brother how to build Lego forts, was the first hit of a drug that I was later willing to drain my savings account to get more of.

My Dan high drifted into the day after our date. Giddy, I downloaded, listened, and hummed to his favorite music as I cleaned my apartment and visualized our future together.

But trouble in my paradise came quick. I learned that, like many San Diegans, Dan was a flake.

He had a habit of dropping off the face of the earth. He swore that his meth addiction was in the past, that he was getting help, but I later found out that the addiction had everything to do with his behavior. In the beginning, I told myself that he was just a guy from a laid-back beach city where never following through with plans was part of the culture. I was an outsider from a land of plan-making and *calling* before canceling, a world where people cared about things like timeliness. Therefore, it was my job to adjust to the environment I'd chosen to live in. I would be cool and not care about the way Dan acted. Suffering inside, I would pretend not to.

Whenever I did show the slightest inkling of any emotion, stress, say, or frustration, whether it was directed at him or not, Dan seemed afraid. "Shh… settle down," he'd say, covering my mouth with his fingers, as if calming a hyperactive puppy that

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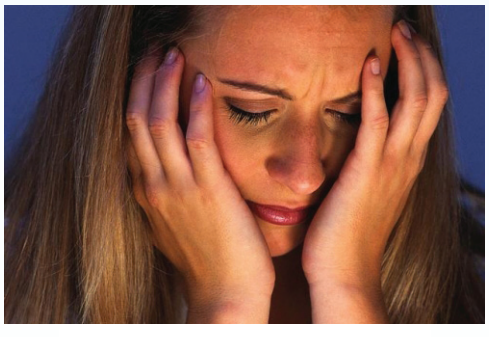

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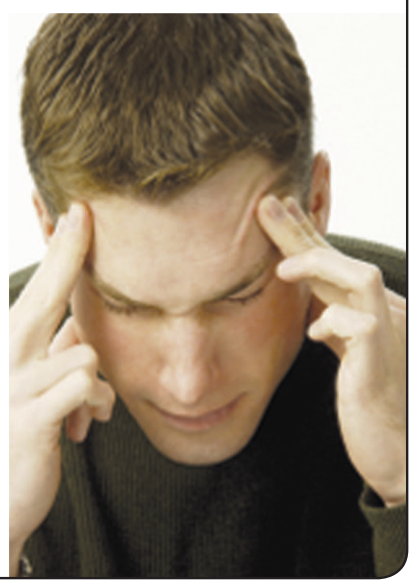

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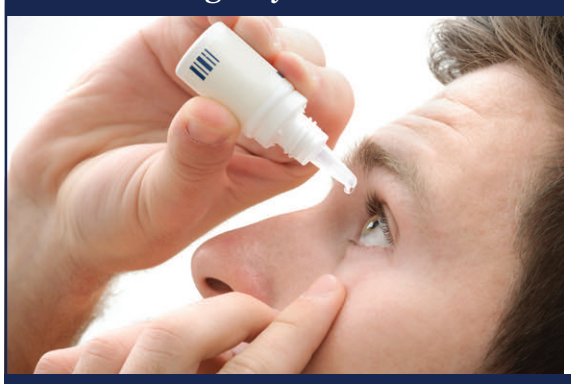

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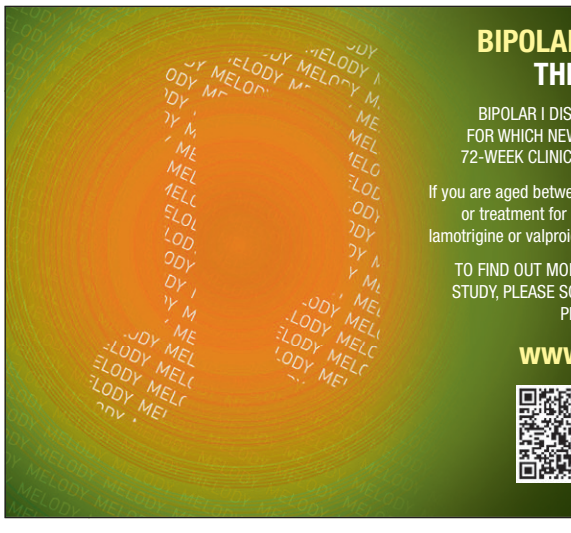

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was jumping up in his face.

Dan was full of promises and plans for the fun things we'd do together. "I have to take you out in my kayak sometime," he'd say. "Oh, and we'll have to take Big Red off-roading out in Ramona."

He eagerly volunteered to help me get some furniture out of storage. But I had a bad feeling he would not keep his word and made sure to double check on his plans the night before. When he told me things were "good to go," I eased up.

"Relax, Maggie," I said to myself. "He's a good guy." Then I'd repeat Dan's phrase in my mind: "Settle down, Maggie."

The next day, Dan was MIA.

"I'm so, so sorry," he stammered a few days later. "I had pneumonia and took these strong sleeping pills. I was completely passed out. I'll make it up to you, I swear."

"Oh, it's totally fine," I faked. "I understand. It's cool."

But Dan's disappearing act — flee town, then come down — continued until the end.

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My post-Dan rebound was a 32-year-old musician name Ty. Despite the band thing, on paper he seemed like a legitimate adult. He was an entire decade older than me, attractive, standing about five-foot-ten, with black hair and tanned skin. He had a masters degree in computer science and worked as an exchange engineer. He lived in his own bachelor pad conveniently located five blocks from me. Our normal routine was to meet about halfway between our apartments on warm, breezy nights, then head back to his place. Unlike Dan, Ty didn't squirm at commitment. He feigned it. It only took a month for him to ask me to move in with him, offering to pay all of my rent and college tuition. In return, he wanted me to strut around in high heels with a vacuum and a frying pan. Stupefied, I realized that I'd yet to see him sober. When he told me that he loved me, but couldn't remember my last name, I knew it was time to cut the cord.

And now came a disastrous summer of San Diego dating, after which I felt schooled on spotting red flags. Substance abuse, a lack of ambition, and entrapment were only the most obvious warning signs.

I needed to follow the advice of my elders and pursue a healthy, sober, active young man with a career.

Ryder fit the profile.

Twenty-nine-year-old Ryder stood six-foot-four with a lean, muscular physique. He had a pretty, boyish face, chocolate-brown eyes, and a tanned, Southern California–born face. His thick, brown hair curled into shaggy ringlets. He looked like a younger and hotter John Corbett, the actor who played Aiden on *Sex and the City*.

Ryder's athleticism had scored him a basketball scholarship to the California Maritime Academy in San Francisco right after high school, and although he smoked, drank, and occasionally dabbled in a line of cocaine, he was an overall healthy guy. He worked out on a regular basis and was always in a basketball or football league. Ryder worked as operation's manager at the Port of San Diego. I had no idea what that meant, but I did notice he had no problem dropping a couple grand at Nieman Marcus on any given Tuesday. He was usually sharply dressed in dark blazers and designer jeans, or khaki shorts with white cotton shirts that hung open for a breezy day at the beach. He had brooding, intense facial expressions and smirks, and not a hint of carefree happiness. From everything I could tell, Ryder was self-composed, arrogant, and God damn beautiful. In other words, he was a catch. He was also treacherous territory to any woman who dared to give a damn.

Ryder toured me through his one-bedroom apartment. It was basic but expensive, and immaculately clean — to this day, I wonder what kind of fabric softener he used. The digs reflected his personality. They were attractive, sleek, and well put together, but lacked uniqueness. His walls, carpets, and much

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of the furniture were white. The rest of the décor was black. The bit of artwork on his walls was black and white. When he handed me a beer, I was terrified of spilling it.

It didn't take much time to realize that a relationship with Ryder was less likely than my future presidency, although to be fair, he was blunt about the fact that his romantic relationships didn't last long.

"I'm usually done with a woman as soon as I bang her," he admitted.

"Oh! This is my favorite show!" he interrupted himself, as *Two and a Half Men* popped onto the plasma screen. If you don't know it, this show is about two brothers, Charlie and Alan. Alan is a freshly divorced father who ends up having to live with his wealthy, playboy brother. Alan is a faithful, devoted husband and father who gets screwed over by his domineering ex-wife and is presented as dorky and weak. He is almost always the butt of the show's jokes. Charlie, on the other hand, is a successful commercial music writer who barely works. He sips margaritas all day at his Malibu beach house and bangs an ungodly number of idiotic women. Nearly every female character on this show is either a raging bitch or borderline retarded. *Two and a Half Men* is a male fantasy, and Charlie is the hero that most male viewers, including Ryder, idolize.

"I'm going to be just like that guy when I'm 40," Ryder laughed.

Ryder was exceptionally open with me about the many women he'd snagged. "Oh my God," he said, rolling his eyes after checking his phone. "This slut will *not* leave me alone."

Holding his cell out for my inspection, he flipped through photos of a firm, bare, flawless ass, a black, lacy thong running right up the crack.

"I've been ignoring this chick for a week. But she can't take a hint."

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After Ryder, I began to divide San Diego men into three categories. First, there were the mediocre, underachieving lads, like Dan. They're *supposed* to be the nice guys, with their unleashed bits of warm, gentlemanly charm. And because that sort of treatment is unusual in this area, women sink their teeth into them like a starving, stray dog scarfing table scraps — even if the scraps are moldy and stale.

Next there were the guys like Ty, eager for commitment, but damaged and in need of mothering. The Tys are dangerous territory for ladies fed up with monogamy phobics.

"Holy hell, those girls are way too young for marriage and babies."

Finally, there were the men like Ryder. These present such a rare, together package that they exert a gravitational pull on all females in proximity, and that allows Ryders to relish the endless merry-go-round of available snatch.

They all share one attribute: immaturity.

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A girlfriend of mine once said that Southern California men had Peter Pan Syndrome.

"They don't want to grow up," she told me. "And So-Cal's sunny beaches, stacked with gorgeous, insecure women, are their Neverland."

We were drinking cocktails and bitching about our dating frustrations. At the time, I was still seeing Dan and stressing over one of his MIA episodes.

"He says he's not ready for a relationship." I rolled my eyes. "He's twenty-freaking-eight years old and not that attractive. What the hell is he holding out for?"

"Funny how they always give you the 'I'm not ready for a serious relationship' line *after* they have sex with you, never before," she scoffed.

My friend's theory about Peter Pan Syndrome is that, because Southern California is so full of beautiful women, women are held to a higher physical standard and, therefore, have significantly steeper competition than in other areas of the country. Your self-esteem takes a blow. Then, with so many stunners in So-Cal, the men become spoiled. They can toss any one woman aside knowing that another will come right along. Already insecure, the ladies tolerate it, so men rarely feel the need to work for a monogamous relationship. They get bored easily. They want *more*.

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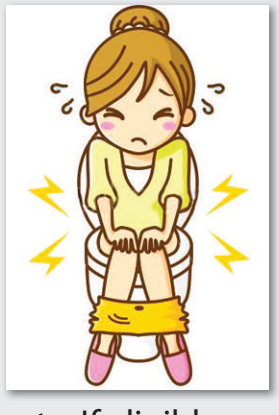

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At 23, I left San Diego to venture north to UC Berkeley, an entire planet apart from the southland's counterparts. Then I traveled the world, eventually landing back in the American South, a region with its own cultural flaws. I did, however, acquire higher-quality dates there than in my party-girl heyday. I still encountered Peter Pans, but not as intensely or frequently as in San Diego.

I assumed that my lower infection levels had more to do with my age than my location: a 22-year-old will put up with a hell of a lot more crap than a 28-year-old.

Meanwhile, I kept tabs with my San Diego sisters. They told me amusingly horrific tales of the mating rituals of Neverland.

There was Yolanda's stint with Pablo, a 30-year-old Navy veteran who resided in a Spring Valley bachelor pad of five men. Pablo spent his evenings demanding that a rotation of obedient women fetch his beers and make him sandwiches.

There was Tiger, my ravishing, tattooed, punk-rock Barbie doll friend, who was unexpectedly dumped by her hobbit boyfriend. "He said he couldn't imagine being with the same person forever," she said of the birthday-breakup fiasco. "I had no idea. We had amazing chemistry and never talked about marriage. He just assumed that's what I wanted. I noticed that he had a wandering eye, but I tried not to think much of it until he ended it."

My friend Jaclyn, a busty brunette beauty and current *Playboy* employee, reflected on her San Diego dating days as a bigger girl with trauma and bitterness. "I eventually lost the weight after a series of insane diets and surgery," she said in a jaded tone. "But when I lived in San Diego, I was a plus-size model, and that environment made me loathe myself. I worked hard. I made straight A's in college. I was ambitious, but I never felt smart, skinny, or pretty enough. [Extra] weight is extremely looked down upon. When I was able to get a boyfriend, I felt used. I was always picking up the tab or forking over their car payments."

"Look how popular Charlie Sheen is," pointed out Bailey, a 31-year-old San Diego resident who recently separated from a 45-year-old Peter Pan. "This is who even middle-aged men are looking up to."

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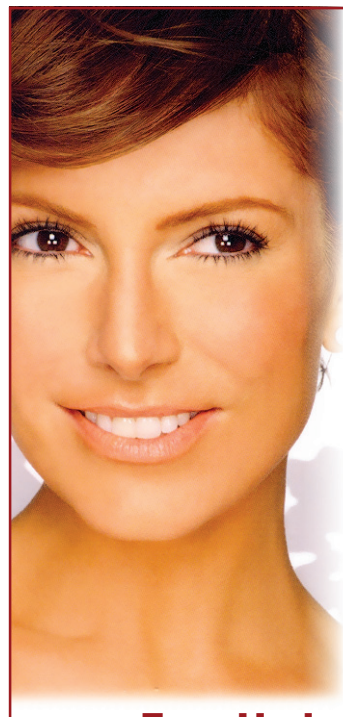

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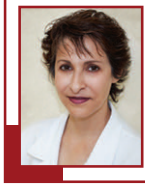

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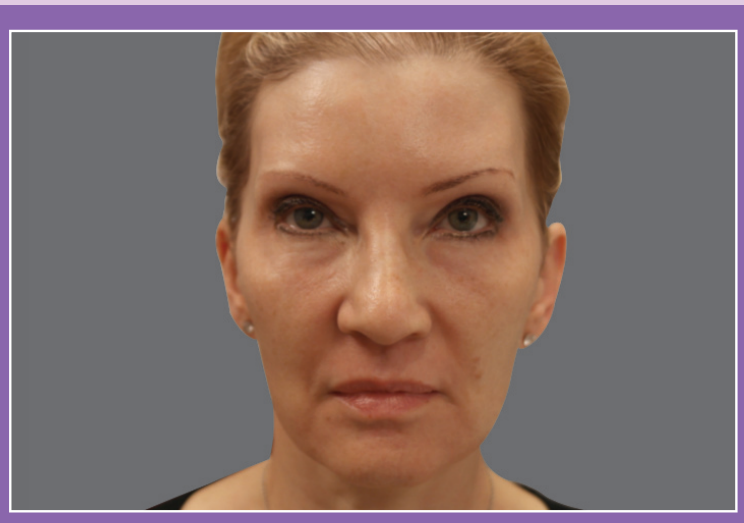

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down the Garnett strip to see it," said Yolanda. "There's always those tanned, greased-up 35-year-olds pounding shots on a Monday afternoon."

Even the 50- and 60-something mothers of friends were dealing with seniors who didn't want to be tied down. "My last boyfriend told me our relationship wasn't going anywhere," Melinda, a twice-divorced 58-year-old mother, said of an ex she'd dated steadily for three years. "My response was 'You're 70. Where the hell *can* it go?'"

And while every San Diego female I've spoken to swears the city is infested with Peter Pans, every male admits to being one, or having been one in the past.

"Peter Pan syndrome is absolutely worse in San Diego," admits Dane, a 35-year-old man who is a recovering Peter Pan. "Up until last October, my goal in life was to bang as many girls as possible. I'm from Northern California, and there's more pressure there to find a wife while you're in your 20s. In San Diego, you're not as pushed to become an adult. You're actually afraid of it. You're in denial of your age."

Is San Diego the ideal Neverland? Many I've talked to say yes.

"Most people tend to get more promiscuous in the summertime," Bailey says. "They're in vacation mode. They're going to parties, traveling out of town, and wearing more revealing clothing. They couple-up more during the colder seasons — but then there are no seasons in San Diego. It's *always* summer."

"There's a lot of trust fund babies with no responsibilities here," says Jaclyn, who now lives in Los Angeles. "Cities like L.A. and San Francisco are more cutthroat. People are pursuing their careers, and you have to really fight to survive. But San Diego is where so many rich people go to retire. They've got their overgrown momma's boys hanging around with no ambition and plenty of

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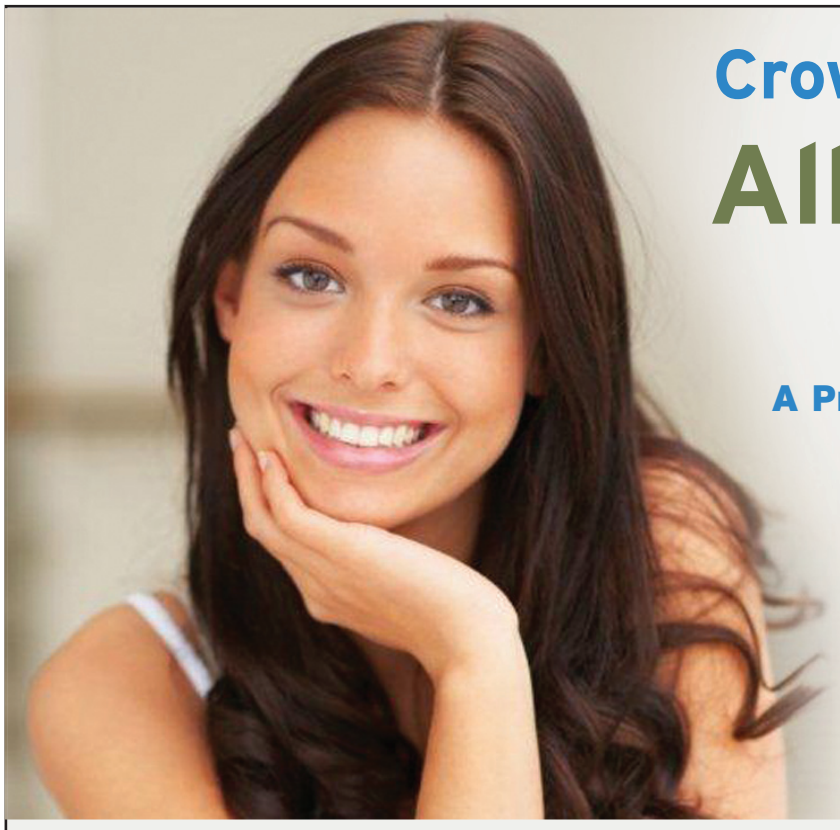

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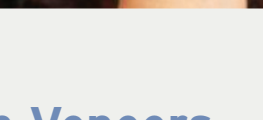

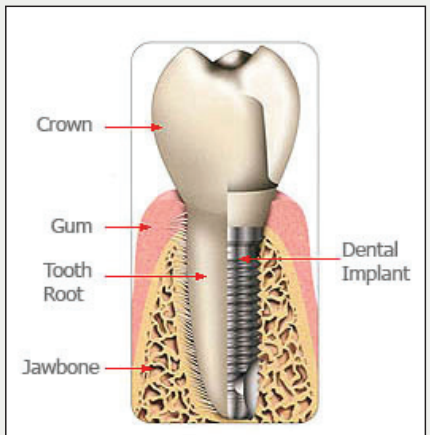

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Lisa, a 32-year-old San Diego lifer, says that tourism and new residents are major contributors to the Neverland atmosphere. "Not only is San Diego a big vacation spot, but people come from all over the country to live here. This is a major military town. That brings in a lot of young guys who want to party. People come to have a good time at the beach, not to buckle down and start a family."

There may be a lot of Peter Pans in San Diego, but there is a corresponding glut of young, thin, tight, busty, and easy-to-nail Wendys.

"I don't think all San Diego men are assholes," Yolanda explains. "They just have such a huge pool of pretty girls to choose from. This isn't family-oriented Wisconsin. San Diego is all about partying and getting tan, five-foot-seven blondes with big tits and gorgeous bodies. Can you blame them? The *people* make up a big part of San Diego's scenery."

Every female I interviewed swore that the Peter Pan Syndrome was the result of more females than males, but the U.S. Census Bureau disagrees. In 2012, there were 2.57 percent more males than females in San Diego.

Seeing that, I remembered why my friends and I always called it *Man* Diego.

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My days in San Diego were anything but traditional. Southern California beach life was wild and free. It was the norm for women to strut outdoors in bikinis under the continuously blazing sun. Everyone kept their sexuality out in the open, like liberated flower children. Men weren't expected to court women, to pay for things, or even to keep to their plans. Monogamy was practiced by few.

And yet, for some reason, the girls I've known believed they *needed* men. And I was one of them, one of the many who willingly and repeatedly were treated like crap. Why did we put up with it?

My female peers and I grew up believing that males have an innate advantage: since women have nearly 30 to 40 fewer baby-making years than men, our gender feels more pressure to settle down and procreate. Women, we've been told, are programmed to nurture, men to spread their seed. Men are sexual, women are emotional. Our one little bit of power is the ability to call the shots on the when and where of getting it on.

But with power comes responsibility. It is our duty to insist on morality in intimacy, a tricking proposition. If we spread our legs too late, we're prudes. Too soon, and we're whores. Men slut-shame us. We slut-shame each other. And we slut-shame ourselves.

There are probably dozens of ways for Wendys to dodge the Peter Pans of Neverland. Ditch trendy bars for art shows, museums, or coffee shops. Or leave Neverland altogether for the realities of chilly winters and belly bloat wrapped in Christmas sweaters. Or, ironically, celebrate a root cause of Peter Pan Syndrome: women do not need men. ■

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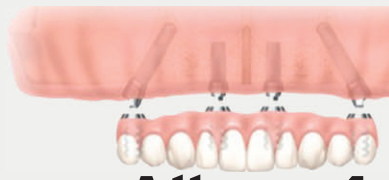

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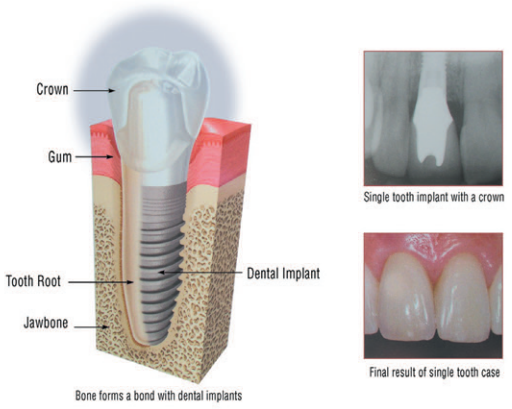

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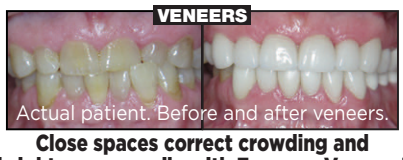

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Narco Twitter

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spondents: The Rise of Civic Media Curation in Urban Warfare, listed the top four hashtags that have been used when reporting local crime in Mexico:

#MtyFollow (Monterrey.)
#ReynosaFollow.
#Saltillo.
#VerFollow (Veracruz.)

Twitter users in Baja California use hashtags such as #Baja, #BajaCalifornia, #Tijuana, and #TJ. Crime has overall lowered in the state, and broad daylight shootouts rarely occur. Baja California is home to multiple news agencies who report up-to-date news on drug crime (@ElMexicanOnline, @AFNTijuana) as opposed to outlets in Tamaulipas, which heavily under-report on the subject.

During July, #Elecciones2013 was used across the nation to discuss elections. The hashtag was heavily used in Baja California to discuss a number of controversies.

Andrés Monroy-Hernández (@andresmh), a researcher at Microsoft Research who worked on the *The New War Correspondents* study, gave some insight on the topic after I contacted him on Twitter. I asked if Twitter information should be trusted. "People need to develop new media literacy skills that enable them to assess the veracity of information online and offline. So I think information on social media should be trusted as much or as little as any other source of information," replied Monroy-Hernández. "Being skeptical online is particularly important."

I asked Tristan Reed, Mexico Security Analyst for Stratfor Global Intelligence (@Stratfor), to explain if organized crime and gang members are using Twitter, and if they are able to disrupt the valuable information sharing between citizens. "Organized crime uses social media for propaganda extensively and individuals involved in organized crime use services like twitter just as everyone else. They also have access to the same information social media users report on. Social media coverage on military and police operations can also benefit the criminals at times. Criminals in Mexico are frequently attempting to disrupt sharing of information on social media through fear; however, they will never be able to halt the proliferation."

Reed continued, "Twitter users reporting on criminal activities in Mexico need to be aware of their own safety when posting, organized crime may not be able to stop reporting as a whole but criminals would not hesitate to target specific individuals as opportunities arise. Anonymity with social media is relative, not absolute; there's always a chance for an 'anonymous' user to be targeted." said Reed.

Local movements against organized crime have also benefited from the options Twitter provides. In the state of Coahuila, an organization that associates itself with the group Anonymous (@YourAnonNews), has waged a battle against corrupt politicians and the drug cartel Zetas. The group has vowed to expose those living among them as the criminals that they are.

A brief interview of the spokesperson of Anonymous FREE ACUNA (@FreeAcuna) showed the group is very adamant about using Twitter in the fight against corruption. "Twitter is important in Mexico, because our media has been compromised. Since TELEVISA and TV Azteca are in bed with the PRI and the PRI in bed with the narcos, we will never get the truth from television or print media. Therefore Twitter makes us mobile citizen journalists. It is the only true form of journalism that we have."■

(@K_Mennem)

Under the radar

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Yet another Republican, Tennessee congresswoman **Marsha Blackburn**, picked up $1000. In fact, the only Democrat on Qualcomm's July cash giveaway list was California congresswoman **Doris Matsui**, with $2000.

Insiders say Qualcomm has been on an influence-buying binge with Republicans of late, trying to solidify their so-far reluctant support for an immigration law makeover favoring a torrent of new work visas for foreign engineers, who work cheaper than the local variety. Regular donors to the employees PAC included president **Steven Altman**, with $2884 to date; executive vice president and chief scientist **Franklin Antonio** ($2884); company lobbyist in chief **William Bold** ($1346); and executive vice president **Margaret Johnson** ($2884).

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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executive director of the Save Our Heritage Organisation, Bruce Coons, and self-proclaimed fiscal watchdog Hud Collins.

Collins, a 66-year-old attorney and regular speaker at city council meetings, ran in the last mayoral election and will likely run on many of the same issues this time around. Coons, on the other hand, will presumably be running on one major issue — to save Balboa Park from Irwin Jacobs's Plaza de Panama project.

Joining Coons and Collins in filing are La Jolla real estate agent Harry Dirks and accountants Teresa Miucci and Michael Kramer.

Air Force veteran and first-time candidate Kurt Schwab was one of the four people to file a statement of organization to start their campaign. According to a May 2012 report by the local NBC affiliate, since returning from the Middle East, Schwab suffered bouts of depression as a result of severe post-traumatic stress disorder.

Also entering the race is Jared Benjamin Mimms, owner of a Biotech firm in La Jolla. Next up on the list is self-proclaimed Libertarian Mark Schwartz. Schwartz wants to bring "honor and integrity to the office of Mayor. I stand for freedom, peace, and self-reliance." Last on the new list of filers is David Tasem, a tax-preparer in San Diego County.

On August 27, another longshot...and I mean longshot...entered the race. One-time Libertarian candidate for the 53rd congressional district Paul Dekker filed papers needed to kick off his campaign. According to his congressional campaign page, Dekker is a transplant from Canada who works as a software engineer and systems analyst. He also served on the board for the Sustainability Alliance of Southern California, a group whose goal is to "minimize stress on the natural ecosystem" located throughout Southern California.

Dorian Hargrove

Gopher hole disaster

Animal rights group wants painless death for critters

Ocean Beach — **A man is suing the City of San Diego after permanently damaging his right leg by stepping in a gopher hole at Robb Field in Ocean Beach while playing**

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a game of football. The City, despite being fully aware of the infestation, failed to act on complaints. As a result the park has turned into an obstacle course for parkgoers.

The City has been tripped up on this issue for years. Back in May 2009, the Park and Recreation department hired an outside company to eradicate the rodents, as reported by the *UT San Diego*. Baiting the rodents, however, didn't sit well with activist group, the Animal Protection and Rescue League. In August 2009, a representative told *SDNews.com* that it objected to poisoning the rodents.

"They had someone coming out and baiting once a week, which we don't approve of," said APRL outreach director Christina Tacoronti. "They were also thinking about using other lethal methods to get rid of the gophers."

Walker, according to his complaint, blew out his knee and injured his lower leg after stepping into the hole. He also suffered nerve damage. According to the lawsuit, he is seeking more than $25,000 in damages.

Dorian Hargrove

Throw them into the Mex mix

More than 8000 ex-convicts deported

Tijuana — Municipal police chief Jesús Alberto Capella Ibarra announced that the city has received more than 8000 deported ex-convicts from the United States so far in 2013. Mexicali, the capital of Baja California, only received 200. The statistics were released over the weekend as Tijuana prepares for incoming federal aid to help with the cities large influx of deportees.

Baja California received over 25 percent of deportees from the U.S. in 2012, which included over 126,000 persons. The nation in total received over 400,000.

The police chief stated that a local agency will be setup to help deportees return to their place of origin within Mexico.

K. Mennem

Tracking county employees

Racy municipal drivers caught in audit

San Diego — While politicos here have been taking their licks in the scandals of the city of partying newspaper publishers, warm beaches, hot cars, and even hotter sexual matters — some county workers have been doing a different kind of speeding.

An audit of the county's vehicle fleet management operation has discovered that some public employees aren't exactly conservative when it comes to getting behind the wheel.

The unwary workers have been reportedly racing around, burning up gas and allegedly endangering the local citizenry, apparently blissfully unmindful

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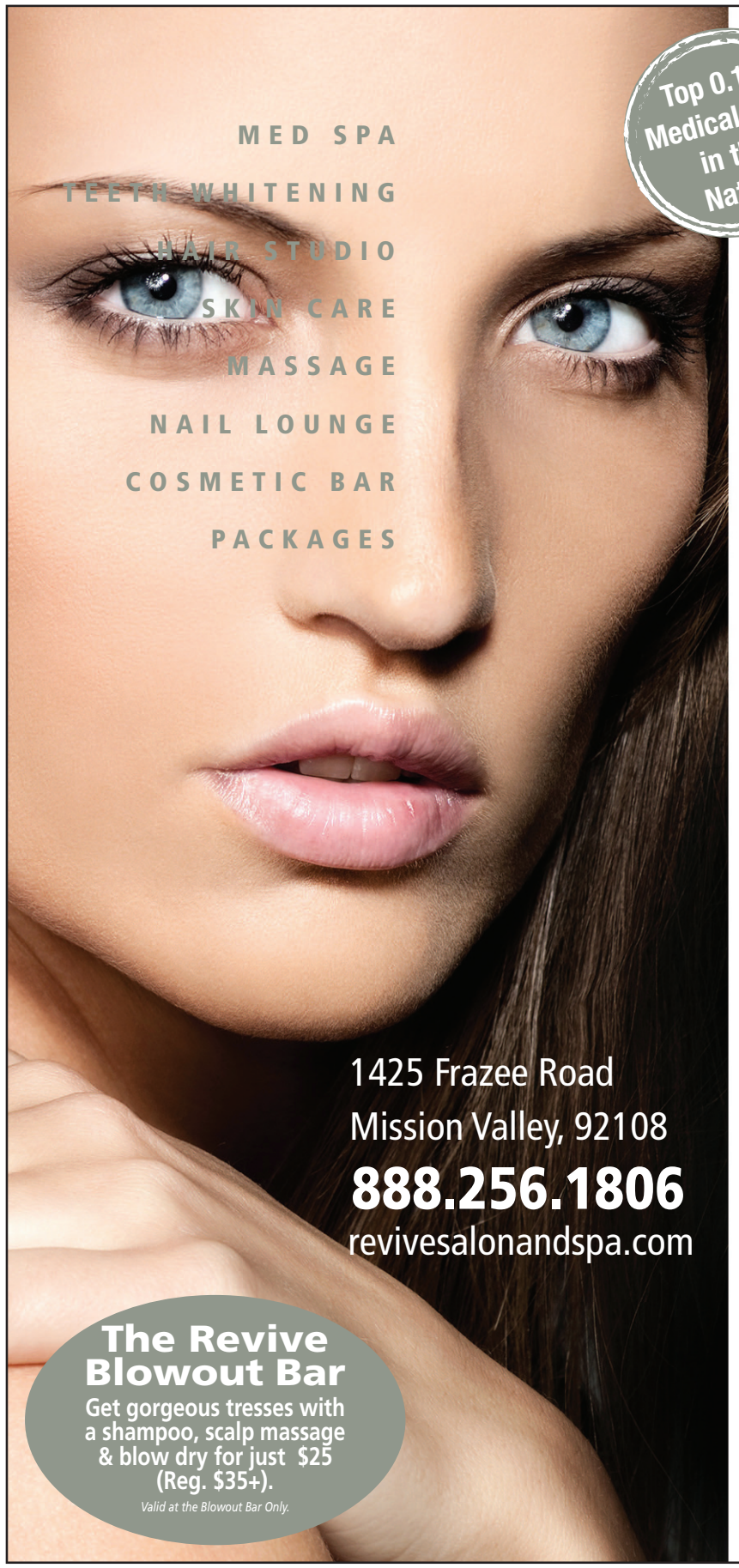

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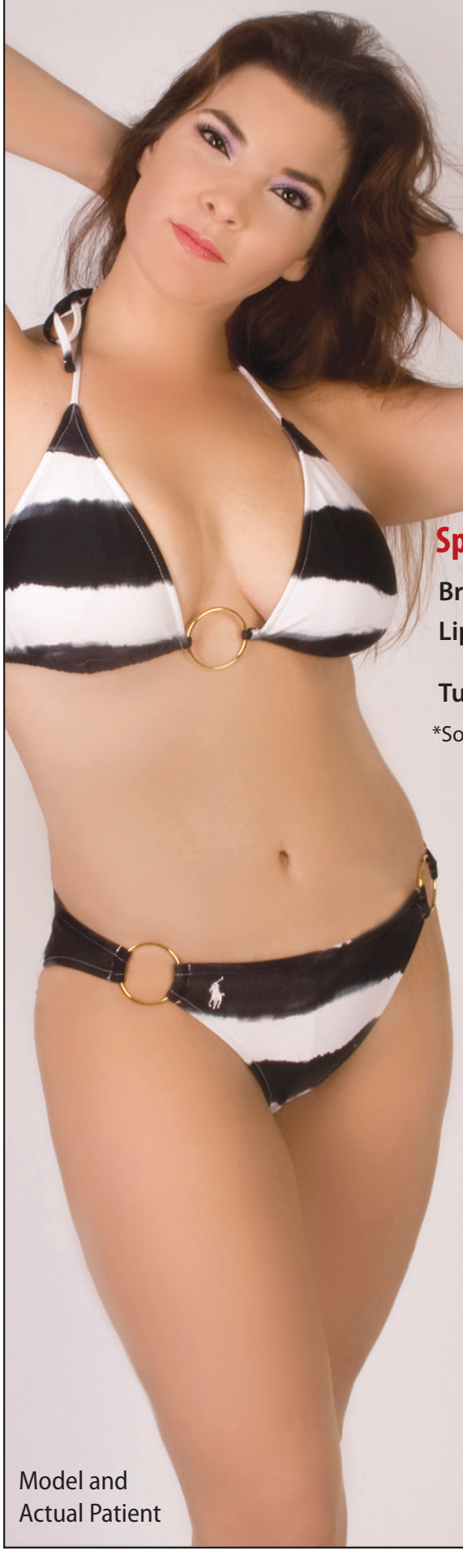

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of fancy new computer systems installed on some taxpayer-owned vehicles that track and store away for future review virtually every movement the cars make.

Says the audit:

Approximately 430 of the 3900 County owned vehicles are equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) devices that alert management when a vehicle is speeding.

Using GPS reports, [Office of Audits and Advisory Services] noted the following occurrences in a 30-day period:

- Nine vehicles reached speeds in excess of 90 miles per hour a total of 13 times.
- County vehicles reached speeds of 85 miles per hour or more over 100 times.
- County vehicles reached speeds of 80 miles per hour or more over 650 times.
- County vehicles reached speeds of 75 miles per hour or more over 2900 times.

Matt Potter

All A's and a B

Report card says one of our beaches isn't up to par

San Diego — Santa Monica–based environmental group Heal the Bay on August 29 released its 2013 End of Summer Beach Report Card, which compiles data from over 640 sites along the West Coast and assigns letter grades of A through F.

"California beaches score some of the cleanest grades on record this summer," states the report, and San Diego's beaches largely contributed to those positive marks. Of the 74 monitoring sites within the county, 73 received A grades. The only exception, Coronado's Tidelands Park, got a B.

The numbers stand in stark contrast to an earlier report covering the winter and spring months by the same group, finding water quality significantly deteriorating after rains along the county's southern beaches, a finding confirmed by a separate study.

Dave Rice

CITY LIGHTS

Army's on it...

But expect trail closures

Oceanside — The Army Corps of Engineers has announced a series of closures that will affect users of the San Luis Rey River Trail in Oceanside over the coming months. The closures will impact areas from Benet Road south to Interstate 5, Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Army Corps says it will be conducting habitat restoration activities in the adjacent flood channel. During closures, cyclists and pedestrians will be directed to an alternate route along SR 76 via signage to be installed shortly.

Closures will affect the route every other week, beginning September 9–13 and concluding with the final week of work December 2–6.

Dave Rice

Top honors

UCSD leads institutions of higher learning

La Jolla — The magazine *Washington Monthly* revealed August 26 said that the University of California San Diego is the nation's top institution of higher learning. UC-Riverside and UC-Berkeley are also in the top five.

The criteria are schools' performance in recruiting and graduating low-income students, conducting cutting-edge research and producing PhDs, and encouraging students to perform public service. These are similar to President Barack Obama's plan to rate colleges on performance.

Others in the top five are Texas A&M and Case Western Reserve. The University of Florida is number one in "best bang for the buck."

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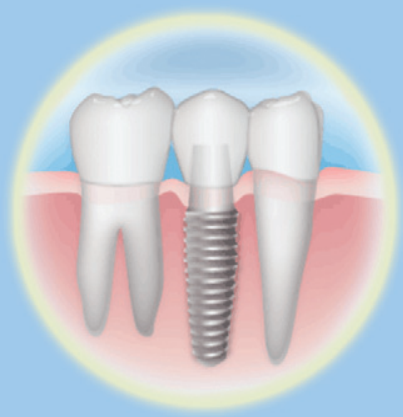

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man, a Professor of Public Health at the University of Sydney who extensively studies wind farms, wind development has been blamed for more than 200 symptoms including herpes, weight loss, weight gain, cancer, nose bleeds, nocturia, dental infections, nightmares, and vibrating lips.

That's a remarkable range of allegations, given that hundreds of thousands of people around the world work and live within or near wind farms without reporting ill effects. The suggestion is not that residents make up symptoms, but rather that they may be assigning common symptoms to turbines when the cause is more likely to be elsewhere.

In fact, wind power provides numerous health and environmental benefits, as adding wind to the utility grid displaces the most expensive, least efficient power source – usually older fossil fuel plants. That means less harmful air emissions such as greenhouse gases, mercury, lead, and the precursors to smog and acid rain. Also, since generating electricity from wind does not use water or create water pollution, require mining or drilling for fuel, or generate hazardous waste requiring permanent storage, it is the lowest impact form of utility-scale energy generation available to our society today.

Deciding the best way to meet our country's energy demands requires a careful cost-benefit analysis; when all the variables are considered, wind energy is the right choice.

John Anderson, Director of Siting Policy, AWEA
via email

College? Yes, Thanks

We read with tremendous interest your recent article, "College? No Thanks." (August 15). In many respects, this article provided extremely strong evidence for the need for additional formal training by its author, as well as those who provided commentary for its counter-intuitive contents.

At the first level, the article lacked a coherent and well-defined thesis, something that is taught in English 101. Was the author himself seeking to dissuade youth and young adults from seeking higher education? Was the article simply meant to inform the public that there are others who see higher education as useless? Again, one of the earliest messages delivered in a first year English course is that of determining whether one's essay will be persuasive, descriptive, etc.

A second argument in support of higher education is the failure to utilize sufficient empirical data. An abundance of research demonstrates that a higher education not only delivers economic benefits in terms of significantly higher wages and salaries ($P < .001$), significantly lower rates of unemployment and fewer bouts of joblessness, but benefits in virtually every life area. Education is linearly linked with less morbidity and longer life expectancy, lower rates of substance use disorders, higher rates of reported happiness, higher rates of marriage and lower PG CUT OFF overall greater life satisfaction. (Data confirming these trends are generally taught in sociology and/or social psychology classes).

Third, many of the courses taught as a part of the core curriculum are life-changing. All cognizant beings find themselves seeking to untangle the mysteries of life. Philosophy and religion courses assist us in systematizing those processes. Economic courses teach us that we can not only earn income from our labor, but our portfolio of income-earning activities should generate interest from our investment, rent from our talents and properties, and profits from our entrepreneurial activities. Music and art, based upon research, have been found to elevate our overall cognition while soothing and comforting our spirits. Literature allows us to experience life vicariously and to avoid the mistakes made by an Othello or a Gatsby.

In some respects, math and science teach us some of the most important lessons of all. As we learn to balance an equation, we learn that our friendships and loves require a similar balancing act. Our calculus classes teach us that in life, as in derivation, we oftentimes do not know whether we're at a maxima or a minima until we make a change. Indeed, every tidbit of knowledge that we acquire has direct relevance to how we live, grow, and experience life and happiness.

Our teachers, our professors, our scholars who walk the hallowed halls of institutions of higher education are the great chefs who allow us to maximize our higher education experiences.

It saddened us so very much that Clairemont High School Counselor, Ms. Mary Jo McCarey, can make such global statement about "… uneducated and college-averse parents." We were horrified that she would discourage underperforming students to not enroll in college! Open admissions colleges use electronic tutorials such as SkillsTutor and other less expensive software to remediate the academic skills of low-performing students. Colleges such as Texas College in Tyler, Texas, and many colleges here in San Diego County, assign caring counselors who seek to undo the damage done by counselors such as Ms. Mary Jo McCarey by encouraging students to transcend the artificially erected barriers that mask their potential and to fly and flourish.

Ms. McCarey, shame on you! Your high school should be sued by the parents of those youth whose dreams you have tarnished over the years.

Youth, adults, seniors, we urge you, eject the rambling rubbish spat forth in this article from the archives of your mind. Run, walk, drive, or crawl, but get yourselves to an institution of higher education if you have not already done so. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain.

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WHEN: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive, Kearny Mesa. 619-388-2829; *sdmesa.edu/art-gallery*

Friday | 6

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

WHERE: Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive, Downtown. *ReaderFeast.com*

Saturday | 7

GRAPE DAY FESTIVAL/ PARADE/WINE AND CRAFT BEER TASTING

The day starts with the Grape Day 5K. Walkers and runners will go through parts of downtown and the Old Escondido Historic District. Then the whimsical parade will travel on

Grand Avenue between Escondido Boulevard and Juniper. The festival includes grape stomping, an entertainment stage highlighting dances from around the world, contests, demonstrations, fun zone for the kids, wine and craft beer pavilion for adults, gourmet food trucks, SDG&E's energy savings zone, vendor booths, bake sale, and more. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Escondido History Center. Festival is free and all-ages. Tasting pavillion 21+/with ticket. $20–$25.

WHEN: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway, Escondido. 760-839-4587; *escondido.org/grapeday*

Sunday | 8

LONG STORY SHORT: BAD ADVICE

Everyone's got some words of wisdom to pass on, some wiser than others. Come share stories of advice gone bad at this storytelling session told live without notes. Presented by So Say We All. $0–$5.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: POV DOCUMENTARY: THE WORLD BEFORE HER

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

WHERE: Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street, East Village. 619-269-7230; *sdspace4art.org*

Monday | 9

FLAVORS OF SAN DIEGO CULINARY GALA

The American Liver Foundation's 10th annual event spotlights 30 San Diego chefs. Each chef will prepare a five-course dinner with wine pairings exclusively for their table of ten guests. The evening begins with a cocktail reception, appetizer samplings from all of the chefs, and a silent auction. Ages 21+. $395–$3950.

WHEN: 6:00 to 10:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Grand Del Mar, 5300 Grand Del Mar Court, Del Mar. Contact: 619-291-5483; *aloker@liverfoundation.org*

Tuesday | 10

POV DOCUMENTARY: THE WORLD BEFORE HER

A tale of two Indias: in one, a small-town girl competes in the Miss India pageant; in the other, a militant woman leads a fundamentalist Hindu camp for girls. Winner of the World Documentary Competition Award, 2012, Tribeca Film Festival. Watch this documentary on the library's big screen before it airs on KPBS, and then stay for a brief discussion.

WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. 858-581-9934; *pbs.org/pov/worldbeforeher/*

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LAVINE/LEVINE: RELATIVE VIEW POINTS

This photographic exhibition presents a visual thread, woven through time and space, that connects two distantly related cousins. Exhibit includes 24 photographs by Arthur Lavine and 24 photographs by Dana Levine, paired side by side. Exhibit runs through November 27.

WHEN: 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. 858-457-3030; *sdcjc.org/gag/*

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Giant anacondas are one of the astounding number of species one finds in Los Llanos in eastern Colombia.

Los Llanos: Wild Colombia

By Mary Spierling

If you look at a map of Colombia in South America, you see a huge region in eastern Colombia comprising sprawling, seasonally flooded plains that have been ignored by tourists due to their location (former guerrilla territory).

This region occupies over one-quarter of Colombia's landmass, but has just a small proportion of its inhabitants. Mostly *Llaneros*, or Colombian cowboys, living on huge *fincas* (farms/ranches) with intensive livestock production — and coexisting with an amazing variety of undisturbed wildlife.

The city of Villavicencio, the capital of the department/state of Meta, is the starting point for exploration into Los Llanos. As you drive from Bogota in the cool Andes mountains (a three-hour drive on a 110-kilometer road), you descend into the flat, warm landscape of Los Llanos.

Villavicencio (known as the "Gate of the Plains") is the perfect base for hiking, wildlife watching, horseback riding, and boat trips on the many rivers and lakes. Many of the *fincas* around this area accommodate tourists. If you don't speak Spanish, you can make reservations through online Colombian travel agencies. Most tourists arrange transport via small aircraft due to lack of infrastructure — I'd recommend this especially if you're on a time budget.

The one place you have to visit when in Los Llanos is the Hato La Aurora Reserve, which consists of a sprawling 17,000 hectares and is home to over 350 bird species and animals, including giant anteaters, iguanas, jaguar, capybaras, and caimans.

The Ecolodge Juan Solito in the reserve has rooms made with local materials. One morning, the guides took us to another *finca* that was like going on a mini-safari; lagoons were full of caiman and turtles and capybaras (the largest rodent in the world, they look like giant brown guinea pigs). Everywhere we went there were exotic birds, including stork-like gabanes, hyacinth macaws, and flamingoes.

One day a six-meter anaconda was spotted by fishermen at a fishing pool in the reserve. The fishermen picked up the snake and moved it to a more remote pool. We were told that these snakes are quite common here in Los Llanos — which was a little scary as we were walking around.

History-rich Mechelen, Belgium

By Tamar Fleishman

In Mechelen — pronounced with a guttural "ch" — religion has played a tremendous role for over 800 years. The city has provided shelter, freedom for women, even beer...and it has also served as a dark double-edged sword in the course of human history.

Where to stay: A sign that Europeans have become sanguine to religion is that many churches are being repurposed into all kinds of secular destinations. Martin's Patershof is a former 19th-century Franciscan church that's now a luxury hotel. Many of the beautiful stained-glass windows have been incorporated into

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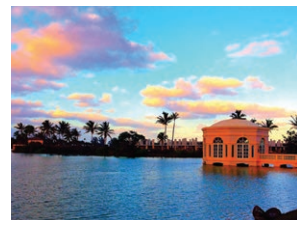
Other Adventures

bbrophy: Palace at Royal Łazienki Park, Warsaw, Poland

robertchartier: Shredded tire of a gold-mining truck (ca. late '20s–early '30s) in Joshua Tree National Park



Epola619: Colorful skies over Kauai, Hawaii

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San Diego Outdoors with the Museum Canyoneers

VIEJAS MOUNTAIN

Enjoy great views of San Diego all the way up to the top of Viejas Mountain, which is green again after the Cedar Fire in 2003.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 32 miles. Allow 45 minutes driving time (Cleveland National Forest, Alpine). From I-8 exit north on Tavern Road then keep to the right onto Victoria Park Terrace until the T-crossing at the Alpine Cemetery. Turn left on West Victoria Drive. At 1.4 miles, turn left on Anderson Road passing the water towers on the right where it veers to the left onto Boundary Truck Trail West for approximately 0.3 mile on dirt road to park at the trailhead. There will be a break in the fence with a small brown "hiker" sticker on the post. A Forest Service Adventure pass is required. There are no facilities.

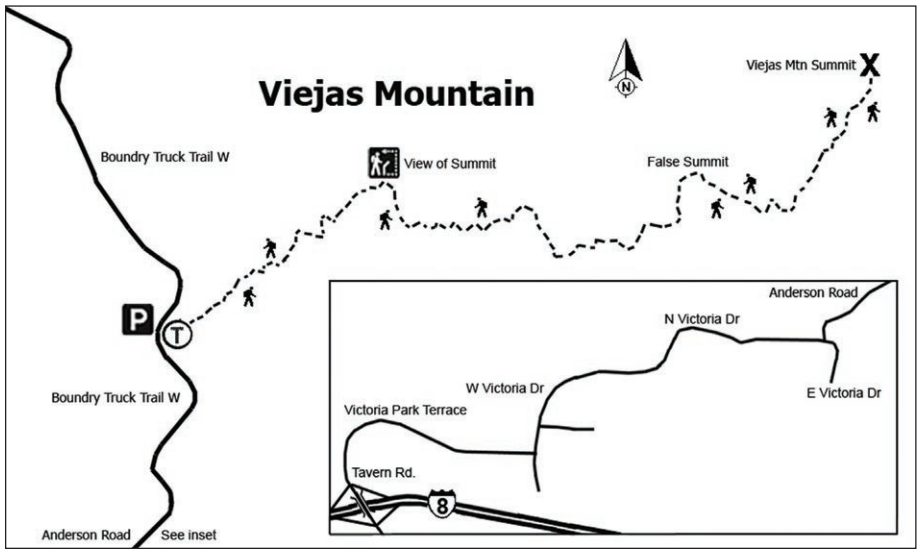
Hiking length: 3 miles out and back. **Difficulty**: Difficult because of washouts, loose rocks, and slick in places. 1500 feet elevation gain/loss. Strongly recommend carrying at least two liters of water. Wear sturdy shoes and use trekking poles for this single-track trail. Dogs are allowed.

The sheltered top of Viejas Mountain is a good place to enjoy the views.

Viejas Mountain is a sacred mountain to the Kumeyaay Indians who made a pilgrimage to the summit to watch the sun rise over Buckman Peak for winter solstice. A marker made of rocks pointed 16 miles to the southeast to the 4641-foot peak and was used to help create a windbreak in the 1970s.

Flowers abound in the spring, including yucca and ceanothus, with hummingbirds and swallowtail butterflies that are delightful. Shrub oak, felt-leafed yerba santa, chamise, and manzanita blanket the mountain that is green again, ten years after the 2003 Cedar Fire scoured the mountain.

Starting at 2700 feet, the trail begins with a gentle slope and then starts to climb relentlessly at an average grade of 20 percent. Stop and look at the amazing views of San Diego County's valleys and mountains as you climb. El Cajon Mountain in its vast granite glory will be behind you. As 3000 feet is reached, Palomar and San Jacinto mountains come into view with San Gorgonio Mountain visible at 3300 feet. The views just keep getting better as you climb.



At 3840 feet you can take a climbing break with an inviting flat stretch of the trail. This is a good place to look for the El Capitan Reservoir, name the peaks that are visible, or find the Coronado Islands or even the plateau in Rosarito in Baja California, Mexico! When you reach the saddle at 4100 feet, Cuyamaca Peak, the second highest mountain of San Diego County, comes into view along with the desert peaks to the east and the Viejas Casino at your feet. From the saddle, reaching the summit is a short walk northerly with 80 feet of vertical gain. If a Santa Ana wind is blowing, it may get windy but the visibility is best. At the 4187-foot summit, there is a rock wind shelter with a boulder in the center. Sit and enjoy the beauty of the granitic peaks of San Diego County before returning on the same trail.

The hike is enjoyable all year long, but it can be very hot in the summer months, so start early. Look back along the trail climbing to the summit and know your comfort level for the return as the descent is on those same loose rocks, washouts, and slick areas. The chance of having the mountain to yourself is very high as this is a trail less traveled. If the hike is started in the cooler part of the evening, let a friend know what time you plan to return and bring strong headlamps to use on the trail as it is pitch black when the sun sets.

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

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ART

"You've Got To Be Kidding!" An experimental show. 619-876-4550. Friday, September 6, 5pm; **free**. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #105. (POINT LOMA)

Fall Harvest Art Show Opening *Fall Harvest 2013* features the work of: Walter Baumann, Daniel Carbone, Hans Chobolits, Eva Coleman, Lester Corral, Stacy D'Aguiar, The Empress, Helena Espinoza, Scott Gengelbach, Brian Gibson, Harry Holiday-Bradford Lynn, Joan Mathison, Chrisanne Moats, George Mullen John Noel, Jens Rossen, Andrew Seaton, Madeline Sherry, Beto Soto, Wendy Wilson, and Philip Yniguez. Friday, September 6, 7pm; **free**. Runs through September 27. 18 and up. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

POKE: A Series of Provocations Reception Exhibit features installation work by artist team Debby and Larry Kline. An artist lecture follows the reception in G101. Thursday, September 5, 5pm; **free**. Runs through September 26. Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (MESA COLLEGE)

Art-on-the-Green Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League (COAL) Gallery member artists display their artwork every weekend (good weather permitting) on the resort's lawn. 760-434-8497. Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, September 29, **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

Artist Reception: Michael Monstrinho Amorillo Meet local artist Michael Monstrinho Amorillo, and view his original works influenced by the ocean, graffiti art, and the youthful and uninhibited energy of a children. Amorillo has created full narratives involving a band of characters called the Kelp Kids. Friday, September 6, 6pm; **free**. Bliss 101, 687 South Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Color Splash 5 A one-day art exhibit features fine art by 10 local artists. Works in oil, acrylic, and watercolors will be exhibited along with pottery, photo illustrations, glass art, and more. Participating artists: Karen Fidel, Carol Korfin, Paul Richter, Kathleen McVey, Janet Kelly, Yoshie Howser, Joanne Green, Tena Navarrete, Nicholas Mac Connell, and Rosemary Valente. Contact: Donald Pallia, dpallia@yahoo.com. Saturday, September 7, 9am; **free**. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

Conversation and Book Signing with Tony DeLap Tony DeLap and art critic Peter Frank discuss DeLap's 50-year career. Program coincides with the release of DeLap's monograph featuring an essay by Barbara Rose and an interview with David Pagel. 760-435-3721. Saturday, September 7, 1pm; **free**-$10. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Drawing in the Galleries: Organizing Composition This informal drawing workshop gives adult and teen participants the opportunity to draw from objects in the collection while being guided by a trained drawing instructor. Friday, September 6, 2pm; $8-$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Open Studios All-ages family art activities include hands-on artmaking projects, a photo booth, mural creation, dog adoptions, and demonstrations of dog agility and intelligence by trainers Dan Roy and Jamie Bozzi and their dogs Bug and Emi. Guests can also view the exhibition of *Elliot Erwitt: Dog Dogs*. Amazing Dogs performances at 11:45am and 1:15pm (30-40 minutes each). 760-434-2920. Saturday, September 7, 11am; **free**. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Friday Night Liberty Open studios, galleries, performances, shopping, and dining. Highlights include the fantasy of bullfights, vibrant mariachi bands at La Onda Arte Latino and the Women's Museum of California with Viva Mujeres Mariachi. Therapie Fashion Truck that will be parked at Barracks 16. Friday, September 6, 5pm; **free**. NTC at Liberty Station Arts and Culture District, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

La Paloma Theatre Exhibit Opening To celebrate the La Paloma Theatre's 85th birthday, the museum created a comprehensive exhibit on the "grand old lady." The official grand opening features food, fellowship, film clips, and memories. 760-632-9711. Sunday, September 8, 5:30pm; **free**. San Dieguito Heritage Museum, 450 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Painting and Vino Couples Event Recreate "Blue Mountains" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, September 8, 1pm; $45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Person, Pl., and Thing: Noun-photography Photography by Jose A. Jimenez, Jr., with an emphasis on "the life and landscape of the San Diego/Tijuana border using photography to blur lines and sometimes negate the border." Friday, September 6, 7pm; **free**. Voz Alta, 1754 National Avenue. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Toy Piano Festival The 13th Annual Toy Piano Festival, in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at

Belgium *continued from page 44*

Mechelen's Gouden Carolus brewery (left); chapel-turned-hotel Martin's Patershof (right)

the guest rooms, along with dark nooks good for contemplative moments or just checking email.

What to do: At the time of the Crusades in the 12th and 13th centuries, an order of beguines started to organize in Mechelen. Beguines were usually, but not always, women of great wealth who didn't want to share their fortunes with a husband or join a convent. They were very pious, and thus eventually won the grudging support of the Church to live on their own terms. Many worked creating lace. The society lasted through the 20th Century in town, with one last very elderly survivor.

In 1471, Charles the Bold granted the beguinage the right to brew beer without paying taxes. The brewery was owned by the beguinage until 1865, when it was purchased by a lay family. It's known as Het Anker and is still in the beguines' neighborhood. You can visit the facilities, which now include a distillery, brasserie with recipes incorporating beer, and a hotel where their logo is "sleep between the sheets at the brewery."

The Dossin Barracks had nothing to do with religion for centuries: they were soldiers' barracks going back to the Hapsburg Empire. Then, in 1942, they were used as the marshaling point for all the Jews and gypsies of Belgium and northern France — to be herded onto trains taking them directly to their murders at Auschwitz.

Shamefully, the barracks were allowed to be developed into "luxury apartments." Sure enough, there are people cheerfully living there with little white Belgian lace curtains fluttering in the breeze. However, across the street — not in the barracks — a moving museum has been built. Kazerne Dossin is beautifully organized; the increasing stages of oppression to the local Jews are divided between several floors. The progression is terrifying, but a must-see.

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LOCAL EVENTS

UC San Diego, features new works for toy piano. The toy piano collection at the Library consists of actual instruments, audio recordings, extant literature, and commissioned works. The first composer to write a "serious" work for toy piano was John Cage (Suite for Toy Piano, 1948) and this annual toy piano festival is indeed held on John Cage's birthday, September 5. For more information, contact Scott Paulson at 858-822-5758 or *spaulson@ucsd.edu*. Thursday, September 5, 12pm; **free**. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Young Artists Class Class will focus on helping entry level comic creators (ages 8-13) create dynamic storytelling, character creations, world building, and more. Class meets Fridays, and cost is per month. A new class begins each month September through December. Contact: littlefishcomicbooks@gmail.com. Friday, September 6, 3:30pm; $125. Little Fish Comic Book Studio, 4831 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Reel Books: The Green Mile Watch the 1999 film adaption of Stephen King's *The Green Mile* on the library's big screen, then stay to discuss the film and book. Friday, September 6, 1pm; **free**. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Chakra Flow Workshop and Book Signing A yoga class suitable for beginners, advanced practitioners, and yoga teachers. Workshop followed by book signing. 619-283-1151. Friday, September 6, 4pm; $25-$35. ArtLab, 3536 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

C3 School of Music is a wonderful program focused solely on benefiting the community. It is an eight-week music intensive in which a person with no or little music background can enter and pick up the instrument they always wanted to learn. We have children (ages 8-11), youth (12-16), and adult classes available, and a variety of instruments for you to learn. We offer piano, guitar, bass, violin, drum, voice, and more. Our primary classes are held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Call, 888-213-7877, *C3pac.com*. Season starts Wednesday, September 25. C3 Performing Arts Center, Mission Valley, 4579 Mission Gorge Place. (GRANTVILLE)

Discover Improv 90-minute improv lesson will introduce participants to a typical beginner's class. Session will be led by Finest City Improv founder and artistic director Amy Lisewski and Shawn Roop from Finest City Ensemble Red Squared. Thursday, September 5, 6:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Environment and Object Work (Elective) with Marc Shanahan Practice creating environments that inform choices and heighten situations in your improv scenes. Go beyond the typical dishwashing, cooking, and beer drinking to explore extreme and unlikely or unusual environments, creating a "third character" in your scenes. Instructor: Marc Shanahan. Four two-hour sessions meet weekly. Saturdays through September 28, starting Saturday, September 7, 11am; $120. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

Rhyme & Verse

Blonde in White Convertible

A poem by Trish Dugger

Do you know me?
I am the blonde
in the white convertible.
Have you seen me
cruising up the coast
on a mango day?
Top down, honeydew
bandana holding back
my hair, juicy fruit lips
smiling, enticing you
into a day dream?
Have you looked for me?
I am said to be elusive and
you may not recognize me.
I frequently slip into
something more comfortable
inside the round
gray-haired lady who
lives in the canyon
and writes poetry.

Trish Dugger was born in Chicago and after her marriage moved with her husband to Cardiff-by-the-Sea where she raised her family and has lived for most of her life. She has been involved with the Magee Park Poets since 1997 and in 2005 she was proclaimed Poet Laureate of Encinitas. She is the author of two chapbooks and *Scrambled*, a full collection of her poetry that was published in 2012 by Garden Oak Press (*gardenoakpress.com*).

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COMEDY

Sarah Colonna From *Chelsea Lately* and Comedy Central. Thursday, September 5, 8pm. Friday, September 6, 7:30 & 9:30pm. Saturday, September 7, 7:30 & 9:30pm. The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue.619-795-3858. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Alonzo Bodden Winner of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, as seen on *The Tonight Show, Comedy Central Presents, NPR's Wait Wait Don't Tell Me*, and more. Friday, September 6, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Saturday, September 7, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Sunday, September 8, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; $15. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Comedy Explosion with Will Ferrell Comedy icon Will Ferrell brings together some of his friends for a night of comedy, music, and possibly a lion. Proceeds from the event benefit Will's favorite charity, Cancer for College, which grants college scholarships to cancer survivors. Saturday, September 7, 7:30pm; $55-$139. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Improv Show Enjoy an evening of improvised family friendly entertainment as "Unravelled" and improv troupe "Hollywood Angels" combine to improvise stories from audience suggestions. Saturday, September 7, 8pm; $5. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Improvisational Comedy by Outside the Lines An all-improvised shortform comedy show, based on audience suggestions. Suitable for families. Contact: Jacquie Lowell, j@jlowell.com. Saturday, September 7, 8pm; $10. LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

Queer Queens of Qomedy Producer and comedian Poppy Champlin selects lesbian comics from across the country to join her at each venue. Tapping some of her favorite California Girls to join her, Poppy has asked Sandra Valls (voted by *Latina Magazine* as one of the Top 33 Bad Ass Comics with Latin Roots) to wear the crown. Special musical guests: local duet Nicki Walker and Melanie Peters. Saturday, September 7, 8pm; $15-$40. 18 and up. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Tenacious D Saturday, September 7, 8pm; San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

This Way to the Egress, Joe Firstman This Way to the Egress is a Bethlehem, PA based ol' timey gypsy-punk- roots band. The evening will consist of music, bawdy antics, and vaudeville humor, with a bill that also includes dancing by Tasha Deeh and Joe Firstman, the bandleader on the *Carson Daily Show*. Thursday, September 5, 9pm; $9. 18 and up. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette Learn tango now! Take a free first class Monday, Sept. 9, 7pm, or Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7pm, (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter) at Dance Place San Diego. No need for a partner. We will introduce you to the passion and magic of tango. Visit *tangowithcolette.com* and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

A Blast From The Past A journey from 1900 to 1969 through music, dance, video, and fashion. Featuring artistic director Faith Jensen-Ismay, the Mojalet Dancers, and Jonathan Meza as master of ceremonies. Saturday, September 7, 4pm and 7pm; Sunday, September 8, 2pm and 5pm; $10-$15. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Contra Dancing No partners needed, and no experience necessary. Calling by Chris Page. Live music by The Old Twine String Band. Teaching from 7:30-8pm. Dance starts at 8pm. Discounts for teens and children, college, and military. Soft-soled shoes only, please. Friday, September 6, 7:30pm; $8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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Indian Dance Performances Come and enjoy Indian dances performances. "Arpan" by Dr. Seshadri Iyengar, 6:30-7:30pm, and "Margani" by Vidhya Subramamian, 8-9:30pm. Amelita Galli Curci Performing Arts Center, Francis Parker School. Tickets available at *www.indianfinearts.org*. Saturday, September 14, Francis Parker Middle-Upper School, 6501 Linda Vista Road (LINDA VISTA))

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Community Resilience to Violence A conversation about the role of peacemakers around the world and how communities build resiliency to sectarian and criminal violence. The discussion will feature the latest research on combating violence in war areas and communities that face gang violence. Presenter: Dr. Ami Carpenter, assistant professor, University of San Diego. Saturday, September 7, 1pm; $10-$15. San Diego Foundation, 2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 200. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society The annual general membership meeting includes the presentation, election, and installation of new officers and board members for 2013–2014, followed by recaps from local and national conferences. Members who attended Jamboree and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies conferences will share their experiences. Contact: info@sdjgs.org. Sunday, September 8, 1pm; **free**. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

San Dieguito Watershed Public Workshop A Water Quality Improvement Plan is being developed for the San Dieguito River Watershed that will include strategies for identifying and addressing high priority water quality concerns in the area. Organizing agencies seek public input and ideas to make the plan as strong as possible. Thursday, September 5, 6pm; **free**. Poway City Hall, 13325 Civic Center Drive. (POWAY)

Was September 11, 2001, a False Flag Attack? On this Twelfth Anniversary, San Diegans for 9/11 Truth present an exciting 44-minute documentary that will convince you the events of 9/11 were much more than a conspiracy by Arab terrorists. The attacks on September 11 have been used by the political and corporate elite to deny our civil liberties, fund never-ending wars, and increase the obscene profits of the military-industrial complex. Come join us for the film, followed by discussion. Free; donations accepted. *www.sd911truth.org*, 619-222-2120. Sunday, September 8, 6:30pm; Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

FOOD & DRINK

Garden-to-Skincare and Spa Cuisine Class infuses what is currently growing in the garden into all-natural skincare and spa cuisine cooking recipes. The food will focus on the nutritional benefits of the ingredients while giving indulgent flavor influenced by healthy diets of the world, such as Ayurvedic and Mediterranean. The skincare recipes are based on Dr. Hauschka's philosophy of holistic, plant-based skincare to support the skin's health. Led by Megan Arterberry. Contact *art.megan@gmail.com*. Saturday, September 7, 11am; $20-$45. Center for a Healthy Lifestyle, 533 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (behind Boys & Girls Club). (SOLANA BEACH)

Food for Thought: Meditation and Meal A guided meditation followed by a vegetarian meal inspired by the Mediterranean. Menu includes Mediterranean quinoa salad, chard and feta tart on a bed of greens, and chocolate raspberry cheesecake (made with Greek yogurt). Please RSVP. 619-940-5301. Friday, September 6, 6:30pm; $19-$20. Vajrarupini Buddhist Center, 3344 Fourth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Grape Day Festival/Parade/Wine and Craft Beer Tasting The day starts with the Grape Day 5K. Walkers and runners will go through parts of downtown and the Old Escondido Historic District. Then the whimsical parade will travel on Grand Avenue between Escondido Blvd and Juniper. The festival includes grape stomping, entertainment stage highlighting dances from around the world, contests, demonstrations, fun zone for the kids, wine and craft beer pavilion for adults, gourmet food trucks, SDG&E energy savings zone, vendor booths, bake sale, and more. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Escondido History Center. Festival is free/all ages. Tasting pavillion 21+/with ticket. Saturday, September 7, 7:30am; $20-$25. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Reader Feast! Do you crave delicious food and strong drinks? We do too! Join us September 6 on Broadway Pier for our second annual tasting event, Reader Feast! Come out and enjoy food and drink tastings from San Diego's best eateries, wineries, breweries, and food trucks. General Admission tickets include food and drink samples from all vendors and are valid from 6-9pm. VIP ticket gives you exclusive early admission (5pm) to get a drink in your hand and the food hot off the grill before everyone gets there. VIP ticket also includes two full-pour drinks, plus gift bag with goodies from our amazing sponsors. *ReaderFeast.com*. Friday, September 6, 6pm; $30-$40. 21 and up. Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Turista Libre: Tijuana Taco Tour Journey off the already-eaten path and deep into the border city's barrios for a sampling of its countless taqueria gems. Ticket includes roundtrip border transport aboard Turista Libre's fun bus, three taco stops, dessert at a traditional Mexican ice cream parlor with more than 100 flavors, and a round of beers at one of downtown's quintessential cantinas. Friday, September 6, 7pm; $45. San Ysidro Trolley Station, 700 E. San Ysidro Boulevard. (SAN YSIDRO)

Vegan Breakfast Learn how to make flavorful and simple vegan breakfast recipes using farm fresh local, organic, and pesticide-free produce, and quality organic products. Led by Chef Matthew Purnell. Cost includes class and serving size portion of each recipe prepared in class. Contact: *chefmatthewpurnell@yahoo.com* or 760-405-2204. Saturday, September 7, 3pm; $40. Center for a Healthy Lifestyle, 533 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (behind Boys & Girls Club). (SOLANA BEACH)

Wild Willow Farm 5K and Chili Brew Fest This harvest season celebration features a chili cook-off and beer tasting, plus a 5K trail run/walk. Also includes live music and farm tours. Activities are planned for all ages. Saturday, September 7, 9am; $15-$55. Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

Hamilton's Monday Night Football With Societe Brewing! Glass keeper/refill specials! On draft: Societe Pupil IPA and Scrapper Hoppy Dark Ale. On the griddiron: Houston at San Diego Super Chargers, Philadelphia at Washington. Hamiltons Fave: MNF Fried Chicken Plate! Friday, September 9. Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Frescobaldi Wine Dinner Galen Crippin of the prestigious Frescobaldi Italian Winery in Tuscany will be at Solare to help lead a 4-course Solare dinner designed by Chef Accursio where each course is paired with carefully selected wines from their estate. Frescobaldi is a top winery in Tuscany so it is a great compliment to the

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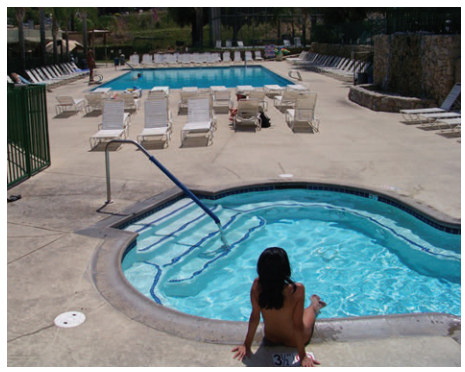

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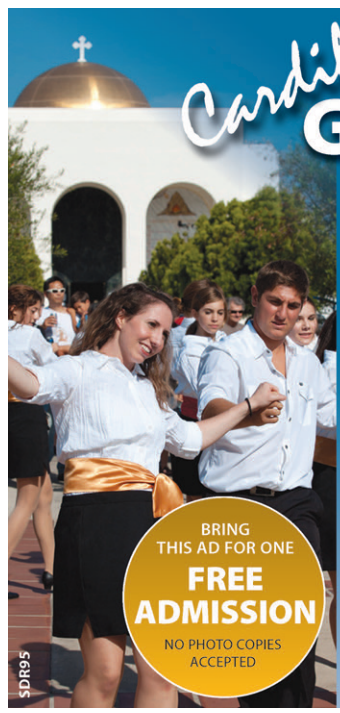

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Pastor: *Joe Houser*
Age: *40*
Born: *Newport Beach*
Formation: *University of California-San Diego; Bethel Seminary*
Years Ordained: *12*

San Diego Reader: *What is your favorite subject on which to preach?*
PH: I think the whole concept that we're born again — we're new creatures and new creations and everything we do in life flows from that. I always like to point back to God's love and here's how He made you into a new creation — so it should affect every aspect of your life.
SDR: *What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?*
PH: We misunderstand the grace of God and don't really see the grace of God. It goes back to our identity as Christians. The world and the church can look at Jesus as a get-out-of-hell-for-free card. But I think with Christ it's so much more than that. I think God has so many awesome plans for people in this world and if people only gave Him a chance — Christians included — they'd find out that this faith isn't only about avoiding hell but about living for eternity with God. The opportunity I have for that begins now. Even in my own church I'll ask, "Do you realize the gifts and opportunity we have? It's right at our fingertips. If we don't realize it then the world, which looks at us as an example, will be wondering why they need this faith. You don't live any differently than we do."
SDR: *Why did you become a minister in the first place?*
PH: I was saved when I was 19. I was always told that Jesus was God but I was lost and lonely, depressed, hooked on drugs and realized I was going to go to jail or die looking for some meaning in life. Honestly, I tried Jesus at different times but didn't think that religion or Jesus was really the answer — I thought it was a crutch for people. I didn't see Christians as different from anyone else. Then one day God spoke to my heart and said, "You know, it's not about religion; it's about a relationship with Me. I want to give you a new life and a new heart." When He said that, I didn't know if it was going to work or not — I thought I had nothing to lose since my life was in the toilet anyway. I decided to give it a shot — and I wouldn't hold back anything. It lit me up like a rocket. My eyes opened up — and I could see God working 100 percent in my life. When that happened, I never thought to be a pastor, but I just couldn't shut up about Jesus. It was all that mattered in my life at that point. So, then, eventually people suggested I should talk and preach about him.
SDR: *What is the mission of your church?*
PH: Love God and love people. We have an official mission, which is to reach the lost and make disciples of Jesus Christ — but it comes down to loving God and loving other people.
SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*
PH: If you have Jesus Christ, you spend eternity in Heaven — which is a real, physical place. If you don't have Jesus Christ as your lord and savior, you spend an eternity separated from Him — and that's hell.

Pastor Joe Houser worries about our tendency to "look at Jesus as a get-out-of-hell-for-free card."

— Joseph O'Brien

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FOR KIDS

The Not Ready For Naptime Players Justin Roberts and the Not Ready For Naptime Players will perform a matinee show for children. Saturday, September 7, 11:30am; $10-$15. Irenic, 3090 Polk Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Grandparents Day Complementary admission and hands-on science fun for grandparents and their grandchildren. Check out the giant AirZooka, windtunnel, and demonstration tables, or take a "career day" photo in our fun character cutouts. Grandparents and grandchildren can pick up their exhibit gallery pass at the ticket counter upon arrival. Sunday, September 8, 10am; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"History Alive" with Donna Beckley Adams Lecture series opens with a Lemon Grove "founding mother," Donna Beckley Adams, who spearheaded town meeting workshops in 1978, led a "great schools" initiative, and ran a fire prevention series in the heady days when Lemon Grove had just become California's 414th city. Q&A and refreshments. Suitable for ages 13 and over. Info: 619-460-4353. Thursday, September 5, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

CCFA San Diego Patient and Family Education Program Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) hosts a two-hour program offering information on current medical and surgical approaches to Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Saturday, September 7, 12:30pm; **free**-$10. Hilton San Diego Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Dr. Lester Tenney: WWII POW and Bataan Death March Survivor The World Affairs Council of San Diego presents Dr Lester Tenney, 93, who has written a memoir, *My Hitch in Hell*. Contact *programs@sdwac.org*. Thursday, September 5, 4:30pm; **free**-$10. AMN Healthcare, Inc. , 12400 High Bluff Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Food and Health Seminar Learn how diseases are related to animal ingredients in food, the ways to lower cholesterol without medication, and nutrition facts of plant-based foods. An easy way to switch to a sustainable plant-based diet will also be presented. Contact 760-602-2049 or *info@vegansandiego.com*. Saturday, September 7, 2pm; **free**. City of Carlsbad Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Love Without Pain: Talk with Meditation Talk will explore love and attachment. Kelsang Chokyi will guide a meditation to intended to integrate Buddhist ideas into daily life and improve relationships. 619-940-5301. Saturday, September 7, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. Vajrarupini Buddhist Center, 3344 Fourth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Sleep Apnea "Better Treatment Choices for Sleep Apnea," presented by Dr. Bradley Eli. Discussion topics include personal and health related risks for people who suffer from sleep apnea; the demographics of sleep apnea; non-surgical treatment options for sleep apnea; and more. Q&A will follow the presentation. Thursday, September 5, 6pm; **free**. Tri-City Wellness Center, 6250 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

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; $10-$15. San Diego Foundation, 2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 200. (POINT LOMA)

OUTDOORS

Naturalist Open House San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy announces a Docent Open House and Fall Docent Training for volunteers interested in leading school field trips and public walks. Learn about the 2014 volunteer program, see photos and tools of interpretation, and meet current and prospective volunteers. Light refreshments served. Please RSVP. Sunday, September 8, 3pm; **free**. 21 and up. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Guided Social Walk Walk along the parts of the San Diego River trail that are already completed, and learn about future plans to create a 5-mile park and trail system. Hosted by the San Diego River Park Foundation. Kids, strollers, and leashed dogs welcome. Thursdays, 6pm; through Thursday, September 26, **free**. Rio Vista Trolley Station, 2185 Station Village Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

Interpretive Nature Walk Docent, writer, and artist, Donna Walker, leads a nature walk among the watershed community's native plants and wildlife. Learn about the history and culture of the indigenous people who lived in this area during prehistoric times. Sunday, September 8, 10am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Night Hike with Mike Kelly Naturalist Mike Kelly leads this moderately paced and flat hike to enjoy the preserve at night. Chance to meet mule deer, bats, owls, tarantulas, and more. Bring water, bug protection, and a flashlight. Meet at the kiosk at the corner of Park Village Road and Camino del Sur. 858-484-3219. Saturday, September 7, 6:30pm; **free**. Peñasquitos Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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The USPA Freedom Cup Finals and Military Recognition Day Watch the ponies and players take to the main field. The featured match begins at 3pm and will include the Korbel California Champagne Divot Stomp. Following the match, fans are encouraged to stick around to enjoy the 7th Chukker After Party featuring country music from Rachael Stark. Complementary entry for all military with valid ID. Sunday, September 8, 12:30pm; $10-$30. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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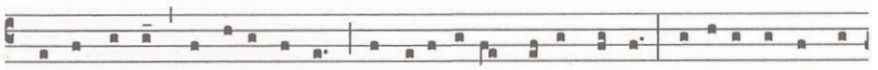

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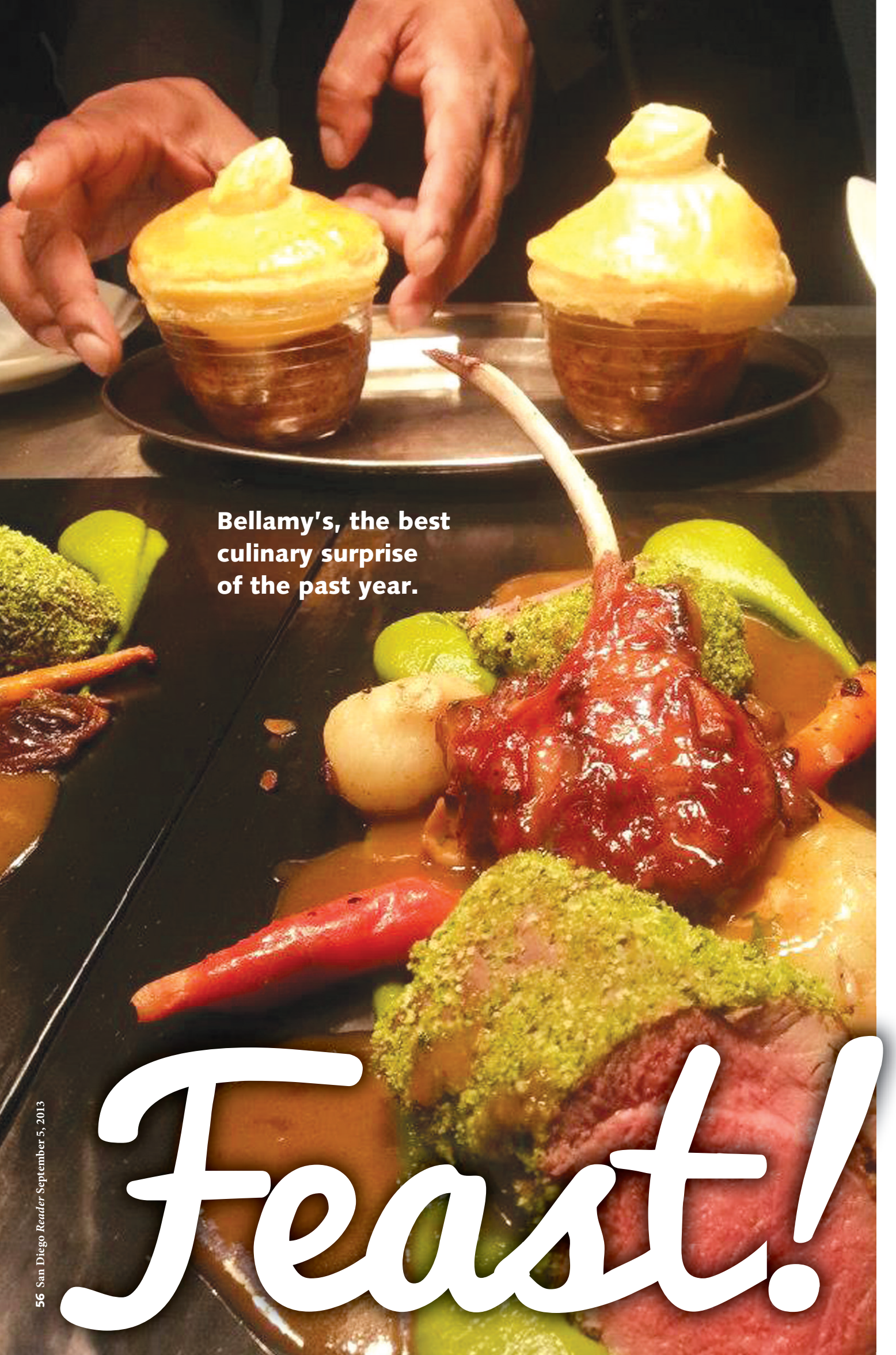

From the best of the white-linen class to food trucks and coffee shops, these are the restaurants we love.

BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

The view from the top

An uncertain economy, in tandem with the rise of gastropubs, upscale comfort food joints, and other trends driven to tiresome status by their ubiquity, have rendered fine-dining establishments to endangered-species status in San Diego County. Flatbreads, mussels, burgers, pork belly, and the like are fantastic for everyday fare, but when it comes to dining as an event, I contend it requires a skilled chef reaching higher than the status quo to create innovative, technically perfect cuisine. So, my top ten celebrates the best of the white-linen class — special places where the service is exquisite, rusticity nonexistent, and the food divine enough to justify the splurge factor.

Bellamy's

417 W. Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000

Since falling in love with the restaurant industry, I've been in search of one that follows the European model—a worldly master chef bringing up a brigade of hungry young talents while putting out stunning food worth setting dates and traveling miles for. And I've finally found it…in Escondido of all places. Master French chef Patrick Ponsaty, formerly of Mistral and El Bizcocho, has taken the role of mentor at this quaint eatery and is molding young minds who are getting the hang of his classic technique and putting out the best food in North County right now. Start out with unbelievably tender calamri steak served over squid ink risotto, and then indulge in a tasting

of lamb with herb-dusted loin, tomato-lacquered chops, and a flaky crusted pie filled with flavorful braised goodness. Having this stellar eatery emerge in such an unlikely place has been the best culinary surprise of the past year.

1500 Ocean

at the Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490

Despite at first struggling to fill the void left by former chef de cuisine Brian Sinnott, this upscale seaside spot has returned to the upper echelon of fine-dining options in San Diego. This has everything to do with recently added toque Robert Hohmann, who brings soulful Mediterranean recipes along with hard-earned experience as part of the empires ruled over by star chefs Thomas Keller and Mario Batali. The gems of surf and sea get careful attention and amplification via herbs and vegetables from the Del's onsite garden. But even proteins many consider the culinary dregs shine. Case in point, melt-in-your-mouth tender tripe served in a rich, piping-hot tomato sauce with crispy breadcrumbs — easily one of the most comforting dishes in the county.

A.R. Valentien

at The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-453-4420

There's no better proof that incredible ingredients picked at the peak of freshness require little more than proper cookery to taste amazing than the straightforward offerings at A.R. Valentien. When executive chef Jeff Jackson first arrived in San Diego several years ago, he made it his mission to rally local chefs around the slow-food ethos that rules everything he does in the kitchen. For him, and chef de cuisine Kelli Nicole Crosson, that means becoming intimate with Southern California producers and doing right by their edibles. And it means minimal but poignant seasoning and cooking methods we can all tackle at home — just not with the same level of expertise. Begin with pâté or house-cured fish, move on to succulent golden-crusted halibut, and save room for elegant desserts offering multiple tastings of seasonal ingredients on one plate.

Brandon Hernandez applauds A.R. Valentien's elegant desserts, such as these Meyer lemon baby cakes.

Addison

at the Grand Del Mar, 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Carmel Valley, 858-314-1900

Five stars, five diamonds, an award-winning wine program, a chef with star status within his industry — there's certainly enough by way of accolades to get diners in the door of this palatial epicurean oasis. But it's the brilliant, artfully presented, top caliber dishes produced by chef William Bradley and his brigade that give all the incentive in the world to return. Tasting menus are built to celebrate each season's bounty, and big-ticket items such as caviar, truffles, and edible gold leaf regularly come into play. Wine pairings are expertly selected, to the point where to dine sans vino is to miss out on experiencing this restaurant — widely considered San Diego's best — to its fullest and finest degree. Also keeping Addison at the top of culinary consciousness is service that's attentive and intuitive, and every bit as artful as coffee-roasted canard with koshihikari rice and candied peanuts (and that's saying something).

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Bertrand's at Mister A's

2550 Fifth Avenue, #12, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377

I still remember an even nerdier high school version of myself with a girl on my nervously shaky arm stepping out from the elevator and into this top-floor, top-notch eatery for the first time. Since then, the name has been altered and the dining room revamped, but Bertrand Hug's French-inspired Bankers Hill perch remains at the top of my culinary consciousness. The menu has been updated to fit in with the direction San Diego's cuisine is going — if the food weren't so brilliantly prepared this would be a bad thing, but burrata, tartare, and pork belly taste different (and better) here. It's not surprising. Mister A's ability to stay true to long-tenured dishes such as lobster bisque, carpaccio, rack of lamb, and filet of beef without having them come off as tired is what helps set them apart in an age when most menus around town look nearly identical.

George's California Modern

1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244

When it comes to chefs, they don't get much better than Trey Foshee. Proof of his prowess is communicated in no uncertain terms via the TBL3 dining experience — a multicourse cavalcade of inventive dishes illustrated by baby carrots buried in salted coffee "soil," cured then excavated tableside, and what equates to an entire breakfast consolidated into a layered yet cogent glassful of deliciousness. The advanced nature of the offerings doled out during this format is such that it's inspired the foodie intelligentsia to debate whether San Diego is ready for it. In my opinion, the residents of any locale are up for anything of quality (find me an entire community that demands mediocrity) and that's what Foshee delivers. And good news for those without a penchant for being on the bleeding edge of gastronomy — the regular menu is every bit as skillfully thought out and prepared, particularly in the case of sea-fare-focused dishes.

Jsix

at the Hotel Solamar, 616 J Street, Downtown, 619-531-8744

Of all the spots in my top-ten fine-dining list, this is the one serving the simplest food. But make no mistake, the combinations of fresh, local, seasonal ingredients composed to create the complex flavor profiles of chef Christian Graves's dishes are tops where gourmet sensibility is concerned. Instead of gussying up minimalist plates of food, the chef keeps things simple, presenting food that's meant to be devoured versus analyzed. Far ahead of the charcuterie craze that's overtaken craft-enamored San Diego, Graves's is some of the best in town. Order a board, but save room for braised short ribs, plump diver scallops, or anything featuring house-made pasta, all of which is sure to be matched with produce procured from local farmers with whom Graves has spent years cultivating relationships. It's approachable farm-to-table featuring big flavors and one of the most easy-going upscale experiences in America's Finest City.

Marine Room

at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222

Often, I feel younger diners chase the next hip thing without taking the time to refer to spots that form San Diego's culinary foundation. It's easy to do amid an onslaught of new restaurant openings like we've seen throughout our county over the past half-decade. But foodies would do well to take a break from the rookie class long enough to appreciate a veteran of Mariano Rivera status. Executive chef Bernard Guillas and his trusty chef de cuisine Ron Oliver have been together for over a decade and continue to draw off their world travels (together, they've soaked up the food culture of well over 40 countries) to craft dishes that compose the most con-

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3702 Via De La Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007

There's a reason the James Beard folks keep knocking on chef and restaurateur Carl Schroeder's kitchen door — the guy can cook. Another early adapter to the slow-food, farm-to-table ethos, he's excelled at taking square meals like roasted lslow-braised short ribs and creamy mashed starches to the top of the mountain where they share space with world-inspired dishes such as miso black cod and egg noodles in hot-and-sour broth, a king salmon and roasted chili "tamale," and an entire menu devoted entirely to sushi. Schroedder's good ideas flow in waves with each incoming season and provide ample reason for diners to keep coming back for more, which explains the long-tenured disciples who keep his Del Mar dining room packed well beyond the county fair and track-season flurry, something other venues that have tried to flourish in that locale (and failed) will attest is quite an accomplishment on its own.

Nine Ten

at the Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400

Many locals know this eatery's chef, Jason Knibb, more for his melee with Bobby Flay on Food Network's *Iron Chef America* than his stunning cuisine. But if you save up for a tasty night on the town, your hard-earned bucks will be well rewarded here. Nine-Ten never ceases to provide pleasing varieties of flavors, textures, and multicultural ingredients. In a county awash with pork belly, Knibb's signature Jamaican jerk version served with plantains and capsicum-laced jelly is a revelation. Best part, it's a starter, leaving the opportunity to continue on to entrées such as duck breast with a duck confit "flauta" and cashew mole, or scallops with puffed wild rice and verjus raisin puree. Few chefs incorporate as many components while marrying them so nicely, and absolutely no one creates edible art like this plating master.

IAN PIKE

Ten great dishes (and the places that served them)

For this list, I've decided to use not great restaurants but great dishes. It gets a handle on ten local restaurants by looking at some of the best individual dishes I've eaten in the past year or so.

Cheesesteak at Jin's Grill

3445 Midway Drive, 619-222-0106

Tour de Cheesesteak commandeered a huge amount of my time, energy, and willpower last year. In my eyes, Jin's emerged victorious as the king of cheesesteak sandwiches in San Diego. It may be a random, Sports Arena hole-in-the-wall where lettuce comes standard on the Philly sandwich, but hot damn does Jin grill up one heck of a

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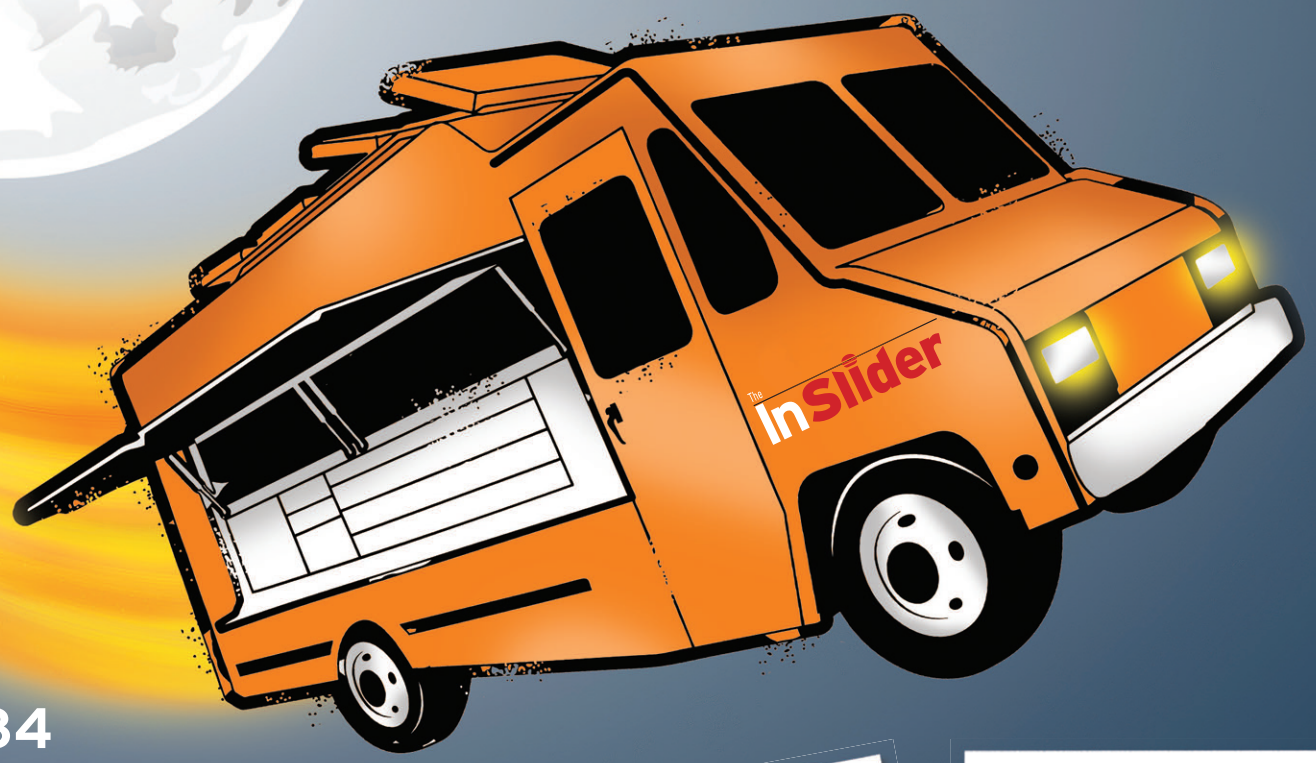

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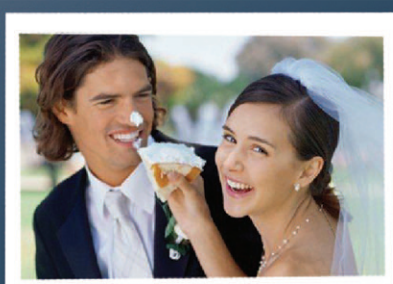
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sando! The fact that practically nobody has ever even heard of the place makes it all the more mysterious. How does something this good slip under everyone's radar? Maybe because nobody wants to bash his car over Midway potholes for a cheesesteak. Oh yeah, Jin grills chicken, burgers, and pastrami, too. All cheap, all rad.

Turkish Latte at Lofty Bean

90 North Coast Highway, Encinitas, 760-230-6747

Cardamom is one of the trickiest spices to use right. Overdone, it tastes of soap and nightmares, but a perfect touch with cardamom can take any dish into excelsior territory. Lofty Bean's baristas — certified coffee dorks to a perfectly coiffed north county soul — manage to marry the Italian classiness of a perfect latte with the spicy kick in the junk of Turkish coffee. Of course, the rest of the coffee shop's offerings make coffee snobs drool with envy. Single origin espressi and pour overs, Kyoto process iced coffee, and $2 french presses for those who eschew expensive java. I never pass through Encinitas without stopping at Lofty Bean.

Zuke Tuna at Sushi Tadokoro

2244 San Diego Avenue, 619-297-0298

Describing great Edo-style sushi demands exactitude, which fits such simple and perfect food. Tadokoro's zuke tuna — akami marinated in soy sauce and served with a fermented pepper instead of wasabi — contains more flavor in one $3 bite than any overblown sushi roll smothered in eel sauce and fried crunchies could even hope for. Every other piece of sushi at this cozy, poorly located, old-school sushi bar is a miniature work of art. Anyone wanting a hands-on (seriously... put down the chopsticks!) education in sushi can get one the old-fashioned way at Tadokoro. Just forget the price, belly up to the sushi bar, and start ordering.

"Ants on a Log" at Swoon Dessert Bar

3139 University Avenue, 619-528-0875

Yeah, maybe they no longer even have the "ants on a log" at North Park's unexpectedly brilliant dessert bar, but the combination of celery ganache/granita, rum raisins, and peanut butter "dust" blew my mind wide open for less than ten bucks. Rest assured, everything else at Swoon represents a melding of inspiration and execution fit for fine dining. These desserts warrant Michelin stars (which they will never receive due to the unfairness of the world), and I'd be hard-pressed to think of a better place to take a date for great coffee or tea and a slice of deconstructed cake.

At the hard-to-find Bodega Sushi Loft in *La Cacho* area of Tijauana, Ian Pike found that "the emphasis is on presentation and unique flavor profiles."

Pickled Limes at Punjabi Tandoor

9235 Activity Road, 858-695-0956

Socked away in a Miramar industrial park, Punjabi Tandoor has some of the best northern Indian curry dishes around. But the restaurant also had some of the best pickle I've ever had. The best dish in all of Indian food, by huge leaps and bounds, is the pickle. The salty, oily, fermented fruits and veggies are one of the world's great palate wallopers. The briny, spicy burn of good pickle is the perfect counterpoint to rich curries, and Punjabi Tandoor put a huge pot of lime pickle (laced with carraway seeds) out for the taking. Also, get the chicken tikka. Not chicken tikka masala. Big difference. The former is way better, and, wrapped in a piece of naan bread with a chunk of pickle resting in there to zip things up, it's one of San Diego's best bites of Indian food.

Pulque at Aqui es Texcoco

1043 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-427-4045

I seldom get to feel like an Aztec nobleman. It's one of the downfalls of the guero lifestyle. That said, drinking pulque (fermented agave sap) at Chula Vista's premier lamb barbacoa joint gave me a chance to connect, gustatorially, with the pipiltin. I realize that's a pretty tenuous link, but pulque is damn tasty and Aqui es Texcoco is the only place to get it. They serve it straight up, or prepared with fruit and nut flavors. The taste is one of a kind, musty and fermented, sour and sweet, and it goes well with the lamb plates that have given Aqui es Texcoco its deserved reputation. Those lamb plates, by the by, are a masterwork of build-your-own-taco deliciousness.

Surf n' Turf Burger at Sherman's Shack

549 25th Street, 619-795-7192

Midwesterners talk lovingly of "Juicy Loosey" burgers, i.e. hamburger patties stuffed with cheese before grilling. Sherman's Shack takes that to the next level and beyond, stuffing a "surf n' turf" burger with shrimp and cream cheese. They also fill burgers with bacon, cheddar, and pulled pork; or maybe blue cheese, mushrooms, and onions; depending on one's whimsy. The other thing that Sherman's gets right is charging a reasonable price for a burger (about ten bucks) and including the fries, rather than surreptitiously driving the price skywards with "additions" to a bare hamburger. The tacos at Sherman's are also pretty good, but it's that burger full of shrimp that keeps me coming back.

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Banh Mi at Paris Bakery

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Just thinking about Vietnamese sandwiches makes my head swim. The way the ultra-crunchy bread crust yields to chewy crumb. The tangy mayonnaise and savory meats that wait inside. The pickled veggies and fresh herbs. Banh mi are special, and the Paris Bakery is the king of banh mi. Until recently, the bakery had a vaguely sketchy, bulletproof store on El Cajon Boulevard. The storefront just moved across and up the street a bit, to a shinier second location, but the sandwiches are still the best and the "buy 3, get 1 free" deal still encourages eating lots of amazing banh mi. Pork, chicken, egg. Whatever. All delicious.

Ricotta Pies at Pizzeria Luigi

2121 El Cajon Boulevard,

619-294-9417

Luigi's pizza gets it done with thin crust, minimal grease, and a bevy of delicious toppings. But the best slices are the ones with huge globs of ricotta cheese on top, and the best of the ricotta pies is the slice with jalapenos and pineapple alongside the creamy ricotta. Something about the combination of sweet/creamy/spicy toppings just rocks my socks. Being able to get everything as a slice, with a cup of soda or a beer for a nominal extra charge, just ices the cake.

Duck Fat Fries at Duck Dive

4650 Mission Boulevard,

858-273-3825

Most beach bars make a living serving up beer and sugary cocktails to collegiate drinking machines. There's no harm in that. I'm certainly not one to scoff at a bit of recreational drinking and whomping out to loud-assed club jams. But I don't usually head to Pacific Beach looking for a tasty meal. That said, Duck Dive's french fries, fried in honest-to-goodness duck fat, are off the chain. There is no more sacred medium in all of frying than duck fat. "Liquid gold" imparts a mysterious, savory goodness to something as lowly as a potato. All of Duck Dive's surprisingly extensive menu is better than average beach bar food, but the duck fat fries are worth a special trip. After that, order some sterno-powered S'mores for the table. You're in a huge P.B. bar. That counts as dinner!

Ian Pike swooned over the "Ants on a log" at Swoon Dessert Bar.

MARY BETH ABATE

A love-hate relationship with top tens

The one question I'm asked most frequently is "What's the best restaurant in San Diego?" Impossible! How can I compare this deliciously fresh, perfectly seasoned, crisply battered fish taco with that subtly nuanced, silky smooth, beautifully sauced fish quenelle?

Hence, while I'm an inveterate list-maker, I have an ongoing love-hate relationship with top-ten lists. It's fun to relive enjoyable meals and moments, but it means I have to choose between this and that favorite.

Despite all of that, I managed to produce this categorized list of my ten favorite places to enjoy San Diego's culinary offerings.

Favorite TGIF — Blind Lady Ale House

3416 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-255-2491

If your idea of TGIF includes drinking delicious beer at 11:30 a.m., head down to BLAH for their Progressive Keg Friday. Two cask beers are presented every week, for the paycheck friendly price of $2 a glass from opening till 2, $3 till 3, and $4 till 4.

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erkraut, and cherry-apricot mostardo. Roasted Padrón peppers, white anchovies, and Parmigiano Reggiano are a spicy and salty combination that complements the malty goodness of beer nicely, too.

Drinking beer in the morning requires, at least for me, some sort of sustenance, and BLAH's signature pizzas are more than up to the task. Thin and tender-crusted, lightly sauced, toppings like pickled onions, Swiss chard or Calabrese chili oil are unusual and innovative. Even the ubiquitous four-cheese version shakes it up — Gorgonzola picante, pecorino, fontina, and Taleggio instead of the usual parm/romano/whatever blend.

Cafe 21's strawberry salad (pistachios and goat cheese tossed with crisp greens and a light raspberry vinaigrette) delighted Mary Beth Abate.

Favorite Pizza — Berkeley Pizza

539 Island Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-937-0808

I almost had to wimp out and go for a tie on this one. Regent Pizza in La Jolla has great Chicago and New York style 'za. But in the end, Berkeley Pizza edged them out with their fresh, bright sauce and perfect crust, so reminiscent of the legendary Pizzeria Due on Chicago's Near North Side.

Like any stuffed pizza worth its pepperoni, Berkeley's beauties take a little over an hour to bake, so calling ahead to order is a good idea.

If time is of the essence, Berkeley Pizza has a dine-in only deal that fits the bill. Pick any two slices from the display case and a soda for $8 or a craft beer for $10. They'll pop them in the oven and bring them out piping hot in just a few minutes. They also deliver whole pies to the surrounding area.

Favorite Steak Joint — Turf Supper Club

1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363

Turf Supper Club has the atmosphere and attitude of the old beer joints that used to be on every corner in Milwaukee, the city my immigrant grandparents settled in.

The drinks are strong and the steaks are well marbled at this 21-and-over landmark in Golden Hill. It's one of the few places I can order a martini and not have to explain that, yes, I do want gin, not vodka, and absolutely no sweet stuff.

You will be cooking your own food, but have no fear. The staff will give you all the advice you need to grill with confidence.

Besides sirloins, filet mignon, and ribeyes, Turf Supper Club offers chicken, kebobs, burgers, salmon, and vegetarian options. All entrées come with a big slab of bread that doubles as a steak timer.

My technique? I order a 16-ounce ribeye, slap it onto the hottest part of the grill for two minutes, flip it, give it another minute and a half, and then move it to a cooler spot while I grill the bread. By the time the bread is golden brown on both sides, my steak is rested and perfectly medium rare.

Favorite Burger — Soda and Swine

2943 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-269-7632

I'm going to anger the purists, but Soda and Swine's meatball sandwiches are my new fave when it comes to burgers. Yes, I know, a real burger isn't just any old meat slapped in a bun, but you're going to have to indulge me on this one.

Start by choosing your meatball — smoked pork, chipotle and pepper jack, chorizo and mozzarella, beef with marinara, chicken, mushroom cream and provolone, or quinoa, pesto, and feta. Tiny appetites and those with empty wallets will be happy with the one meatball slider at only $3. For heartier cravings, a two or three meatball sub will satisfy, while the famished can get three juicy globes atop spaghetti, sauce, and cheese.

The sliders come on a tasty, chewy Sadie Rose pretzel roll, melty cheese oozing out. Messy and delicious. My favorite sides are the hand cut, twice-cooked fries, screaming hot and salty, the fresh manchego cheese, celery, apple, and hazelnut salad, or the crispy polenta under creamy burrata and sharp arrabiata sauce, but I've also got my eye on the Scotch egg for my next visit.

Favorite Happy Hour — Seasons 52

4505 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite C-1, University City, 858-450-1252

Arrive before 6:00 pm, and for a mere $15, you can enjoy a taste of three Remarkable Reds or Spectacular Whites, chosen by their master sommelier, followed by a full pour of your favorite, and a flatbread pizza. If you have another fiver to spare, the Acclaimed Tasting features three reds that are rated 90 points or higher by the posh wine magazines.

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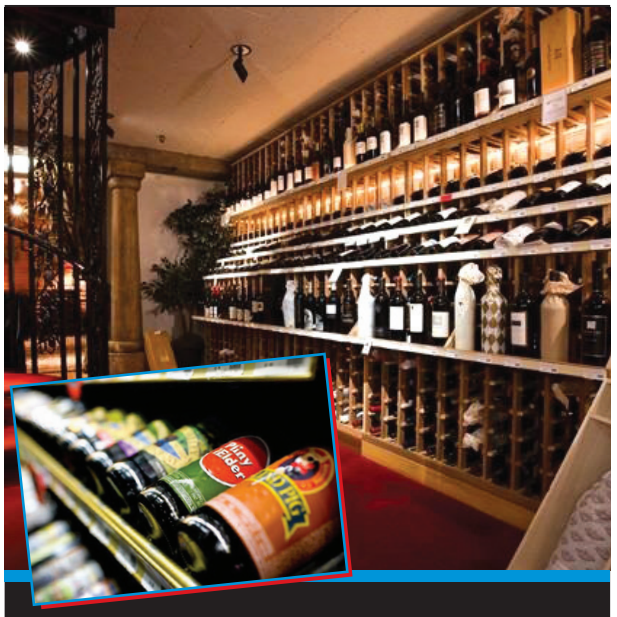

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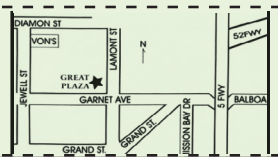

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Those who still have room for dinner will find some innovative selections. You rarely see turkey on a menu unless it's Thanksgiving, or in sandwiches, but here the chef pairs Plainville Farm turkey skewers with grilled vegetable and farro Hoppin' John and a zinfandel glaze. Other standout dishes are mesquite-grilled shrimp on saffron-chorizo risotto, broccolini and tomato broth, and a more classic grilled Kona-crusted lamb chop with Yukon gold mashers, roasted asparagus, and a gilding of 15-year aged balsamic.

Favorite Dessert — Extraordinary Desserts

2929 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132, and 1430 Union Street, Little Italy, 619-294-7001

Extraordinary Desserts is definitely not one of those places that uses frills and fancies as a façade for sawdust dry cake, greasy icing, under-ripe fruit, or raw pastry dough. Underneath the flowers, gold leaf, sprinkley toppings, and streusel are all the things that make dessert lovers swoon — perfectly ripe fruit baked to juicy goodness; buttery, flaky, puffy pastry; moist, tender cakes; dark, devilish chocolate; and rich creamy frostings and fillings. Butter, sugar, and rich cream are the order of the day, as it should be with indulgences such as these.

You can't go wrong with the classics, like coconut cupcakes or tangy lemon bars, but if you're feeling adventurous, try the lavender shortbread or a lemon apple Brie scone. A simple espresso or a cup of tea make wonderful accompaniments.

Favorite Vegetarian — Café 21

2736 Adams Avenue , University Heights, 619-640-2121, and 750 5th Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-795-0721

Café 21 isn't actually a vegetarian restaurant, but it does meatless so well. The American-Azerbaijani fusion menu marries local, organic ingredients with homey, comforting flavors and warm Middle Eastern spices.

Salad lovers will be delighted with the gorgeous signature strawberry salad, pistachios and goat cheese tossed with crisp greens and a light raspberry vinaigrette that balances nicely between sweet and tangy. Or choose lightly roasted grapes, sliced almonds, and goat cheese piled on fresh baby lettuces, napped with honey balsamic vinaigrette.

My Polish grandmother would have loved the pierogi; cabbage, fruit, or potato fillings lovingly encased in slightly chewy but tender dough, boiled, then sautéed in butter and onions. The Cristo crepes, — chicken, mozzarella, and apricot jelly rolled in thin pancakes — are a savory-sweet combo that's large enough to share.

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Favorite Sandwich — Cali Baguette Express

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On those days when I just can't decide what I want to eat, I could swear my car goes on autopilot and heads to Cali Baguette Express in Kearny Mesa for banh mi. Something about my favorite combination of grilled pork, pickled daikon, jalapeño, cilantro, and shredded carrots piled on a skinny baguette satisfies even my most ambivalent mood. I don't know if it's the freshness of the bread, baked in house, the pleasant char on the meat, or the tang and crunch of the pickles and peppers, but Cali Baguette has it all over the more expensive and popular shops that line Convoy.

Favorite Fish Taco — Oscar's Mexican Seafood

703 Turquoise Street, Bird Rock, 858-488-6392

5060 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 858-603-8123

746 Emerald Street, Pacific Beach, 858-886-7367

Fish tacos are as ubiquitous as sailors in San Diego, so why does Oscar's Mexican Seafood stand out?

Fresh fish, of course. Good prices and service, check. Variety, also check. Do this all day, every day and with a little luck, you might just be successful.

Now consider that in just over a year, Oscar's has expanded from one tiny storefront on Turquoise Street to three locations and still manages to be the #1 ranked restaurant in San Diego on a notoriously fickle social media site. That's #1. Out of every other restaurant. In all of San Diego.

A regular fish taco goes for $2.50, but cash-strapped surfer dudes and dudettes can take advantage of their Monday–Thursday happy hour special when the price drops to .99 for one regular fish or a free regular fish taco with any other order. I don't even know how they do it at those prices.

There's almost always a line out the door, but service is fast and friendly.

Favorite Breakfast — Snooze, an AM Eatery

3940 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-500-3344

I adore the Jetson's retro vibe, the bright, airy atmosphere, and the slightly hipster feel. Snooze's house coffee is grown for them in Guatemala. On the stronger side, mimosas, bloodys, and orange juice cocktails rule. Beer is super local, coming from within a five-mile radius. Try a Bugs Bloody, the house Mary with a shot of Odwalla carrot juice.

My favorite plate is the breakfast pot pie; a big puff of savory pastry smothered in rosemary sausage gravy, topped by an egg any style. I heartily recommend sunny side up. But then, there's egg-topped corned beef hash and toast, too. Sigh.

Pineapple upside-down pancakes are delightful, tangy-sweet caramelized pineapple cozies up to vanilla crème anglaise and cinnamon butter. The OMG French toast feautures fresh brioche stuffed with mascarpone and topped with vanilla crème, salted caramel, agave-soaked strawberries, and toasted coconut.

ED BEDFORD

The Bedford files

Boy, so many good places to choose from, from O'side to the Other Side of the line. The major discovery for me has been the incredible bargains you can get in the exploding world of Happy Hour. From Bertrand at Mr. A's to the Plaza Bar at the Westgate Hotel; get there at the right

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time, and you'll come out under a Hamilton poorer, but pampered, fed, spoiled like a rich guy.

The other thing that's popping right now is TJ. Eateries that go into foods from Aztec and Mayan times, combining with Spanish and Chinese influences — and beer and wine that's actually made right on the Baja spot — take the idea of locovore to new heights. From that first snail pizza I had at El Taller near the bullring, I knew Tijuana was in a state of, well, ferment.

Cervezas Mamut

Pasaje Rodríguez #29, Zona Centro, Tijuana, 011-52-664-685-0137

This little jewel — okay, still a rough diamond — in Pasaje Rodríguez off Revolución in Tijuana has cheap food, yes, beer brewed right here under the stairs, but above all, atmosphere. Poets come and bleed beautifully, singers too. You just sit at a clump of tables in this long commercial passage and try to keep up with, well, basically Mexican culture *en vivo* before your very eyes. Mario Cano does good chicken breast and *papas*, and Juan José Quesada is right there making his beer. Soon he'll be making wine, too, he says. But that's it. The whole place is in ferment. Think Paris, Piaf, back in the day.

Plaza Bar

1055 Second Avenue, Downtown San Diego, 619-238-1818

All praise to Happy Hour and Richard Nixon! Happy Hour lets you in to this 18th-century tapestry-covered palace they say was built to accommodate the hoped-for Republican Convention of 1972. It's the Plaza Bar at the Westgate Hotel. The place is all chandeliers and grand pianos and marble tables. The HH deal? Seven, seven, seven: $7 cocktails, $7 appetizers, 7 days a week. And the food choices are good. Like, when I was in, they had satays with peanut sauce (you got beef, shrimp, chicken sticks), three sirloin sliders, dim sum, a California cheese platter, or a "Spanish platter" (serrano ham, cured pork loin, chorizo sarta, Pamplona morcilla sausage, and salchicha de vic, maybe 60 pieces of sausage on a thick marble platter), plus hey, a bowl of picholine olives — and for seven buckeroos? All praise to Happy Hours!

It's A Dog's World

619-697-0168

Catch them if you can. Bessie Johnson, the owner, is from the South, so y'all know the cookin's gonna be easy. But "It's a Dog's World" food truck, often at Mission Brewery, 1441 L Street, East Village, goes beyond standard sausage and bun to really original. Like the Thai One on Dog has Thai veggie salad and Sriracha sauce. "Ain't No Shrinking Violet" has sunny-side-up egg, chorizo, spinach, cilantro salad, and manchego cheese inside. "Goofy Foot Dog" has four cheeses with macaroni, queso, and chives. Really, that Goofy Foot is some dog. So much crispy melted cheese you can't see no dawg at first. Plus plenty of salad leaves. Most dogs cost around six bucks. They also do sliders, some with mango and pineapple. The grilled beef, the tangy gouda, and the sweet mango meat make a beautiful little combination of sweet and savory.

Kealani's

137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-942-5642

Kealani is a real person. She's real Hawaiian and a real character. And her restaurant is a real gathering spot for all walks. She cooks a free hot meal for the homeless every Wednesday, and she also closes early for hula classes. She's a dog whisperer.

She also makes great pork adobo — basically pork steeped in a garlic-and-vinegar marinade. And yes, it's Filipino, not

strictly Hawaiian. "But that's what Hawaii is all about," Kealani says. "It's a crossroads."

So is Kealani's. Great dishes include loco moco (two ground-beef burger patties, grilled onions, gravy smothering everything, with two eggs, sunny-side up, on top, and two scoops of rice, and one of macaroni salad), all for under eight bucks. But that's Hawaiian, folks. Over-generous food, way-generous personalities. Won't take no for an answer.

Nate's Garden Grill

3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-546-7700

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Organic? I mean, this is an eatery that hires a full-time gardener to grow its food, right here, plus gals to milk goats. In the middle of town, just south of University. If Nate's has its way, country's coming back to the city.

Bale

6925 Linda Vista Road, Suite B, at Ulric Street, Linda Vista, 858-297-2707

I like going to Bale ("Baa-Lay") Restaurant & Deli, because you learn so much about Vietnamese food and the life behind it. Yes, they have pho beef broth and banh mi French-inspired sandwiches. But I'm hooked on Com Tam, Bale's "broken rice" dish. For $8.99 you get this incredible selection of foods, including barbecue shrimp, barbecue pork, fried egg, shredded pork with peanut crumbles, pork sausage slices, shrimp patty.

And the key is piled under it all: broken rice, part of the Vietnamese soul, they say. Traditionally, it's the broken leftovers of rice that farmers dry in the sun on roads. The poor man's rice. It has a different flavor, a kind of starchiness. "We like it with barbecued pork," says Mr. Tanh. "We are a sentimental people. It reminds us of when times were hard."

Spike Africa's

411 Broadway, at 4th, downtown, 619-795-3800.

It's dedicated to one of the great trading schooner captains of the Pacific. You can pay $25 for a fish dish here, but Spike loved happy hour, and it shows. You sit up to the island bar, near a full-size wooden sculpture of Spike, and check the HH menu, and what deals!

My three faves, after getting the cheapest beer (Bud Light, 20 ounces, $4)? A large mug of clam chowder ($3, and that's a meal, with clams, king crab, scallions, Fanny Bay oysters, celery,

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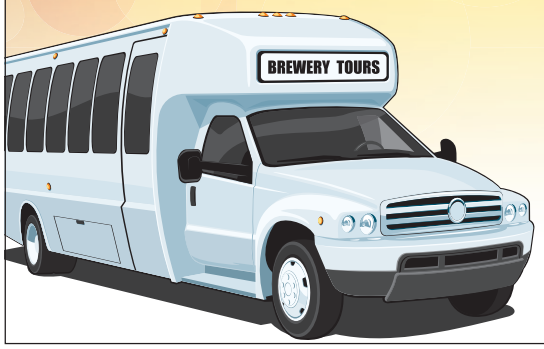

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onion, croutons, and heavy cream). Then a live "buck-a-shuck" oyster ($1). And finally, the dish de résistance: seaside oyster roast, a totally scrumptious "Rockefeller-style" mess of smoked bacon, spinach, parmesan cheese, Fanny Bay oysters, heavy cream, Pernod, that licorice-flavored French liqueur, among other stuff, for $6. You come out ready to set sail.

Red Rooster

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Talk about hole in the wall gang… You'd never find Frank in a thousand years, if you didn't know where to look. His Red Rooster Catfish is just one window slot that looks out onto a field, far from Market Creek Plaza across the Chollas creek footbridge. Yet Frank, from Shreveport Louisiana, is always busy. From his catfish sandwiches to his breaded tilapia with cheesy corn nuggets (both around $5), he is the real thing. And his specialties, catfish (two pieces plus fried tiger shrimp, for $15) and frogs legs (you get three sets plus spicy breaded beans for about $10) are worth every penny. Heck, just shooting the breeze with Frank is worth that. "Okay, kinfolk," he'll say. "What else can I get for you, champion? Pond chicken? (Frog?) Alright! Make that 15 minutes."

KIRK K

All over the map

I'm usually at a loss when asked what the "best restaurant neighborhood" in San Diego is. The truth is, we log in some miles going to our favorite places. South to Chula Vista for Mariscos or National City for Filipino, East to El Cajon for Chaldean or Turkish treats, North to Rancho Peñasquitos for Thai, up to Mira Mesa or over to City Heights for Pho. The effort and cost is worth it to us as we get to enjoy the diversity of cuisine that our home offers. The Missus once saw a bumper sticker that read "Will travel for food," which I've been searching for ever since.

Sushi Tadokoro

2244 San Diego Ave, 619-297-0298, Old Town

The understated, clean, "austere-zen" décor reflects the sensibilities of the Itamae and owner Take-san, who uses classic Edomae-zushi, what we call nigiri sushi as a base from which his creations expand.

Take-san seems to remember every dish that was ever served to us, our preferences, and designs a perfect meal for that season, day, and weather. He knows the Missus loves his Ankimo; seasoned and steamed monkfish liver, much like a pate. And that we really enjoy shiromi, "white flesh fishes," often "painted" with nikiri, his personal soy sauce blend. We will often be lucky enough to have engawa, the collagen-rich, slightly sweet, dorsal fin muscle of the halibut, or *mebachi-zuke*, Bigeye Tuna quickly marinated in a soy sauce mixture.

Make a reservation for early in the evening, before the place gets busy. Ask to sit in front of Take-san. Sit back and leave yourself in his hands.

Sultan Kebab & Baklava

131 Jamacha Road, 619-440-1901, El Cajon

Our favorite strategy at Sultan is to get a variety of *meze* (small dishes), such as *saksuka*, a tomato, roasted potato, onion, and eggplant; *antepezme*, a mildly spicy red pepper and tomato spread; and *patlican salatasi*, which most will know as baba ghanoush. Served with warm lavas, it's a wonderful start. The Missus will usually get a *lahmacun*, a flatbread topped with a spiced mixed meat, and I will either go with the mildly spicy Adana kebab, or the mixed grill, Karisik Izgara, a carnivore's delight with lamb, chicken, and the beef urfa kebab. Served with rice, *coban salatasi* (Shepherd's Salad), and tabuli salata, it's usually enough for the both of us.

Kirk K. says, "I add some nice fatty *buta kakuni*, simmered pork belly, to my bowl" at Ramen Yamadaya.

The owner is a very nice gentleman, who you might recognize from Sunday's Hillcrest Farmers' Market, where he mans a kebab stall. The service is very mom-and-pop and casual. You may have to wait a bit for your food, but I doubt you'll leave hungry.

The Original Sab E Lee

13223-2 Black Mountain Road, 858-780-0022, Rancho Peñasquitos, and 2405 Ulric Street, 858-650-6868, Linda Vista

We call Sab E Lee the "game changer" in our household. When the little shop opened in the summer of 2008, things changed. We suddenly had spicy Issan Thai food like what is served, well, in Thailand. Imagine that! Before then, it was basically the same Bangkok-based, "Royal Thai" style dishes, much of it dumbed down, that was served everywhere.

Our favorites haven't wavered over the past five years. We love the Grilled Dark Larb, Bamboo Shoot Salad, Nam Tok, and our usual choice, the Spicy Raw Beef salad — finely diced raw beef coated with nutty toasted sticky rice powder, topped with pungent raw garlic, which heightens the spice. Yes, at a heat level 7 it is quite potent, but it is also quite refreshing as well. The pungent fragrance of the salted (preserved) fish fried rice might put off some, but it is a wonderful savory carb-fest. The Issan Sausage when eaten with the provided herbs, chilies, and cabbage becomes a nice start to a meal.

Ramen Yamadaya

4706 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-483-3431, Clairemont

Ramen Yamadaya is a chain that was established in Torrance in 2010. In July of 2012, they opened a shop in a strip mall on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. The ramen served here is the style of Hakata, a district of Fukuoka. The

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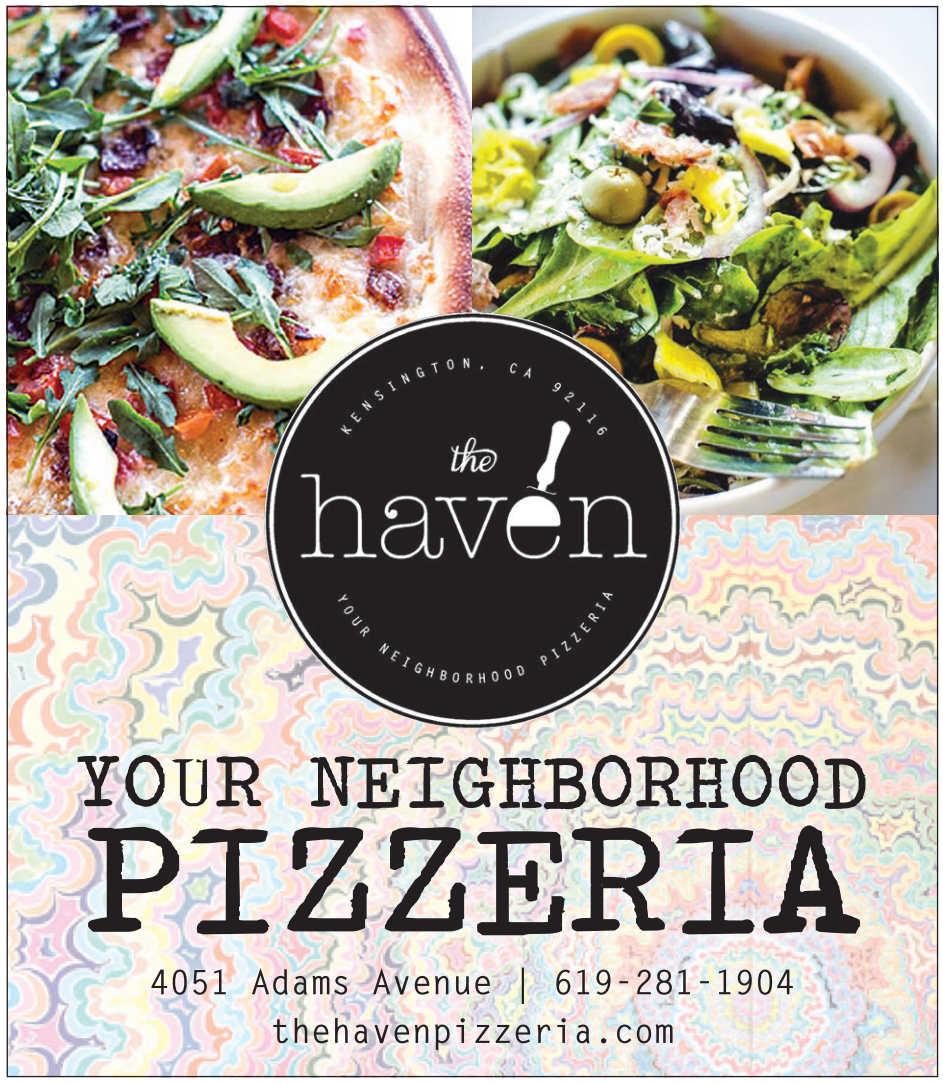

soup is the rapidly boiled, slowly reduced, white and thick, tonkotsu broth and the noodles are the straight and thin type, a hallmark of Hakata-men. I always order my ramen one way here. Even though Yamadaya claims to use 120 pounds of pork bones to make a single pot of broth, I still find it a bit thin. Luckily, you can order a "kotteri" (extra rich) bowl. I add some nice fatty *buta kakuni*, simmered pork belly, to my bowl, and finally ask for the usually overcooked noodles extra firm. The end result is a tongue-coating broth that isn't too salty, rich, fatty pork belly, and noodles, usually too soft for our taste, but acceptable.

Santouka Ramen

4240 Kearny Mesa Road, 858-974-1101, Kearny Mesa

Santouka, the chain from Asahikawa, "the coldest city in Japan," has made its home in the Mitsuwa Marketplace Food Court since 2008. The broth here is also the rich, milky *tonkotsu*-style soup, which also tends to be on the more salty side. Like Yamadaya, I order my ramen one way only here, it's the *shio* (salt) seasoned broth, which is also the least salty. The proprietary noodles at Santouka are curly, with a nice chew, holding well to the broth. I get my bowl *tokusen toroniku*, with a plate of all the garnishes and toppings on the side and, most importantly, with *toroniku*, braised pork jowls, full of soy-swiney goodness.

Pho Lucky

9326 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-586-7979

On the East side of Black Mountain Road, attached to Lucky Seafood Supermarket is Pho Lucky. Here it's all about the broth for me; on the best days it's a light brown in color, hints of anise and clove rise from the bowl, and dots of oil are spread all along the surface of the soup. You'll catch a touch of sweetness from the scalded onions along with a decent mild beef flavor. My favorites among the protein choices are the brisket and beef tendon. In fact, Pho Lucky makes my favorite version of Bo Kho (Vietnamese style Beef Stew) in San Diego, which is full of wonderful beef tendon.

Pho Cow Cali Express

9170 Mira Mesa Boulevard, 858-271-8341, Mira Mesa

Right across the street is Pho Cow Cali. Here it is all about the meat for me. The tougher cuts like flank and brisket are usually well-flavored if a bit chewy. The tripe here is usually prepared well, crunchy, without the off taste of an ill-prepared version. They have recently started offering a filet version of pho, with beef tenderloin as the only protein. If you do order that, make sure to get the meat on the side, so you can control how long the protein is swimming in the soup. The broth here is lighter than Lucky's version, without the strong anise tones, but still has enough of a beef flavor to please.

Grandma Tofu House and Korean BBQ

4425 Convoy Street, 858-277-2220, Kearny Mesa

In spite of the name, we don't visit "Grandma's" on Convoy for the various *soondubu* (tofu stew), nor the Korean BBQ, which is passable at best.

For us, there's a short list of dishes we enjoy here. *"Hal-muh-nee,"* grandmother in Korean, does a nice Dolsot Bi Bim Bap, the ubiquitous stone bowl rice dish. The key is to not mess about with your rice until it forms a nice rice crust. Then you can go for it. Add in some sweet-tangy-spicy *cho-kochujang* and enjoy. On special occasions we'll order the *jokbal bossam*, steamed pork belly and simmered pig's feet served with *ssamjang* (seasoned bean paste), daikon radish and oyster kimchi, raw garlic,and chopped Serrano peppers, all to be wrapped up in napa cabbage leaves and devoured. During the winter the Missus craves the *seolleontang*, belly-coating beef bone soup, which you season yourself with sea salt. Most of the entrées come with stone bowl rice. You are also provided with a carafe of water. After consuming most of the

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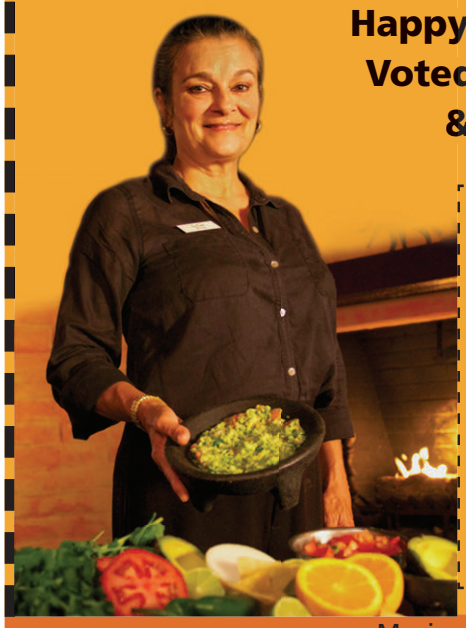

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rice, you'll be left with the bits stuck onto the bowl. You drizzle as much, or as little of the water over the rice, loosening it from the bowl. Some folks add a good amount of water, creating a version of scorched rice porridge. I just pour enough to loosen the crispy, nutty, rice crust from the bowl, creating a crunchy treat. They call this *nurungji*; its good stuff.

Crab Hut

1007 Fifth Avenue, 619-234-0628, Gaslamp

About every month or so, my friends and I try to get together for happy hour. We usually get the weekend started at Crab Hut on Fifth avenue.

So why Crab Hut? Some of it has to do with familiarity. Most of the folks working there have been doing so for a good long time. We know them by name; Wilson, Mai, Khanh, Vinh, and Christine immediately come to mind. The benefit of low turnover becomes apparent when you inquire about what is available on any given day; is the shrimp today from Ecuador or Peru? Crawfish, from Louisiana or Sacramento? What varieties of Carlsbad Aquafarms oysters do you have today?

The menu is full of Cajun-inspired seafood fare, but for happy hour, I just get my fix of oysters and chicken wings; "naked," sauce on the side. Usually washed down with a couple of pints of local craft beer. Simple, but just the thing I usually need after a tough week.

BARBARELLA

Where the Diva eats

I have more restaurants in my repertoire than a jukebox has records, and I love to go on new foodie adventures. But despite the myriad options at my disposal with the extensive selection of restaurants in San Diego county, there's just something about the following that keep me going back, again and again. If you're going to find my number-one food companion (my husband, David) and me out and about, chances are it'll be at one of these joints. These are my top ten haunts, in the order of the time of day you're likely to find me there.

Our hard-working diva Barbarella likes to unwind with her "favorite margarita in the world" near the waterfall at Hacienda de Vega.

Bread & Cie

350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-459-9239

Because it's just up the hill from our home, all the people who work there are always smiling, and it's the closest thing we have to a European-style bakery in our hood, Bread & Cie is our go-to for grabbing a quick, yet relaxing breakfast. David tends toward the quiches, ordering a tall pie-slice of either the ham and cheese or spinach and feta quiche. My dad and sister Jane tend to meet up with us here when they can. Without fail, Jane orders the cheese plate (she offers up her French bread and grapes to the table, and sometimes even allows us a smear of the apple/walnut/onion brie that is central to the dish). My preference is for the breakfast sandwiches, either Croque Americaine or the Artichoke Frittata Panini.

Emerald Restaurant

3709 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888

Around 11 a.m. on a Saturday morning is my ideal arrival time. Sundays are too insane, and that's about the time that more variety starts flowing from the kitchen. Shrimp dumplings are a must on my table, as are the soy sauce noodles; I also have an affinity for the sweet-savoriness of what we call

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"footballs," but are actually deep fried, sweet and chewy rice dumplings filled with chopped pork and veggies. A brunch with jasmine tea and shrimp shumai shared with friends is a great way to start a weekend. We're delighted when friends are available to join us last minute when the dim sum urge suddenly strikes, but we have no problem doing dim sum for two.

Tofu House

4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa
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Though I fancy several spots along Convoy (including but not limited to Tajima, which still has my vote for best ramen in town), chances are if I'm hitting the 163 North, I'm heading for a hot pot of spicy boiling tofu with banchan — tasty Korean food fixin's such as spicy cucumber and odaeng (sweet fishcake, which cuts the heat from 3-pepper level broth). It's cheap, it's delicious, and it's easy, if you get there early enough. I shoot for 11 to 11:30 — after that the lunch rush and that poorly designed parking lot gets a little too "I might have to kill someone" annoying.

The Prado at Balboa Park

1549 El Prado, Balboa Park,
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There is certainly something magical about the Prado at dusk, when the lights on the patio start to flicker and the air begins to cool, but if you find us here, it's likely for a relaxing midday break. Any excuse to walk through the park, smell the flowers, and stroll by the lily pad pond is one I'll take, but the best visits include lunch at the Prado. For me, that means a glass of rosé, and the Farmer's Mix salad with grilled chicken. If we're extra hungry, David and I will share the spicy calamari fries, or begin with a bowl of soup (my man prefers black bean, but my favorite is the tortilla chicken soup). Usually the adventurous one, David steps out of character here and remains consistent by always ordering the pressed arugula salad (strawberries, candied walnuts, asiago in sherry-shallot vinaigrette) with added skirt steak.

Hacienda de Vega

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Ah, for the true escape. David and I call this historical house-turned restaurant our "oasis." A waterfall off the rooftop falls into a shallow pool surrounded by flowers, and it is along its edge that we are usually seated. When we have a particularly hard morning and find we don't get a break for lunch until 3 or 4 p.m., we head north to unwind with a Hacienda Margarita, which happens to be my favorite margarita in the world, no exaggeration. This place also boasts the best fajitas I've tasted, with choice of seasoned grilled meats, and unique specialties such as the Sabana Invierno (thinly sliced beef tenderloin grilled and smothered in refried beans and Manchego cheese). I have never walked away without feeling relaxed, refreshed, and satiated.

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People think because it's a bar, it's just about the drinks, but they're wrong. Sure, Small Bar serves a mean barrel-aged Manhattan, but when we head to the tiny communal table-filled joint, we're thinking food. The fried pickles are made in-house, and are perfectly crispy. Great for snacking on, but when I want more of a meal, I order the street tacos (firecracker carne asada with a cooling slice of avocado and a bit of cotija) or chicken sliders (three different speeds: tangy, sweet BBQ, bacon jam with ranch, and Coke & Guinness BBQ with red onions). Everything I've tasted from the menu has featured fresh ingredients and been downright delicious, which makes Small Bar a great grub hub.

Cucina Urbana

505 Laurel Street, Banker's Hill,
619-239-2222

A great spot for business lunches, mostly because you can actually walk in and get a table, but it's also perfect for winding down casual country Italian style, with a bottle of red, a salad, and gourmet pizza. Sometimes I veer from my usual (fig and gorgonzola pizza with caramelized onions, candied pecan, arugula and syrupy aged balsamic) and opt for the frequently changing but always solid fish dish. Chef Joe makes a lovely limoncello beurre blanc, which he once served on pasta with wild mushrooms. I was disappointed to see that item disappear from the menu, but when you keep it seasonal, things change, and for each lost favorite, there's always an exciting new one to discover.

Wine Vault & Bistro

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the ridiculously low cost of $20 for three courses (with an additional, and also very reasonable $15 for wine pairings). It's tricky to know when to go, they've got somewhat wonky hours, but for first timers, I suggest making reservations in advance for a Thursday or Friday night for the 3-course, and even further in advance for one of the special 5-course tasting menus on Saturdays.

Tractor Room

3687 5th Avenue, Hillcrest,
619-543-1007

Just like its sister restaurant across the street (Hash House), the food at Tractor Room is BIG, both in flavor and portion size. The upside is all the leftovers we end up taking home to enjoy the next day. I find myself going back time and again for a few of my favorite appetizers, which work well as meals. The crispy elk sausage ravioli in a demi glace cream is rich in a foodgasm sort of way. The warm wild boar and mashed potato spring rolls with spicy peanut sauce are served on a pile of contrastingly cool greens. The baby bibb salad is great to share, and the burgers are served with addictive criss cross fries. I wouldn't know about the desserts, I've never made it that far — but the skillet cornbread (which arrives on every table) is sweet enough to hit that spot.

Starlite

3175 India Street, Midtown,
619-358-9766

If I had to choose only one haunt, it would be Starlite. Partly because I can walk there from (and more importantly back to, heh heh) my place, but mostly because of their consistently great menu, which includes my favorite burger in town (Brandt beef, gruyere cheese, and caramelized onions on a brioche bun). The vegetarian entrée changes frequently, and each seasonally informed iteration is so full of complex flavors that even us meat-eaters don't feel there's anything missing. Tapas Tuesdays are great for tasting an array of small plates, and every week they're different but always tasty, and made from mostly locally sourced, high quality ingredients. Of course, no meal of mine at Starlite is complete without a Holly Golightly, which is basically a Manhattan with a dash of maple liqueur.

CHAD DEAL

Baja makes me hungry

Tijuana and nearby cities to the south have become famous in the past few years for their locally sourced Baja Med cuisine. The fusion fare of traditional Mexican dishes with Asian and Mediterranean influences highlights Ensenada's bounty of fresh seafood and Real de Castillo's fine cheeses, which are served up with regional gourmet greens and then paired with Valle de Guadalupe's award-winning wines and Baja's craft beers.

Any number of blogs can guide you to the concept eateries pioneered by chefs such as Javier Plascencia and Miguel Angel Guerrero, so instead, I turned to locals for advice. After many a city-wide jaunt and a fair amount of lurking on the over 11,660-member strong Facebook group Tijuana Makes Me Hungry, I arrived at ten spots ranging from a hole-in-the-wall burger joint to a European-style basement bistro to a semi-secret sushi loft. If that doesn't get your belly grumbling, consider: the recent addition of a pedestrian Ready Lane has reduced two- or three-hour border waits to an appetizing two or three minutes for passport cardholders, making evening jaunts to Baja feasible for the first time in over a decade. Provecho!

Molino Cocina a la Leña & Cava

Avenida Paseo Ensenada #121, local 24, Del Mar Plaza, Playas de Tijuana, 01-664-378-0808

The first impression that hits is the aroma of pine logs cooking flatbread in the oven. An appetizer of fresh bread soon arrives at the table garnished with olive oil, rosemary, and sea salt along with ramekins of creamy jalapeno sauce, piquant habanero, and balsamic/olive oil/herbs. Order a more-than-decent bottle of house wine ($13) or sample some of the Valley's finest vintages for up to $72. Whet your appetite with, say, a plate of champiñónes rellenos ($5) — mushroom caps stuffed with bleu cheese

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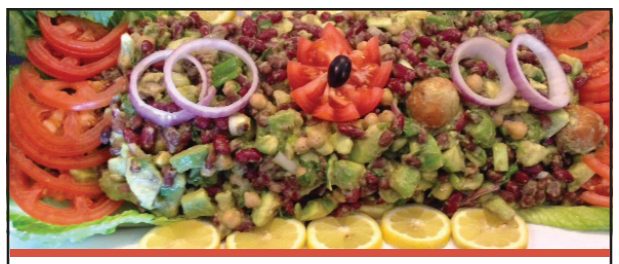
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and garnished with diced bell peppers on a sweet Catalina and parsley sauce. Then move on to a main course of wood-fired pizza ($10) topped with Baja smoked oysters, savory huitlacoche, or traditional arrachera flank steak. The combination restaurant, gourmet deli, and bottle shop is Chef Ricardo Corona's maiden endeavor, and it's among the best introductions to Baja Med fare that you'll find for the price.

Hunab Ku Tacos de Mariscos a las Brasas

Avenida Paseo Ensenada #2098, Playas de Tijuana, 01-664-609-9551

Opened last November as an extension of the celebrated Tacos Kokopelli, the place changed names in January and expanded on the menu available at Kokopelli's street cart (Zona Centro) and Food Garden (Zona Rio) locations. The open-air restaurant oozes an easy-going, eco-hip vibe via abounding shrubbery (an entire tree plays centerpiece), Mason-jar chandeliers, and a hand-drawn sign reading: "Bikes, pets, and all humans welcome." The fresh, inventive energy is reflected in Hunab Ku's cuisine, which combines a regional taste for seafood tacos with a stonerly appetite for sauce and garnish. Take, for example, the Garcés ($2.70) — smoked salmon on a bed of sweet potato with red wine onions and goat cream cheese. Or the Malacostra — a güerito pepper stuffed with marlin, covered in fried cheese, and topped with chipotle sauce. Seriously. Throw in an artisanal brew from Tijuana's Insurgentes or Mexicali's Cucapá and you'll never want to go home.

La Choza Maya

Avenida Paseo Ensenada #1584, Playas de Tijuana, no phone number listed

Rosarito-style perrones (a la Tacos el Yaqui and El Gerente) take center stage at this beach town taco hut. Cuts of sinewy arrachera (abdominal beef steak) are grilled to medium-rare over live oak for about seven minutes and then stewed until tender. The classic Taco Perron ($2.70) sees the now-succulent bovine served on a flour tortilla with guacamole, onion, cilantro, whole beans, melted Monterrey cheese, and a splash of salsa. That's it. More on the health-conscious tip, the Taco Integral ($2.70) gives nods to Argentinian gastronomy by presenting arrachera in a bed of organic spring mix and pan-fried panela cheese garnished with fresh chimichurri on a wheat tortilla. But the secret star of La Choza Maya is the Taco Mayo ($3.40) — infinitely juicy cubes of chicken breast and marinated Portobellos sprinkled in fine herbs, doused with habanero sauce, and smothered in grated cheese. You've never tasted cluck like this.

Bodega Sushi Loft

Avenida Guanajuato #2730, Colonia Cacho, Tijuana, 01-664-200-2332

Located on the ritzy but hip avenues of "La Cacho," Bodega isn't exactly hidden, but you have to look for it. Find their logo on a pea-green warehouse, then follow the stairs around the side. The concept is classy and considered, with an emphasis on presentation and unique flavor profiles, but the atmosphere is conversational. Rolls start at around $10, and you should expect to pay about $30 per person with drinks. The Hamachi ($14) seduces the senses with a plume of savory-scented oils poured boiling hot right at your table. The Atún Jardinera ($12.50) highlights the whole tuna delivered regularly from Ensenada. Wrapped in prosciutto and then seared, the raw fish is infused with bacon-y savor (think pork belly of the sea). Dessert? How about tempura-ed Mexican Twinkies and Ding Dongs served with ice cream — an homage, owner Gabriel Duarte says, to the fried sweets of the Del Mar Fair.

Scrumptious nuptials

"Americans munch 10 billion of these a year...the size of the donut hole changes with the economy."

TIN FORK

ED BEDFORD

I've been hearing about this marriage for three months now.

The marriage of the donut and the croissant, that is. Happened back in May. By a Frenchman living in New York, natch. Dominique Ansel. Feathery croissant dough folded back and forth in layers and shaped like a donut. They say it's a sensation there, with lines forming outside every morning, starting at six o'clock.

Then they also put on all the crazy things people do put on donuts, like glazes and maple, and whipped cream, and bacon, even a splash of likker.

Man, I'm shivering at the thought. Because, yes, I'm a fan of that super-flaky croissant dough — I never really have gone for the cakey dough you get in donuts. I'll put up with it to get that buzz from the icing, but love? No.

Carla, on the other hand, never met a donut she didn't adore. Irreconcilable differences!

But now comes hope: the Cronut. Best of both worlds. Could save the marriage.

Which is why I'm down here tramping along B Street at around 5:00 in the afternoon, looking for this new donut place I keep hearing about.

"Donut Bar."

Supposed to have gourmet donuts…and thar she blows just past Sixth Avenue, gold lettering on the window and a chalk-written list of the day's flavors on a sandwich-board menu at the entrance.

Except…there's a hand-painted sign scrawled in whitewash across the window glass. That one stops me in my tracks.

"Sold Out."

Dang!

I've heard that this little biz turns into the running of the bulls every morning, when the owner Santiago Campa opens his doors at 7:00. He sells *gourmet* donuts, the kind you happily pay three bucks for because they're handmade, twice the standard size, and often loaded with, like, Jim Beam Whisky or real cinnamon, or they're Vermont maple-syrup donuts wrapped in bacon, or donuts tossed in genuine Saigon cinnamon. Donuts might be a kind of a no-no healthwise, but when these guys popped up and said to the passing public, "You deserve to indulge yourself a little," it struck a note.

Guess I'll have to come earlier. According to the guy inside, Nik, they're often run out by 10:00 in the morning. "It's been like this ever since we opened at the end of March," he says.

So next morning here I am again, this time right around 10:00 a.m. Crack o' dawn for me. B Street is fresh and buzzing with junior office staff out on errands for their bosses. And, yes, this time Donut Bar has donuts left. Don't see no Cronuts, though. Emily, one of the bakers, is bringing out a rack of bright-red-topped donuts. Huge. Looks like there's bright-green chunks of moon rock scattered across the raspberry glaze. Actual pistachios. "We call this Raspberry Pistachios," she says. Then she disappears into the back and returns with a rack of "Coconut Dreams."

Better act quick. I get that raspberry pistachio and the coconut dream. Three bucks each. Oh, and I see Vermont maple bars are going for a dollar. I get one of those, too. Plus one "buck-a-cup" coffee. Good price, and really good cawfee.

Problem is, there's no real place to sit down. It's pretty small in here. The counter and displays and ovens take up most of the room.

"Why don't you bring it upstairs?" says this guy. Turns out to be the owner, Santiago. "I've created a lounge up there. Comfy chairs, Wi-Fi, view of B Street, swing tables for your laptop. It's a great working space."

I go on up. Sink into a beautiful deep leather chair by the windows. Have to google "donut" on ye trusty iPad, because suddenly I want to find out about what I'm eating before I eat it. I mean, I get the "dough" part, but why "nut?" And why the hole?

Now I remember a stat a guy told me months ago down in that other donut Mecca, Stardust in I.B. Scott. He was a snowbird. "Americans munch 10 billion of these every year," he said. "And the size of the donut hole changes with the economy."

Santiago Campa outside the shop with a tray of raspberry-pistachio donuts

Javier Jiménez preps CroBars for overnight baking

Like, the bigger the hole in the economy, the bigger the hole in your donut.

Uh, let's give that idea a maybe.

His theory about how the hole happened in the first place? "It was a New England sea captain…"

Afterward, I checked out what he told me. Seems a Captain Hanson Crockett Gregory, around 1847, had a mom who made him up a package of big fat *olykoeks* — the Dutch pilgrims' "oily cakes" — to last the voyage on his sailing ship. Only trouble was, he couldn't steer and hold his oily cake at the same time. So he impaled it on one of the spokes of the steering wheel, and presto!, he had himself an instant donut-holder. He told the ship's cook to make them with holes from then on.

I like the story, but I have my doubts. There's another, likelier motivation for the hole: it helps the dough cook evenly all the way through. And the nut? That's just the chopped-out hole of dough that also gets fried.

So I'm reading and chewing and slurping, loving the pistachio donut, although it's the coconut one that wins the day. Strips of coconut flesh give it a kick of authenticity — this is *real* coconut, not just flavoring.

And the maple bar? I'll take that home.

Santiago comes upstairs to check on his customers. Says he's here till midnight most days with the baking crew, and back by 5:00 in the morning. "Not for wimps," he says. But he loves it that this is his ship. He used to work for big hospitality outfits, like Four Seasons Hotels.

Have to ask: Do people object to paying $3 for a donut?

"They cost $3 because they're big, 3½ inches," he says. "And all the ingredients are high end. The maple-syrup donut wrapped in bacon? We don't use animal fat or beef lard. We sell only what we can make here. That's 2000 a day, max. Krispy Kreme does ten times that. That's why we have to stop when we run out."

Santiago says he's always here when the night shift ends and the day crew arrives. "We line the entrance as the night crew leaves, clap and cheer them all the way out. Because they're the unsung heroes."

And the Cronut? Next time I pass Donut Bar, it's late afternoon — I'm heading for the Fifth Avenue trolley station — and I see this guy inside cutting circles out of square chunks of dough on the flour-dusted counter behind the display cabinets. Have to ask what he's doing. Turns out he's from 7th Café, around the corner. Javier Jiménez. "Santiago and I are working together on this," he says. "It's our version of the Cronut. We're calling it the CroBar. The pastry's got eight folds in it, to make it feathery like a croissant. It's taken a lot to get it right."

They only make them when they have time. Then they bake them overnight. In the morning, the CroBars are usually the first to go.

Promised one of those suckers for Carla. Means I'm going to have to get up even earlier. Sigh. The things you do for love. ■

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the inside track

Indie takes a hit. "Yeah, turnout was our lowest in a few years, actually," Alicia Champion reports to the *Reader* via email. Champion is the executive producer of the San Diego IndieFest. In 2010, IndieFest peaked in North Park, where security had to turn away nearly 1000 fans, by some estimates. The festival moved to a larger space at Liberty Station in Point Loma. But this year, a visitor couldn't help but notice that crowds were thinner.

IndieFest producer Alicia Champion says, "We think we can bounce back" from this year's low turnout.

"I think a few things came into play, particularly moving the event to August this year. There's just so much going on in the San Diego summertime, that it's hard for a community event like IndieFest to compete with longstanding large-scale venues like Del Mar, for example."

IndieFest started in 2004. "The first event was at the Abbey in Banker's Hill. It drew about 500. Until this last year, we were pulling an average of about 4000 fans...and probably more in 2010 because so many were turned away." Champion breaks down Fest attendance by pointing out that there is a split between free admissions and hard ticket sales, such that in the final analysis, actual crowd numbers are estimated by the San Diego Police Department.

"I don't know that I'd call [this year's low attendance] so much a fluke, because in retrospect, I understand why certain things took place. Danielle [LoPresti, Champion's partner] and I weren't nearly as present as we've been in the past. We had to hire outside contractors to do a lot of what we normally handled ourselves, and the move from March to August clearly increased competition."

One wonders also if the future of live music is headed toward the YouTube graveyard or live streaming from clubs directly to iPads and iPhones. Are music fans just not leaving home?

"People are definitely leaving their homes for live music, but it is right to acknowledge the curveball that live streaming represents. I certainly don't have the answer to what the future holds, but I think that people will always treasure the experience of live music and that it will always have a market, however evolving it may be."

For Champion, what's the biggest lesson learned from this year's event?

"That producing IndieFest and fighting cancer in our home simultaneously is really, really hard and probably shouldn't be repeated." LoPresti, Champion says, is battling a particularly virulent and fast-growing type of the disease at present.

Sources close to the event say the producers took a financial hit this year. Will the future of live music in San Diego include another IndieFest?

"Yeah we took a hit. I don't think the actual figure is all that important for press. But if we're talking about coming back again next year, it's clearly something we think we can bounce back from."

— Dave Good

Free puzzle. "When I was around 16 or 17, I walked into Lestat's to do my first open mic," says ragtime roots-rocker Nathan Fox. "I had recently finished writing my first song and wanted to play it for an audience. Well, not my first song, exactly. I had a ska band in high school and wrote songs with the other members of the group, but this was the first song that was written by me and for me." The song, "Dr. Marten," appears on Fox's *I'm All Done* EP, which drops this month.

The San Diego native's tunes like "Cutie Pie" (playable from his page in the *Reader*'s Local Music Database) evoke Leon Redbone and Randy Newman, showcasing his acoustic cabaret bop with frequent touches of New Orleans swing. "Once I had all the songs written, I contacted my friend Jake Staley about coproducing the EP with me. Together, we wrote out charts for the players, preproduced mockups, click tracks, and scratch tracks in our own studio, and then flew out to Bomb Shelter Studios in Nashville."

The Tennessee locale enabled Fox to recruit guest players such as bassist Dave Roe (Johnny Cash, Chet Atkins), banjo player Richard Bailey (Al Green, George Jones), and drummer Fred Eltringham (the Wallflowers, Sheryl Crow).

Nathan Fox explores cabaret bop on this year's *I'm All Done* EP.

"We hammered out the recording and mixing in nine days with an engineer named Andrija Tokic. That was that. Or at least as far as the music was concerned. Totally didn't think about the album cover and cover art until it was time to submit it to iTunes, Spotify, and so on. Oops!"

Fox contacted friends Whitney Pratt (photographer) and Christopher Murphy (graphic artist) to help out. "The music in the EP is very me. It's stuff I like to listen to. I wanted the artwork to be the same in that regard. It's basically a headshot on the front cover with hand-written lyrics and credit list in the jacket. That's actually my handwriting, by the way. And yes, I know it's terrible. I like to think of it as a free puzzle to go along with the music."

Nathan Fox appears September 17 in the House of Blues Voodoo Lounge before departing on an East Coast tour.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Mosh pit hip-hop. At Mission Bay High, Sloat Dixon sported a mohawk and played in punk bands such as Common Ground and Black Republic. Now he plays drums for Yuma-based cow-punk band the Tramplers.

Thanks to a random hookup with a rap band in Northern California, Dixon has the opportunity to bridge the gap between punk and rap, which he calls "mosh pit hip-hop."

"I want to be the GG Allin and Gwar of hip-hop," says Dixon, 27. "If they were to

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have a baby and it came out listening to Wu-Tang Clan that is Sloat Dixon."

Dixon says his life experiences connect him to the "gritty grime" that's a foundation for punk and hip-hop.

"I live in a trailer park in Mission Bay. I dealt with struggle my whole life. Both of my parents are disabled. I take care of them. I've seen every single person I grew up with go to jail or become addicted to drugs. I now try and do everything legally and make things happen so I can take care of my family."

GG Allin and GWAR had a baby and named it Sloat Dixon.

Dixon says he discovered rap when he moved to Oakland two years ago to follow a job offer and ended up answering an add to play for a rap band. "I had a job opportunity that didn't work out. But when I was there, I started playing drums for a hip-hop band."

His interest in hip-hop stayed with him when he returned to San Diego.

Now Dixon performs freestyle backed by a DJ, but, he says, "I'm interested in putting together a band. If you're interested, come see me."

daily blogs

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By Robert Bush — Sept. 2, 7:38 p.m.

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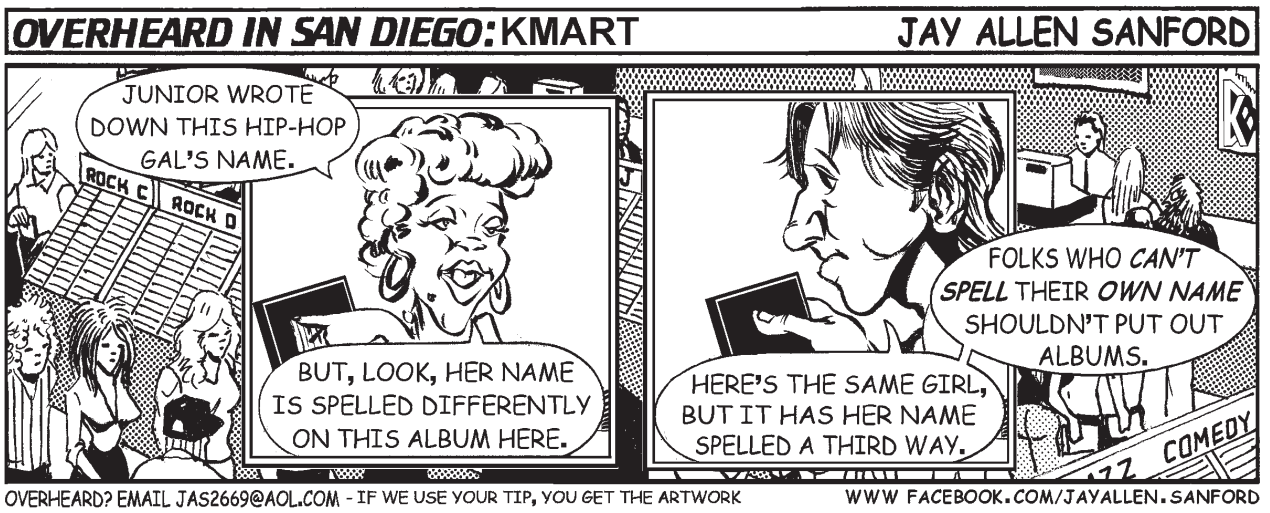

Dixon would rather not be compared to Kid Rock. "I draw a lot of inspiration from rappers like Danny Brown or Action Bronson."

Dixon admits that coming up with tags for his cross-genre pollination is a lot easier than getting music fans to accept it.

"There's a lot of resistance. Kids who love rap hate punk. Kids who love punk hate rap. But hip-hop is just a bridge of old jazz with a beat, and rock is a blend of R&B and blues...I want squealing guitars, heavy bass, and rap and put it all in a blender and have it coming out squealing."

— Ken Leighton

Black Market Blinn.

"'Black Roses' is a song about defending yourself from bad vibes and evil that bombards us every day," says Scottie Blinn of the title track for Black Market III's upcoming full-length, which marks a progressive departure from their Mississippi vibe. "Though we are steeped in blues roots, we're writing about topics and taking the spirit of this music into territory most blues bands won't go. Whereas many feel the need to re-create and live in the past, we honor what the music is all about and keep it relevant, by drawing upon it to communicate, express emotions, perform, and tell the stories of today." A hellbilly video for the song is cut to silent-movie footage from the *Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* and *Nosferatu*.

BMIII's *Black Roses* hooks up blues roots and "the stories of today."

Recorded at Blinn's Lakeside studio, the album's guest players include boogie-woogie pianist Carl Sonny Leyland, local crooner Roy Ruiz Clayton, and former Neil Young trumpeter Tom Bray.

"Among the originals that I feel are the best I've written over the past 20 years, we hand-picked a few killer covers again; 'After Dark' by Tito & Tarantula, 'Old Man' by Neil Young, 'I've Just Seen the Rock of Ages' by John Preston, 'Keep on Loving Me Baby' by Otis Rush, and 'Mean Old World' by T-Bone Walker, done as an after-hours session."

With Rat City Riot drummer Gavin Glenn now onboard (cofounder Haley Allen left BMIII to play for Kiss & Yell), the group will be touring Europe from September 24 through October 29. "Haley was great, and it was sad to part with her, but she had other interests she wanted to pursue," says Blinn. "Gavin and I have been friends for years, and we've always tried getting something together. The timing was perfect. He's solid in so many styles, and knows how to cross them over with taste and class."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 5

Are you ready for some footbaaaalll. Yuhmeneither. Let's go out.... From Chicago's South Side, rapper/provocateur **Chiek Keef** is in town for two gigs this week. In just over a year, the 18-year-old has gone from YouTuber under house arrest at grandma's to one of the most polarizing figures in rap. Fellow Chicagoan Kanye West heard him and co-signed Keef's deal with the devil, Interscope, which released *Finally Rich* last year and watched it bound up the *Billboard* charts. Breaking down lead single "Love Sosa" was a chore, but it appears Mr. Keef is claiming superiority over all of rap's Tony Montana wannabes by putting himself in the role of *Scarface* antagonist Alejandro Sosa. Jes? No? I dunno. I'm a SoCal cracker, wtfdik. Chief Keef checks in at HOB on Thursday and Porter's

CHIEF KEEF AT HOUSE OF BLUES AND PORTERS PUB

Pub at UCSD on Friday.... **Jelly Bread** and **Jack Berry** jam at the Griffin. This one's going to be fun-funky-fun, y'all. Had some Jelly Bread out a Josh Tree in May and these dudes are *baaaad*. Dave Good gave you the goods in this week's Of Note, so flip or click there for more on them.... Udderwise: San Diego rock-roll trio **Cult Vegas** is a good bet at Tin Can Ale House after **Gone Baby Gone** and the **Desolators**...and Solana Beach bar Belly Up books an **Everlast** acoustic duo show, which for some reason reminds me that *Insidious 2* comes out next Friday.

Friday 6

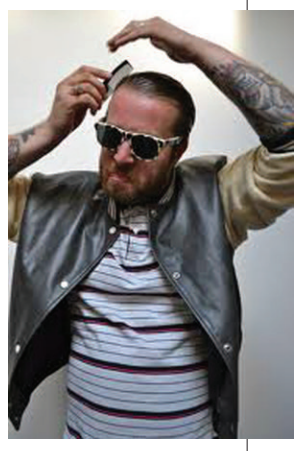
Gonna be **Weirdos** at Casbah with **Widows**, **No More Saints**, **Schitzophonics**, and crazy-great-crates DJ **Records with Roger**. The Weirdos, a first-wave punk band from L.A., were one of my early favorites, coming off more as "band" — like our own Zeros — than as a figureheaded foursome like L.A. compats the Circle Jerks and Black Flag. Also, they had (and have) the Al Flipside seal of approval, which is potent cred. Bit of weirdness

WEIRDOS AT CASBAH

about the Weirdos: front brothers John and Dix Denney are the sons of actress Dodo Denney. She played Mrs. Teevee in the original *Willy Wonka*. There's your "something new" for the day, you can go back to bed.... Grease-punk trio **Black Market III** will be at Bankers Hill bar Tin Can Ale House in support of their brand-spanking new *Black Roses* record. Catch 'em quick, because they are on their way to Europe through October! Go get 'em BMIII! **Scott Mathiesen & the Shifty Eyed Dogs** and the **Honkys** open that show.... In the ring at Tower Bar is another Hip-Hop vs. Punk fight card with **Rail Them to Death** taking on **3-D** and then, in the featured bout, **Aims** against **Ghetto Blaster**. I got (a likely naked) Ryan Foxe in the fifth!

Saturday 7

Seattle metal musician-turned-antifolk singer-songer T.J. Cowgill, aka **King Dude**, will fill the Void with his acoustic apocalypse noise Saturday night. Dude's got a Dylan vibe for end-of-timers. Hit the interwebs for some of last year's *Burning Daylight* takes for a taste. PacNorthwest woodsy three-piece **WL** set it up in support of their new deal, *Hold*.... Great Big Bill out at Tower Bar, where clothier/artist collective Bujwah Strangers stages a buncha borderland bands for their Bujwah/Cholo Fest, including [deep breath] **Buddy Banter**, **Northern Tigers**, **Electric Healing Sound**, the **Natives**, **Slipping Into Darkness**, the **Frights**, and **San Pedro El Cortez**. That's seven bands for seven bucks, which is, like, a buck a band.... Else: funk-bumpin' **Pocket**'s wheeling the Wurlitzer into Bar Pink for a night of acid-jazzy dance jams...pirate punks **Dread Crew of Oddwood** drift into Soda Bar after **Unicorn Death**...blues-rock quartet from Redondo Beach,



KING DUDE AT THE VOID

the **Darlings**, will play *New Escape* at the Griffin...and Bloomington's murder balladeers **Murder by Death** serve up *Bitter Drink, Bitter Moon* at Casbah.

Sunday 8

Last year when it was announced that **Tobacco** and **Zackey Force Funk** were teaming up to release an album under the band name Demon Queen, I was all [mouthbreath-erface]. Tobacco fronts cool-beans psych-synth band Black Moth Super Rainbow, but he's been on a beats-bent hip-hop trip of late, and I guess wicked-weird rapper Zackey was just the cat to fill the bill. The set's called *Exorcise Tape*, which *Spin* magazine tags "warped electro-funk." Yuh-huh, and thensome. These are going to be heady sets at Casbah Sunday night. **Mystery Cave** also plays, and the **Kill Quanti DJs** will be at the decks between sets.... Not your cup of mushroom tea? Well, then, from the other end of the musical spectrum, blue-eyed-soul singer/songwriter **ZZ Ward**'ll be at House of Blues behind her debut, *Til the Casket Drops*.

TOBACCO AT CASBAH

Monday 9

S stands for Soda Bar. She's Jenn Ghetto of Carissa's Weird, and it looks as if she's got a good compendium out on Hardly Art to catch you up: *They'll Only Miss You When You Leave: Songs 1996–2003*. It was the tour tag that caught my eye, though. Ms. Ghetto is calling this one the "I Am George Clooney Tour," which is cute. Seattle dream-pop quartet **Night Cadet** marches in first.... Portland garage punks **Youthbitch** and like-minded locals **Nutstache** split a bill right down the street at the Void if you need a change of scenery or sound.... And Dead drummer **Micky Hart** and his band will be at House of Blues behind this year's *Superorganism*. According to Mr. Hart, "A superorganism is a complex organism composed of many smaller organisms, [and] a band is a superorganism...so is the universe." I think that's all you really need to know, right there.

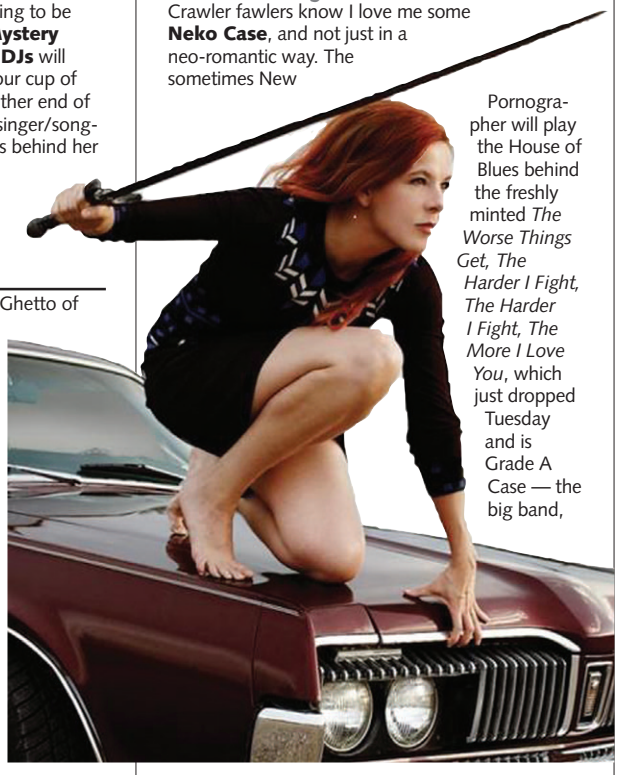
Tuesday 10

Tulsa punk rawkers **Broncho** buck into Casbah Tuesday night. Can't recommend their debut, *Can't Get Past the Lips*, near enough. Harkens to classic Ramones/Stooges as well as new-school garage like Strange Boys (another fave) and Strokes. They'll follow **Mozes & the First Born** at the Middletown mainstay.... In a Casbah-curated show, hip-hop comics Flynt Flossy and Whatchyamcallit, aka **Turquoise Jeep**, pull into Soda Bar Tuesday night. I'm not really sure what it is they do, but apparently it's very entertaining.... **Nasalrod**, featuring FEAR drummer Spit Stix, plays the Tower with **Stab City** and, appropriately enough, **California Bleeding**.

Wednesday 11

Crawler fawlers know I love me some **Neko Case**, and not just in a neo-romantic way. The sometimes New Pornographer will play the House of Blues behind the freshly minted *The Worse Things Get, The Harder I Fight, The Harder I Fight, The More I Love You*, which just dropped Tuesday and is Grade A Case — the big band, the big voice, the big melodic rock, the *really* big title. Seattle indie hits **Pickwick** open the show.... Miss the door to that, nearby enough, Southern rapper **CurrenSy** has the mic at World Beat Center...and experimental instrumentalists **Interrobang** clang at Tin Can Ale House.... I just looked up "neo-romantic," and that's not what I mean.

— *Barnaby Monk*



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Wednesday, 6pm — Hump Day Acousticness: Ryan Hiller. **Free.**

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Friday, 8pm — The Rebecca Jade Quartet.
Saturday, 8pm — Tribute to Lambert, Hendricks & Ross. $12-$15.
Sunday, 1pm — Kenny Eng. **Free.**

AMSDconcerts:
Saturday, 7pm — The Kennedys. $20.

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

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

Bancroft:
Saturday, 8pm — Batwings, Dead Ghosts, Bridgejumper.
Tuesday, 8pm — Spero, BoxDox, Muribell, Throne. **Free.**

Bandy Canyon Ranch:
Sunday, 4pm — Stoney B Blues Band, Annette Da Bomb. $20-$95.

Barefoot Bar and Grill:
Sunday, noon — Sunday Fun Day Concert: Siers Bros.

Belly Up:
Thursday, 9pm — Everlast (acoustic duo).
Friday, 5:30pm — Left4Dead. $5-$10.
Friday, 9pm — Tony Suraci as the Highwayman.
Saturday, 8pm — Don Carlos.
Sunday, 7pm — Burt Brion Review.
Wednesday, 8pm — Minus the Bear.

Brick by Brick:
Friday, 8:30pm — Iron Mayhem.

Carmel Valley Library:
Wednesday, 7pm — Music of Our Neighbors. **Free.**

Casbah:
Thursday, 8:30pm — Iacon Sound Presents Showcases.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Murder by Death, Larry & His Flask. $18.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Tobacco. $13.
Monday, 7:30pm — ReignWolf and Reason to Rebel. $10-$12.
Tuesday, 8pm — Broncho.
Wednesday, 8pm — Ewert & the Two Dragons, Family Crest.

Chico Club:
Friday, 8pm — DJ Harvest.
Saturday, 8pm — Rhythm Red.
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Claire de Lune:
Saturday, 8pm — Robin Young: A Tribute to Patsy Cline. **Free.**

Crush:
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Black Market III.

Dirk's Niteclub:
Friday, 8:30pm, *Saturday*, 8:30pm — Nemesis.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Karaoke Wednesdays.

Dizzy's:
Friday, 8pm — The Matt Smith Neu Jazz Trio. $10-$15.

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Thursday, 6:30pm — Nate Ware. Brazilian, Spanish, Classical and Flamenco guitar.
Friday, 5pm — Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio. Opera Latina Romantica; 8pm — Flamenco Dance Show. Live show features singer-dancer Oscar Valero, guitarist Juan Moro. $10.
Saturday, 5:30pm — Latin Magic. Latin dance music with guitar and vocals.
Sunday, 5pm — Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio. Opera Latina Romantica.
Tuesday, 6pm — Tomcat Courtney. Born in 1929, Tomcat Courtney performs original down-home blues.
Wednesday, 5pm — Carlos Velasco & Grupo Bohemio. Opera Latina Romantica.

Griffin:
Thursday, 8:30pm — Jelly Bread. $6.
Saturday, 8pm — Darlings, Nations Afire, Emmer Effer.

Hard Rock Hotel:
Sunday, 8pm — Intervention Sundays.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Funk mined from the best days of funk, meaning the music that was made during the '80s R&B revival days by the likes of alto saxist Maceo Parker and bigger horn-band acts like Cameo. Jelly Bread has wah-wah guitar and man-falsetto and the manner of drumming that can only be played by humans with rubber arms. This is a basic four-piece rhythm section with a Hammond B3 organ and when they call in the horn section, it gets real. But the band can junk all of that and go swampy with the Mofro and Tony Joe White sounds coming out of an electrified violin and a lap steel guitar, and that works too. Did I mention that there's an alt-rock flavor on top all of this strange foundation?

JELLY BREAD

To the uninitiated, this may seem disjointed. But we're not talking about a band trying to find its way in public here. Jelly Bread set out to be this conflicted from the beginning, and that's why their no-limits approach to music works.

The band is from Reno and they've nailed some of the regional awards available to them: a Reno news rag voted their second album *No Dress Code* best album of 2012; they were named Best of Northern Nevada twice running. Jelly Bread is vocalist, guitarist, and lap steel player Dave Berry, drummer Cliff Porter, bassist Brady Carthen, and Eric Matlock on keys. These four have figured out how to take bluegrass-based harmonies and chump them up with organ-powered gospel and soul and make an enjoyable product fueled by infectious grooves that don't seem so patently red state vs. blue state after all. Other critics have said it, and I agree: Jelly Bread is a band that is one hit record shy of a national career. Until then, enjoy them on the festival stages they tend to land on. The perfect band, in fact, for a rib cookoff.

Jack Berry also performs.

JELLY BREAD: The Griffin, Thursday, September 5, 7:30 p.m. 619-684-1816. $6.

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Thursday, 7pm — Chief Keef. $27-$32.
Friday, 8pm — Charli XCX. $15-$45.
Saturday, 8pm — Hopsin, Dizzy Wright, Brotha Lynch Hung. $25-$30.
Sunday, 8pm — ZZ Ward and the Wild Feathers. $13-$75.
Monday, 7:30pm — Mickey Hart Band. $25-$28.
Wednesday, 8pm — Neko Case. $30.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Sunday, 10am — Blues Brunch: Robin Henkel & Billy Watson. $43.
Monday, 7pm — Robin Henkel Band with horns. **Free.**

Humphreys by the Bay:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Melissa Etheridge.

Infinity at Pala Casino:
Saturday, 8pm — The Long Run: Eagles Tribute.

Irenic:
Saturday, 11:30am — The Not Ready For Naptime Players. $10-$15.
Saturday, 8pm — The Tree Ring.

Jitters Coffee Pub:
Friday, 7pm — Feeding the Soul: Michael Tiernan. $15.

Jumping Turtle:
Saturday, 8pm — Blame One, Dag Savage, Procussions.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Music Reviews from Our Readers

The Next Day David Bowie

By Kip Lyda

A new Bowie classic

David Bowie's latest is a testament to his iconic status as a musical and artistic chameleon. *The Next Day* ranks as one of the most surprising and rewarding efforts produced this year. This album deals with the decline of a man who once commanded attention and notoriety who now finds himself facing obscurity — and mortality.

Highlights abound as Bowie enlists long-time collaborators such as producer Tony Visconti and guitarist Earl Slick to lend muscle and focus to this glamorous musical message.

The title track jumps out of the speakers with straight-ahead rock and roll, the lyric "Here I am — not quite dying..." hovering over a roiling beat. On the song "I'd Rather Be High," Bowie addresses the desires of a teenager serving his country in the Middle East. He cries, "I'd rather be high/ I'd rather be flying/ I'd rather be dead or out of my head/ than training these guns on those men in the sand..." The lyrics are heavy while the rhythm sweetly bounces along. This is essential Bowie, with plenty of rich, textured guitar, sax, and powerful, soulful vocals.

Repeat listens to the collection continue to reward the listener with the joy of discovering a new Bowie classic.

Speedy Ortiz blazes through Soda — in shorts

By Ian Anderson

Conjures Pavement, delivers "Ka-Prow!"

Not a lot of rock bands would take the stage wearing shorts. Maybe Speedy Ortiz is hip to the fact that San Diego doesn't sweat a dress code. Maybe they're not like a lot of rock bands.

A number of tracks from SO's debut full-length, *Major Arcana*, conjured memories of '90s alt-rock mainstay Pavement, as well as Olympia noise-rockers Unwound. Whether the elliptical melody of "Casper (1995)" or exquisitely angular riffs of "Pioneer Spine," the songs energized the small-ish but attentive crowd.

The best kept 'til last, though. While the music geeks in attendance had to practically drag Dupuis back onstage for an encore, they were rewarded with a smoking rendition of the group's Bandcamp single, "Ka-Prow!" during which the group's other guitarist, Matt Robidoux, unloaded the contents of his backpack onto his upturned instrument for a feedback jam assisted by books, notebooks, and wadded up copies of San Diego alt-weeklies.

Concert: Speedy Ortiz
Date: July 28
Venue: Soda Bar
Seats: GA

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Monday, 8pm — Hip-Hop Open Mic Night.

Kava Lounge:
Wednesday, 8pm — Future Wednesdays.

Kensington Club:
Saturday, 8:30pm — Coda Reactor, Cow Hairdressers, Kodiak, Subject to Citation.

Ki's Restaurant:
Friday, 8:30pm — Robin Henkel, Whitney Shay, Billy Watson. **Free.**

Landings at Carlsbad Airport:
Saturday, 5pm — The Shakedown Daddies.

Lestat's Coffee House:
Thursday, 9pm — This Way to the Egress, Joe Firstman. $9.

Lions Tigers & Bears Big Cat Rescue:
Saturday, 2pm — '60s Rockin' Mania: Elvis VS Beatles. $65-$110.

M-Theory Music:
Saturday, 1pm — Monochromacy and Ian Hudson.

Molly Malone's:
Friday, 9pm — Stone the Giant. **Free.**

Morgan Run Resort and Club:
Friday, 5:30pm — Steven Ybarra.

Ocean Beach Playhouse:
Saturday, 7pm — Discover: Hip-Hop. $10.

Office:
Thursday, 8pm — For Your Pleasure.
Saturday, 8pm — Strictly Business.
Tuesday, 8pm — Dub Dynamite.

Pier View Pub:
Friday, 9pm — The Shakedown Daddies. $3.

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

Prohibition:
Thursday, 8pm — Piano Joe &

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FRIDAY, 9.6 — GOODBYEMOTEL — ELEPHANT KING, THE REMOTES, WOOLLY MAMMAL
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THURSDAY, 9.12 — NORMANDIE WILSON — LUKE WILLIAMS
FRIDAY, 9.13 — SAN DIEGO MUSIC THING — THE FEATURES — THE HEAVY GUILT, IN THE VALLEY BELOW, LEFTOVER CUTIES, TOMMY AND THE HIGH
SATURDAY, 9.14 — SAN DIEGO MUSIC THING — ORGONE — IN MOTION COLLECTIVE, FALLEN RIVIERA, A HOUSE FOR LIONS
TUESDAY, 9.17 — ED GHOST TUCKER — THE GIFT MACHINE
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FRIDAY, 9.20 — BEATS & BRUSHES — BUHAY CALI, DIGITAL MARTYRS, ODESSA KANE, ROCKY R3Y, OLIBATA, GARVINSKI
SATURDAY, 9.21 — MICAH G. — THE STEPPAS
THURSDAY, 9.26 — THE NERVOUS WRECKORDS — ST. DIEGO
SATURDAY, 9.28 — THE CHAIN GANG OF 1974 — DEAR BOY
MONDAY, 9.30 — AM & SHAWN LEE — CAUGHT A GHOST
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Friday, 8pm — Earth, Wind & Fire.
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Saturday, 7pm — The PushPins. **Free.**

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library:
Sunday, 4pm — Rajkó Gypsy Band and Dancers. $5-$15.

Seagrove Park:
Sunday, 6pm — Mark Wood & the Parrot Head Band.

Sleep Train Amphitheatre:
Friday, 7:30pm — Dave Matthews Band and Gary Clark Jr. $39-$75.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 8pm — Barbarian, Is/Is, Oh Spirit.
Friday, 8pm — Diatribes, Champ, Lost Ships, Voice Actor.
Saturday, 7:30pm — The Dread Crew of Oddwood.
Monday, 8pm — S (ex-Carissas's Wierd), Night Cadet.
Tuesday, 8pm — Turquoise Jeep.
Wednesday, 8pm — Never Come Down, GlobaLies, Allophone.

Spreckels Park:
Sunday, 4pm — Coronado Swing Band.

Til-Two:
Friday, 8pm — Me Veras Revolver and Soda Stereo.

Tower Bar:
Tuesday, 9pm — Homeless Sexuals, Nasalrod, Stab City.

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Thursday, 4pm — **The Jade Visions Jazz Trio;** 7pm — **Pan Am**. Bossa nova, jazz.
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U-31:
Friday, 9:30pm — Kid Wonder. $5.
Saturday, 9:30pm — DJ GroundFloor. $5.

Valley View Casino Center:
Friday, 6:30pm — Kid Cudi, Tyler the Creator, Logic. $45.

Void:
Monday, 8pm — Youthbitch and Nutstache.

Westgate Hotel:
Friday, 5pm — The Gene Perry Latin-Salsa Jazz Quartet. $10.

Wine Steals:
Saturday, 7pm — Robin Henkel. **Free.**

Winstons:
Saturday, 9:30pm — Bass Quake. $5-$10.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Annual Toy Piano Festival The 13th Annual Toy Piano Festival, in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UC San Diego, features new works for toy piano. The toy piano collection at the Library consists of actual instruments, audio recordings, extant literature, and commissioned works. In May of 2001, the Library of Congress issued a subject heading and call number for toy piano scores because of the activities of the Toy Piano Collection at Geisel Library. The call number is: M 175 T69 The first composer to write a "serious" work for toy piano was John Cage (Suite for Toy Piano, 1948) and this annual toy piano festival is indeed held on John Cage's birthday, September 5. Robert Erickson, a founding faculty member of UC San Diego's Department of Music, wrote "Piece for bells and toy piano" in 1964 and that work will be featured at this year's festival. For more information, contact Scott Paulson at (858) 822-5758 or spaulson@ucsd.edu. Thursday, September 5, 12pm; **free**. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive.

New Youth Orchestra Every weekend, the New Youth Orchestra fills the hearts and minds of San Diego's youth musicians with music. Visitors are invited to come observe these rehearsals to experience and enjoy the sounds created by the young members. Orchestras and Wind Ensembles are Saturdays from 8:30am to 7pm. By appointment only, so call ahead to schedule your visit: 858-877-3696. Saturdays, 8:30am; through Saturday, May 31, **free**. New Youth Orchestra, 10855 Sorrento Valley Rd., Suite 2.

Quartet Nouveau Quartet Nouveau strings will present their fourth in the series The Human Emotion, with free admission, donations accepted. Sunday, September 8, 2pm; **free**. Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway.

Quartet Nouveau: The Human Emotion Quartet Nouveau presents The Human Emotion - Conflict, a program that will include Shostakovich String Quartet No. 8 and Steve Reich's String Quartet "Different Trains," for quartet and prerecorded tape. This concert will feature guest artists Heather Vorwerck on cello and Calvin Lewis on violin. Sunday, September 8, 2pm; **free**. Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway.

Sacred Music for the Keyboard The event will feature a time-honored celebration commemorating sacred music for the keyboard, from Bach to traditional pieces, in a free piano recital hosted by AmateurPianists. Refreshments and snacks will be available following the recital. Sunday, September 8, 2pm; **free**. 18 and up. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street.

UPCOMING SHOWS

950 Lounge at the Handlery Hotel: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-543-0607.
September 18 — Hump Day Acousticness: Lisa Sanders.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.
September 12 — Tiffany Jane.
September 13 — Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda.
September 14 — Kawan DeBose.
September 15 — Joe O'Quinn and Joel Tuttle.
September 19 — Black Market III.
September 20 — Allison Adams Tucker.
September 28 — The Weis Guy's Jazztet.
October 12 — Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie & Charlie Parker.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
September 13 — Tyler Grant and Friends.
September 15 — Cheryl Wheeler.
September 21 — John Doyle.
September 27 — Butch Hancock.
October 5 — Peter Asher.
October 12 — Caravan of Thieves.

The Abbey: 2825 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-686-8700.
September 26 — Heroes de la Salud.

Across the Street at Mueller College: 4601 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-1584.
September 14 — Tolan Shaw, Jessica Bell, Raelee Nikole.
September 20 — SoCal Jack.

Bahia Resort Hotel: 998 West Mission Bay Dr., Mission Beach, 888-784-1396.
September 28 — Rock the Boat for MARSOC Foundation.

Balboa Park Activity Center: 2145 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 858-581-7100.
September 28 — He's My Brother She's My Sister.

The Bancroft: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-469-2337.
September 14 — Rebel Rebel, Triple Sixes, Homeless Sexuals.
September 21 — Dead Air Broadcast.
October 9 — Youth Bitch.

Barefoot Bar and Grill: 1404 Vacation Rd., Mission Beach, 858-581-5960.
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September 14 — Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers.
September 15 — Godspeed You! Black Emperor.
September 17 — Jason Isbell and Amanda Shires.
September 18 — Wynonna Judd & the Big Noise.
September 19 — Mishka.
September 20 — Young Dubliners.
September 21 — One Drop.
September 22 — Psychedelic Furs.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-3474.
September 18 — Green Flash Concert: Steve Poltz.

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 12 — Calabrese and Hard Fall Hearts.
September 13 — Symbolic.
September 18 — The Toasters and the Amalgamated.
September 20 — Sprung Monkey, Zone of the Interior.
September 21 — Love Me Tender: Hell on Heels Elvis Tribute.
October 11 — Chop Tops.

Carvers Steak & Chops: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
October 11, *October 12* — Ristband.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
September 12 — SDMT: New Politics.
September 13 — Milo Greene, Gram Rabbit, Okapi Sun.
September 14 — Body/Head, Wild Wild Wets, Trails & Ways.
September 15 — Coeur de Pirate and Gayle Skidmore.
September 17 — Body Language and Dwntwn.
September 18 — Valient Thorr, Lord Dying, Ramming Speed.
September 19 — Gold Panda.

Chico Club: 7366 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-465-4190.
September 13 — DJ Harvest.
September 14 — Vinyl Pirates.
September 15, *September 20* — DJ Harvest.
September 21 — BlueFrog Band.
September 22, *September 27*, *September 29* — DJ Harvest.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.
October 8 — Pet Shop Boys.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
September 19 — Mirage.

Crush: 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-2787.
September 15 — Tori Roze & Friends.
September 18, *September 25* — Black Market III.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161.
September 19 — Concert for the Foundation.
September 21 — Hullabaloo Family Arts Festival.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
September 13 — Get Groovin'.
September 14 — Zone 4.
September 18 — Karaoke Wednesdays.
September 20, *September 21* — FX5.
September 25 — Karaoke Wednesdays.
September 27, *September 28* — Serious Guise.
October 4 — Nemesis.
October 5 — The Farmers.

Dizzy's: 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467.
September 14 — Mikan Zlatkovich's JazzMikan Sextet.
September 20 — Jaime Valle.
September 22 — Muldoon: Come Together.

Eastbound Bar & Grill: 10053 Maine Ave., Lakeside, 619-334-2566.
October 12 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: 1030 Broadway, East Village, 619-237-0550.
September 18 — The Tighten Up.
September 19 — Dark Side.
September 20 — Hickies & Dryhumps.
September 25 — The Tighten Up.
September 26 — Twang Gang with Crash & Burn.
September 27 — Soulflexin'.
September 28 — Good & Plenty.
October 2 — The Tighten Up.
October 4 — Hickies & Dryhumps.
October 9 — The Tighten Up.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
September 14 — Ghost Town and Her Bright Eyes.
September 24 — Title Fight and Balance & Composure.

F6ix Niteclub: 526 F St., Downtown San Diego, 619-238-0138.
September 13 — Fingaz Fridayz.

Francis Parker Middle-Upper School: 6501 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista, 858-569-7900.
October 6 — Peninsula Pops: *Love Letters.*

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
September 18, *September 25* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
September 27 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.
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La Gran Tapa: 611 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-234-8272.
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September 13, *September 20*, *September 27* — Flamenco Dance Show.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
September 12 — Normandie Wilson.
September 13 — Leftover Cuties and the Features.
September 14 — Orgone, In Motion Collective.
September 18 — Snarky Puppy.
September 21 — Micah G. and the Steppas.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 866-751-7625.
September 15, *September 22*, *September 29*, *October 6* — Intervention Sundays.

Harrah's Rincon: 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
September 14, *September 21*, *September 28* — Adult Swim Saturdays.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 2955 Jamacha Rd., Rancho San Diego, 619-670-7468.
September 21 — Teagan Taylor Group.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.
September 12 — Andre Nickatina.
September 13 — Krewella.
September 16 — Bastille.
September 17 — Nathan Fox EP release.
September 19 — Julieta Venegas.
September 20 — Tech N9ne.
September 21 — Voices From the Heart II.
September 21 — Groove International: Garden of Evil.
September 22 — Through the Roots and Fortunate Youth.
September 23 — Ben Rector and Tyrone Wells.

Humphreys by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
September 13 — Carly Rae Jepsen and Hot Chelle Rae.
September 14 — Tower of Power and Average White Band.
September 19 — Lynyrd Skynyrd.
September 20 — Diana Krall.
September 21 — Lila Downs.
September 27 — Air Supply.
October 2 — Jesse Cook.
October 9 — San Diego Music Awards.
October 11 — Keali'i Reichel.

Infinity at Pala Casino: 11154 Highway 76, Pala, 877-946-7252.
September 13 — Past Action Hero.
September 17 — Cash & Carter: Johnny Cash Tribute.
September 21 — Pain Killer: Hard Rock & Metal Tribute.
September 24 — Rob Ely's 1950s Elvis Show.
September 28 — Sheena Easton.

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

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-471-7778.
September 13 — Fly Radio, Sun Luna, Meidai.
September 14 — Thrill Killers, Chia King, Systematic Abuse.
September 16, *September 23*,

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

The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-543-0933.
September 18, *September 25*, *October 2*, *October 9* — Future Wednesdays.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington, 619-284-2848.
September 13, *September 14*, *September 15* — Sin Fronteras/ Salsipuedes Fest #2.
September 20 — Tiger Sex.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
September 22 — Charlotte Sometimes.
October 5 — Camille Bloom and Sister Speak.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
September 25 — Finish Ticket, Holy Child, Natasha.
September 28 — MC Sol.
October 2 — Ólafur Arnalds.
October 7 — Blabbermouth.

Main Street Vista, CA: ,.
October 5 — Rhythm & Brews Music Festival.

Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD.
September 20 — Jazz Composers Orchestra Reading.

Market Creek Plaza: 310 Euclid Ave., Logan Heights, 619-527-6161.
September 14 — Amp Music Festival: Johnny HiFi, more.

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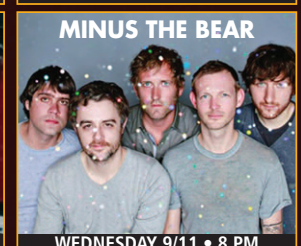

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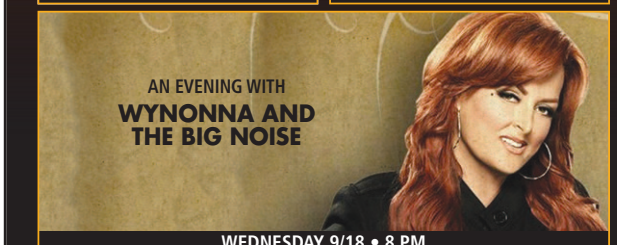

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9/28 Lagoon Open-Air Classroom Benefit
9/28 Wild Child
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10/1 Toro Y Moi
10/2 Bob Schneider
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10/9 Steve Earle and The Dukes
10/10 Berlin
10/11 & 12 Super Diamond
10/13 Rita Rudner - seated comedy show!
10/15 Primal Scream
10/16 Leon Russell
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10/19 Stepping Feet
10/20 Three Dog Night
10/25 & 26 Karl Denson's Tiny Universe presents Ray Charles Boogaloo Dance Party feat. Zach Deputy and the Cosmic Horns
10/27 Deer Tick
10/28 Buddy Guy
10/29 Rusted Root
10/31 Halloween Heat
11/1 Cowboy Mouth w/ Miggs
11/2 Dead Man's Party
11/3 The 1975
11/4 & 5 An Evening w/ Graham Nash - SOLD OUT!!!
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11/12 Tycho
11/13 Mason Jennings
11/15 Brett Dennen
11/16 Stephen Marley
11/22 & 23 The English Beat
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September 26 — Scary Cherry & the Bang Bangs.
October 11 — Water For Africa: Musical Benefit Show.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
September 13 — Rock Steady.
September 20 — Moxie.
September 27 — The A List.
October 4 — SoCal Vibes.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
September 14 — Dr. James Makubuya: Harps of Africa.

Noah Homes: 12526 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-660-6200.
October 5 — Jim Mulvaney's Concert on the Green.

North Chapel at NTC: 2881 Roosevelt Dr., Point Loma.
September 12 — Peninsula Pops: WriteOutLoud.

The Office: 3936 30th St., North Park, 619-450-6632.
September 12 — For Your Pleasure.
September 14 — Strictly Business.
September 16 — Dub Dynamite.
September 19 — For Your Pleasure.
September 21 — Strictly Business.

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

Palomar Starlight Theater: 11154 Highway 76, Pala, 877-946-7252.
October 5 — The Stylistics and Peaches & Herb.

The Par Lounge at San Vicente Resort: 24157 San Vicente Rd., Ramona, 760-789-8290.
September 14 — Ristband.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
September 17 — Luis Miguel.

Petco Park: 100 Park Bl., East Village, 619-795-5000.
September 15 — Mad Decent Block Party.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828.
September 12 — Mickey Avalon.
September 13 — Mykki Blanco.
September 20 — The Orb.
September 21 — Slackers.
September 22 — The Slackers.
September 22 — Mount Kimbie.
September 24 — Mount Kimbie.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.
September 20 — The Robert Cray Band.
October 11 — Roger McGuinn and Marty Stuart.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 E. Main St., El Cajon.
September 13 — Dinner and a Concert: Back to the Garden.
September 20 — Dinner and a Concert: Upstream.
September 27 — Dinner and a Concert: Caliber.

Prohibition: 548 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego.
September 12 — Piano Joe & the Wheelers.
September 13 — Jon Ji & the Moonshiners.
September 14 — Lady Dottie.
September 19 — Piano Joe & the Wheelers.
September 20 — Jon Ji & the Moonshiners.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.
September 13 — Lakeside, Con Funk Shun, Dazz Band.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.
September 13 — Fidlar.
September 14 — San Diego Music Thing.
September 20 — The Trishas, Nena Anderson & the Mules.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
September 12 — The Zombies, Get Groovin', Et Tu Bruce.
September 13 — Tommy Castro Band.
September 14 — Novello B3 Soul.
September 19 — Xzibit and D Fresh.

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.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: 8364 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-1797.
September 14 — Sock Monkeys.
September 21 — Normandie Wilson.
September 28 — People of Earth.

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library: 10301 Scripps Lake Dr., Scripps Ranch, 858-538-8158.
September 15 — Chris Klich Trio.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
September 12 — Calabrese.
September 18 — The Toasters and the Amalgamated.
October 11 — The Iron Maidens.

Sheraton Mission Valley: 1433 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-260-0111.
September 13, *September 14* — San Diego Music Thing.

Sleep Train Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
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 12 — On An On, the Love Language, Hands.
September 13 — The Burning of Rome.
September 14 — Wild Nothing and Pictureplane.
September 15 — Awahnichi, Buster Blue, Sneeze.
September 17 — Rose Windows.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
September 21 — Incredible Me.
September 28 — Dance Gavin Dance.

Spin Nightclub: 2028 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-294-9590.
September 22 — 45-Shoot Out Soundclash.

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

Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey St., Pacific Beach, 858-794-9044.
September 15 — Screamin Primas: Louis Primas tribute.

Thornton Winery : 32575 Rancho California Rd., Temecula, 951-699-0099.
September 14 — BWB.
September 15 — Boz Scaggs and Rayland Baxter.
September 22 — George Benson and Jessy J.
October 6 — Jesse Cook.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-516-4746.
September 26 — The Mice, Wolfhammer 3, Kids in Heat.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
September 17 — Andy Gassaway (EP release), Loves It!

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
September 28 — Ssssnake.
October 11 — Ultra Violent Rays, New Rome Quartet.

Town Center Community Park East: 550 Park Center Dr., Santee.
September 14 — Santee Bluegrass Festival.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: 873 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.
September 12 — Gabriela Aparicio; Pan Am.
September 13 — Tomcat Courtney; Afro Jazziacs.

U-31: 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188.
September 13 — Cash'd Out, Roy Rapid Rhythm Rock Trio.
September 14 — Transfer, Nervous Wreckords, Hollerin.
September 20 — Faded Fridays: BeatKnockers.
September 27 — Fresh Cutz Fridays: Chris Cutz.
October 5 — DJ GroundFloor.

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

The Void: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights.
September 14 — Diesto, Disappears, Weekend.
September 20 — White Poppy.
September 21 — Dirty Beaches, Chasms, Sisu.
September 27 — Youth Code and Night Sins.

Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyard: 35960 Rancho California Rd., Temecula, 951-699-9463.
September 13 — Eric Darius, Larry Braggs, Blake Aaron.

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

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
September 29 — Wicked Garden.

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ALLIED GARDENS

Emilianos Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $1 off all bottled and draft beer, $2 off flavored margaritas, $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, wine, draft ale, margaritas, selected appetizers. *Friday-Saturday*, 4-6pm, 8-11pm: $4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, selected appetizers.

BANKERS HILL

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

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Cafe: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: $5 glass of wine or sangria, $20 carafe of sangria. $20 select bottles of wine. $6 salads and starters. *Sunday*, 5pm-close: $5 glass of wine or sangria, $20 carafe of sangria. $20 select bottles of wine. $6 salads and starters.

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.

Chart House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: $4 wells, drafts. $6 cocktails, $5 wine by the glass. $7 martinis. $4, $5 and $6 appetizer menus.

CARLSBAD

Bistro West: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: $6.50 well brand martini-style cocktails, $2 off wines-by-the-glass, $1 off draft beer. $7 signature martinis, $6.50 tall and cool drinks. Served in bar, lounge and patio only.

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

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off house pints & wells. Appetizer specials.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $5 draught beers, $6 well drinks, $2 off any wine by the glass, $8 signature cocktails.

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

Spin City Lounge: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 7-10pm: $2 wells, $3 margaritas.

CITY HEIGHTS

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

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

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

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

CLAIREMONT

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

Fat Tony's Pizza: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-8pm: $2 glass/$8 pitcher of beer. $5 cheese pizza, cheese calzone, wings, salad.

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).

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Bistro d'Asia: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $3 beer, $3.50 Gekkeikan sake, $4 wells, wine, $5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. $5.75 calamari, pot stickers. $5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

Yummy Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 40% off all food(dine-in only, excludes sashimi).

DEL CERRO

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

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

Analog: *Wednesday*, 5-8pm: $4 Dos Equis Amber, $5 Mainstreet Cabernet, $5 Coppola Chardonnay, 1/2 bottles of wine, $2 sliders, 1/2 off select appetizers. *Thursday*, 5-8pm: $4 Dos Equis Amber, $5 Mainstreet Cabernet, $5 Coppola Chardonnay, $5 wells, Fernet and Fireball; $2 sliders, 1/2 off select appetizers. *Friday*, 5-8pm: $4 Dos Equis Amber, $5 Mainstreet Cabernet, $5 Coppola Chardonnay, 1/2 off specialty drinks, $2 sliders, 1/2 off select appetizers. *Saturday*, 5-8pm: $4 Dos Equis Amber, $5 Mainstreet Cabernet, $5 Coppola Chardonnay, $2 sliders, 1/2 off select appetizers. *Sunday*, All Day: $10 bottomless champagne.

La Gran Tapa: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $3 craft beers, $4 cask wines & sangrias. $3 & $4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

Magnolia Tap & Kitchen: *Daily*, 3-7pm: $4 Local Drafts, $4 Wells, $6 Wine + Specialty Cocktails.

Patricks 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.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: (Except during Padres games or special events) Drink specials. Signature pizza samples.

Monkey Paw: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local draughts and drinks.

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

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off select drinks, appetizers, sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: $1 off draft beer, $3 off pitcher, $2 off wine.

Union Kitchen & Tap: *Monday*, 3pm-close: $2 off craft cocktails; $4/$5 drafts, $6 select wine glasses, $2 off craft cocktails. $9 slider trio. *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 off craft cocktails; $4/$5 drafts, $6 select wine glasses, $2 off craft cocktails. $9 slider trio.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Monday*, 11:30am-close: Happy Hour all night, drink specials. *Tuesday*, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. $1 off all featured tacos. *Wednesday*, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. 1/2-off wine bottles. *Thursday*, 3:30-7pm: $2 off specialty drinks. *Friday, Sunday*, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. *Saturday*, 11:30am-7pm: Drink specials.

Escondido Sports Pub: *Daily*, 6am-8pm: $2.50 domestic bottles/drafts, wells; $3 well pints; $4.50 tall domestic drafts.

Sand Crab Tavern: *Monday-Thursday*, 3pm-close. 1/2 off appetizers; $1.00 oyster shooters; Buckets of beer 5 for the price of 4.

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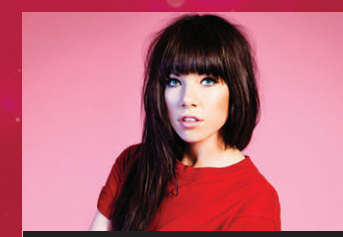
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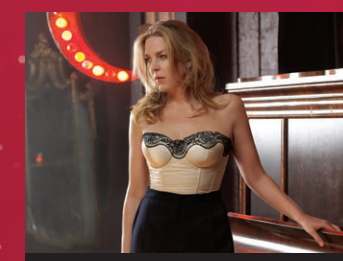
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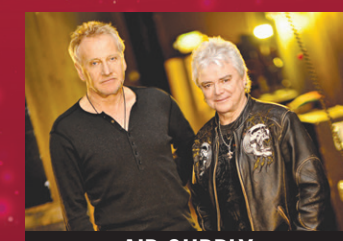
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Thursday, September 19 • 7:30
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Friday, September 20 • 8:00
Diana Krall -
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Saturday, September 21 • 8:00
Lila Downs

Friday, September 27 • 7:30
Air Supply
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FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Tuesday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials. *Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-6pm: happy hour specials; sushi happy hour: 1/2 off select rolls.

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: $1 off beer/wine/spirits. $5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 domestic & Mexican pints; $4 house margaritas, wells; $5 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

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: *Monday*, 4-6:30pm. 1/2 off bottles of wine. *Tuesday, Friday-Sunday*, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. *Wednesday*, 4-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off. *Thursday*, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. Live music.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $5 for any cask wine, $4 draft beers. $2 off all 30 wines by the glass. Discounted food items. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: $5 mimosa pints.

IMPERIAL BEACH

The Salty Frog: *Daily*, 4-8pm: $3.50 wells, imported bottles.

JAMUL

Brody's Burgers & Beer: *Monday-Friday*, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, $2 off drafts, $1 off potato sides.

KEARNY MESA

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2 draft pints, $3 bourbon slushees, $4.25 premium wells, $5 appetizers.

Rayo Grill: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: $5 wells, drafts beers & house wine.

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-5pm: 30% off beer, sake.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: $1 hot sake & edamame, $2 agedashi tofu, sunomono salad, $3 karaage, $5 happy hour roll.

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 off all beer and wine flights.

Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $3 Bohemia, Fat Tire; $6.50 Duvel. $3 red/white wine special, mimosa; $5.50 pinot noir. $4 taco, $8 ahi crunch.

The Kensington Club: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: $2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

LA JOLLA

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Monday-Wednesday*, 11am-3pm, 5-6:30pm: Select appetizers and sushi rolls from $2-6, select beers and cocktails from $3-$5. Buy a large beer get a free hot sake. *Thursday*, 11am-3pm, 5-6:30pm: Select appetizers and sushi rolls from $2-6, Beers and select cocktails $3-$5. Buy a large beer get a free hot sake. *Friday-Sunday*, 11am-6:30pm: Select appetizers and sushi rolls from $2-$6, select beers and cocktails from $3-$5. Buy a large beer get a free hot sake.

Barbarella: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefeweizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, $7 Barbarella martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Beer named after Filner…sort of

Popular opinion is that Bob Filner is a buffoon. If you didn't already think so, here's further proof. While mayor of the craft beer capital of the country, the guy walked into a San Diego bar of notable acclaim, looked at the 50 or so taps, over half of which pump out local product, laughed and said, "Where's the real beer?" By real beer, he meant macro offerings such as Bud and Coors. Filner is comedic enough on his own, but that isn't stopping one San Diego County craft brewery from getting in a quick joke as Filner exits. Behold, Mother Earth Headlock IPA.

The name is in jest, but the beer is quite serious. A straightforward San Diego–style India pale ale (meaning, hoppy and higher in alcohol than traditional IPAs, 7.5 percent to be exact), it's brewed with two-row malt and honey then dry-hopped with Belma and Pacific Gem hops. The latter are from New Zealand, so not local, but surely there's some Kiwi out there who's been touched by the whole Filner debacle. According to the folks at **Mother Earth Brew Co.** (2055 Thibodo Road, Suite H, Vista) they took a voter's favorite like the West Coast IPA, boosted it up, then "turned it loose on the community at large."

Nickel set to brew in Julian

Don't let the small size of **Nickel Beer Company** (1485 Hollow Glen Road, Julian) fool you. There are serious chops behind this highly anticipated work-in-progress.

Tom Nickel, World Beer Cup award–winning brewmaster at **Pizza Port** and **Oggi's**, as well as the owner of **O'Brien's Pub** and **West Coast Barbecue & Brews**, will head brewing operations. He and his wife, Lindsey, own a home in Julian and have spent a great deal of time occupying it as they hammer out their brewery and tasting room a half-mile from the unincorporated town's business and tourism core.

The brewery has been painted and the electrical and plumbing systems were recently completed. The cold box is installed and fully operational. The first load of equipment, mostly of serving tanks, is in. The second load should have arrived by the time this is printed. Hops and assorted retail merchandise are on order.

With it's Headlock IPA, Mother Earth answers Bob Filners's infamous question, "Where's the real beer?"

Nickel projects he will begin brewing in mid-September, which would put Nickel Brewing Company on pace to debut sometime in October. The first three beers to come out of the brewhouse figure to be a hoppy pale ale, an India pale ale, and an American Stout. It's a similar line-up to what he produced when brewing at **Julian Brewing Company** last year.

Unlike Nickel's other ventures, Nickel Brewing Company will not serve food. But the tasting room will welcome food trucks, including one owned by Santa Ysabel standout restaurant **Jeremy's on the Hill.** The tasting room will feature a patio, and there well be RV parking. Inside, there will be a dartboard and a foosball table, not surprising for a publican who's obsessed with soccer. ■

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Whisknladle: *Daily*, 3-7pm: $8 cocktails, $25 pitchers of sangria, 25% off all bottles of wine. $4 tapas(bar/lounge only).

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3 draft, Anthony's white; $4 wells, $5 calls. $2.75 fish tacos, $3 lettuce wraps, $4.50 tostado.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: *Friday*, all day: $5 glass of sparkling wine.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $.50 off all drinks $4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: $1 off bloody marys.

LIBERTY STATION

Roseville Cozinha: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 off draft beers, $3 sagres, $4 wells, $5 seasonal wine, select craft cocktails, house margarita, $8 margherita pizza, 1/2-off cod cakes, 1/2-off french fries, 1/2-off soup, 1/2-off house salad, $1.50 single oyster, $8 1/2 dozen oysters, $16 dozen oysters; 8pm-close: $15 burger & beer, buy any pizza & get any beer for $3. *Saturday*, 8pm-close: $15 burger & beer, buy any pizza & get any beer for $3. *Sunday*, 5-close: $2 off draft beers, $3 sagres, $4 wells, $5 seasonal wine, select craft cocktails, house margarita, $8 margherita pizza, 1/2-off cod cakes, 1/2-off french fries, 1/2-off soup, 1/2-off house salad, $1.50 single oyster, $8 1/2 dozen oysters, $16 dozen oysters; 8pm-close: $15 burger & beer, buy any pizza & get any beer for $3.

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Daily*, 2-6pm: $3 pints; $9 Bud & Coors Light pitchers; $2.50 bottled beer, $2 PBR, $12 select pitchers. $2 pulled pork or beef brisket sliders, $4.95 1/2-sandwich & side, $3.95 pulled pork fries.

LITTLE ITALY

Puerto la Boca: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7:30pm: $3 house wine, $3.50 drafts, wells, $6 house martini. 30% off appetizers. *Sunday*, All Day: $3 house wine, $3.50 drafts, wells, $6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

La Villa: *Daily*, 3:30-5pm: $2 off cocktails; half off bottled beers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $8 pitchers, $2.50 French fries, $4.50 chicken wings.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $5 for any cask wine, $4 draft beers. $2 off all 30 wines by the glass. Discounted food items. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: $5 mimosa pints.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 select house beer, select domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine. $1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: *Daily*, 3-6pm: $2.99 draft, $9.99 pitcher draft. $1.49 hot link, $2.49 small brisket, pork, ham, or sausage sandwich.

Brewski's Bar: *Monday*, 4-10pm: $1 off Pints & $3 off Pitchers. *Tuesday*, 4-10pm: Buy One get One Half Off. *Wednesday*, 4-10pm: $5 Gentlemen Jack. *Thursday*, 4-10pm: $4 Vegas Bombs. *Friday*, 4-10pm: $5 Rockstar & Vodka. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: $2 Jack with Beer Purchase. *Sunday*, 4-10pm: $4 Bloody Mary or Mimosa.

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 11:30am-7pm: $4 margaritas, $4 Mexican beers. *Tuesday*, 11:30am-7pm: $3 kamikazes, $3 domestic drafts. *Wednesday*, 11:30am-7pm: $5 stilletos, $4 pink lemon drops, $3 cosmos. *Thursday*, 11:30am-7pm: $2.75 wells, domestic beers. *Friday*, 11:30am-7pm: $4 bartender shots. *Saturday*, 11:30am-7pm: $4 white Russians. *Sunday*, 11:30am-7pm: $3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday*, 4pm-close: 1/2-off beer, shots, cocktails. 25% off all appetizers. *Tuesday-Wednesday, Friday*, 4pm-7pm: 1/2-off beer, shots, cocktails. 25% off all appetizers. *Thursday*, 4pm-7pm, 9:30pm-close: 1/2-off beer, shots, cocktails. 25% off all appetizers.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2-7pm: 50¢ off beer, wells, and calls.

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: $3 wells. Half-off all other drinks.

Cafe Bleu: *Monday*, 3-6pm: $5 white and red wines by the glass. Food specials. 3-close: 1/2-off wine by bottle. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-6pm: $5 white and red wines by the glass. Food specials.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: $4 drafts, wells, $1 off other drinks. Snack specials.

MISSION VALLEY

Dave & Buster's: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-7pm: 1/2 price cocktails, $1.00 off pints, 1/2 off selected appetizers.

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $4.50 well drinks, $1.50 off pints of beer, $1.50 off wine by the glass, $2.50 off appetizers.

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: $2 domestic beer, $3 import and local beer, $5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: $.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

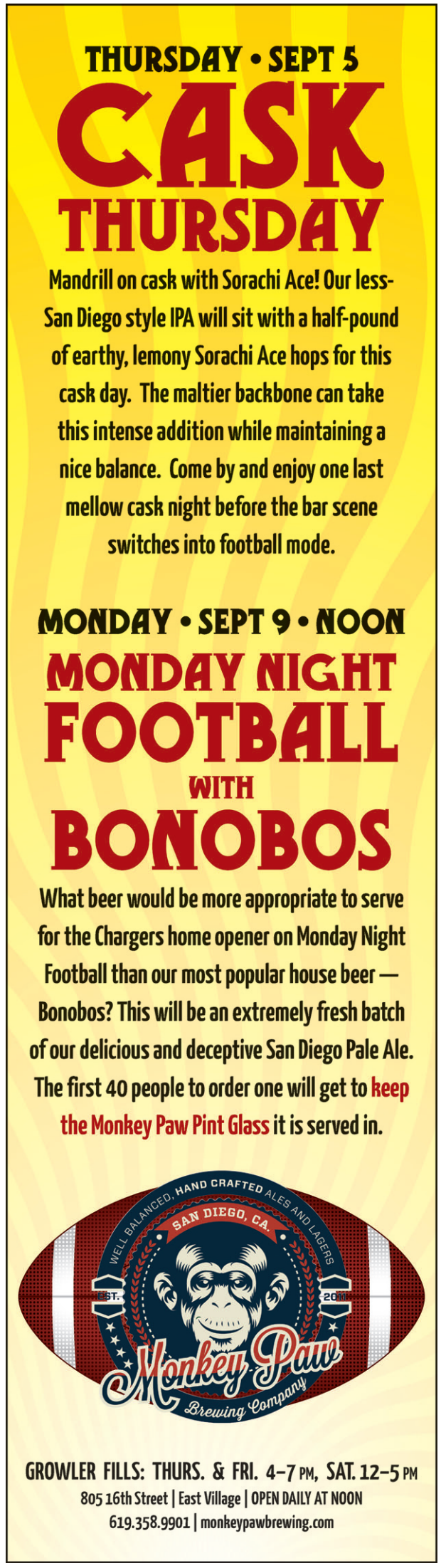
Rosie O'Grady's: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2.50 wells, domestic beers. $3.50 Jager shots.

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off all pints, $2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: $1 off all pints, $2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $1 off drafts and calls. $1 off Heineken.

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 11am-3pm: $3 wells, $2 off liquor, $1 off beer. 3-7:30pm: $4 wells, $1 off liquor, $1 off beer. *Tuesday*, 11am-3pm: $3 wells, $2 off liquor, $1 off beer. 3-7:30pm: $4 wells, $1 off liquor, $1 off beer. Tues-



HAPPY HOUR

day Pint Night: $4 for first pint, $3 refills, you keep the glass.

Imig's Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-Sunday*, 4:30-6:30pm: $2 off wine, $4 beers, $4 well cocktails. *Wednesday*, 4:30-6:30pm: $2 off wine, $4 beers, $4 well cocktails. 1/2-price wine bottles. *Friday*, All Night: $2 off wine, $4 beers, $4 well cocktails.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, $3.50 wells, $5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Sabuku Sushi: *Daily*, 4-6pm; $5 Shiso Crazee, $5 Buku Bites, $5 Buku Nachos, $7 Twice Baked Mussels, $8 Seared Ahi Tacos. $5 Large 20+oz Asahi or Sapporo, $5 Rock Sake's, $7 All cocktails & wines (by the glass).

OCEAN BEACH

Mother's Saloon: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off craft drafts, $2 domestic drafts, $2.75 well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers. *Sunday*, 4-8pm(during live music): $1 chicken tenders, $2 pork sliders, $5 tater tots.

Ocean Beach Kabob: *Daily*, 11am-7pm. 50% off all draft beer! $3.50 Sculpin, Lagunitas IPA, Dogfish Head 90-min. IPA, and more! $2 Dos Equis all day!

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $3 domestics, wells; $4 premiums, glass of wine; specialty cocktails from $3.50-$8, 50% off select appetizers.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-5pm: 1/2 price well drinks, beers, wine, and appetizers. $1 tacos & cheesy garlic bread.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: 50% off select appetizers, $3.99 select drinks.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2-off well drinks & selected appetizers.

Sushi Tadokoro: *Daily*, 5-6:30pm: half-off all draft beers(Sapporo, Kirin, Asahi); 1/2-off hot sake. $2 edamame, $3 gyoza.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, $3 drink specials all day/all night.

Baleen: *Thursday*, Half-Price Wine. *Sunday*, B.Y.O.W. Bring your own wine to enjoy with your meal, no corkage charge.

Bar West: *Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday*, 5-10pm: $3 Mexican beer, $4 Espolon, $5 margaritas. Serving Oscar's Mexican food.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Tuesday*, 3-6pm: $3 house wines, wells, calls. $3/$5 house drafts. Food specials. *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 house drafts, house wines, wells, calls. Food specials.

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 11am-8pm: $1.50 domestic drafts, $2.50 craft drafts, $4.50 appetizers, $12 hookahs/$10 hookah refills.

Tony Roma's: *Monday*, 4-6pm: $3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, $4 premium draft beer pints, $3 well drinks & well wines, $3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only) *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, $4 premium draft beer pints, $3 well drinks & well wines, $3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only) *Saturday-Sunday*, 1-4pm: $3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, $4 premium draft beer pints, $3 well drinks & well wines, $3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only)

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Daily*, 4-7pm & after 10pm: $3 artisan draft beers, $4 wines & sangria. $3 & $4 tapas.

Typhoon Saloon: *Wednesday-Friday*, 5-10pm: $3 drinks and 1/2 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Gabardine: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4:30-6pm: $1 off craft beers, $3 Coors Light, $6 cocktails and glasses of wine. $1 oysters, $4 truffle fries, $8 tacos. *Tuesday*, 4:30-close: $1 off craft beers, $3 Coors Light, $6 cocktails and glasses of wine. $1 oysters, $4 truffle fries, $8 tacos.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off select drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm: $5 tapas, $3 beer, $5 select wine, $6 select cocktails and wells. (bar & side lounge only) *Sunday*, 4:30-7pm: $5 tapas, $3 beer, $5 select wine, $6 select cocktails and wells. (bar & side lounge only)

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $3.50 microbrews, $4 select wines. $5 appetizers: panko-crusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2 off all pitchers.

Cheers: *Monday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks. $10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks. $1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks. $.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: $4 wells, $2.75 domestic, $3.50 imported/specialty, $4.75 house margarita, $5 house wine.

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2.50 domestic pints, $8 pitchers, $4 premium pints, $5 margaritas & long island ice teas.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: $1 off all beer; $3 Corona or glass of wine. $1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 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.

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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

Hamilton's Tavern: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: $1 off all liquor/wine/any tall domestic draft. 50% off all starters. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-close: $1 off all liquor/wine/any tall domestic draft. 50% off all starters.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: $2.50 wells, domestic drafts, $3.25 house wine.

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Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Daily*, 11am-7pm $3 Menu; 4pm-7pm $1 off all beer.

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Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: $2.50 bottled beers, $3.50 wine by the glass, $3.50 Ouzo Aperitif.

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: $4 drafts and well cocktails.

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Small Bar: *Daily*, 5-8pm: $1 off local draughts and drinks.

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Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 domestic. $3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

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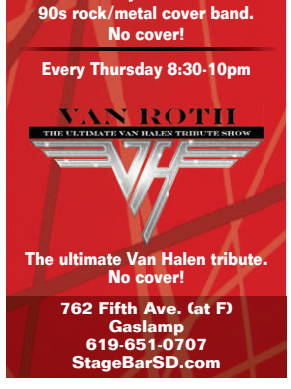
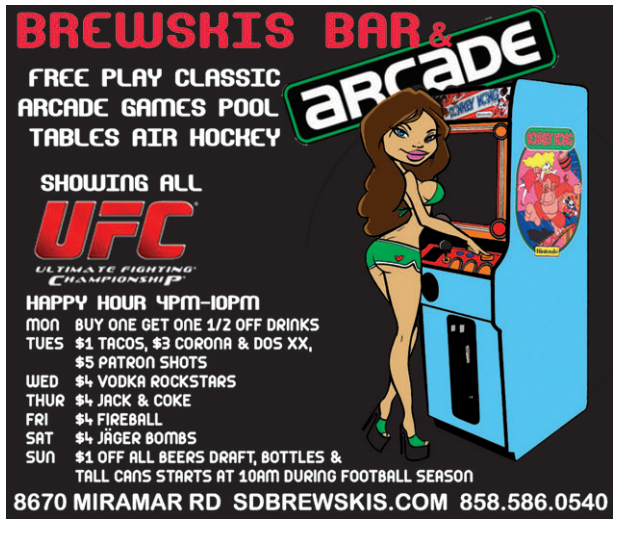




Border angels

"Every day we don't have immigration reform, two people die."

THEATER

JEFF SMITH

It's always a relief when license plates with Saguaro cacti exodus east this time of year. Our roads thin out, like arteries purged of cholesterol. But Teatro Mascara Magica's staging a play all Zonies should see — and everyone else.

The first two scenes of Josephina Lopez's *Detained in the Desert* are so unsubtle you wonder when the real play will arrive. "I'm a patriot, not a racist," spews Arizona's hate-talk radio jock Lou Becker. He encourages callers to co-spew drivel about "illegals" on the air and do far worse at the border. He interviews Enrique (the role based on Enrique Morones, founder of the nonprofit Border Angels). Lou utters one verbal hate crime after another, then goes deaf when Enrique says, "Every day we don't have immigration reform, two people die."

Scene two: young Latinos in a convertible. Sandra and Will get lost not far from the Arizona border. They've been dating for six months but don't know their real names. The cop who stops them knows even less. Convinced they're "illegals" by looks alone, he demands her documents. Sandra lifts off: she's a native-born American and doesn't have to show any "stinking badges!" We next see her in an orange jumpsuit and a prison cell.

In a brief talk before opening night curtain, director Bill Virchis defined "teatro" as a "theater of the people, of the mind" that presents "the relevant issues of the day" as in a "conversation." Detained also has similarities to "agitprop" — the "agitation and propaganda" theater of the '60s, where X was stardust and golden, and Y mewling and puking evil.

Detained begins like agitprop. It presents a "what are these people" attitude, not a "who." Then the real play shows up, and the surface slips away. Lopez has a knack for making original impressions sprout in unexpected ways.

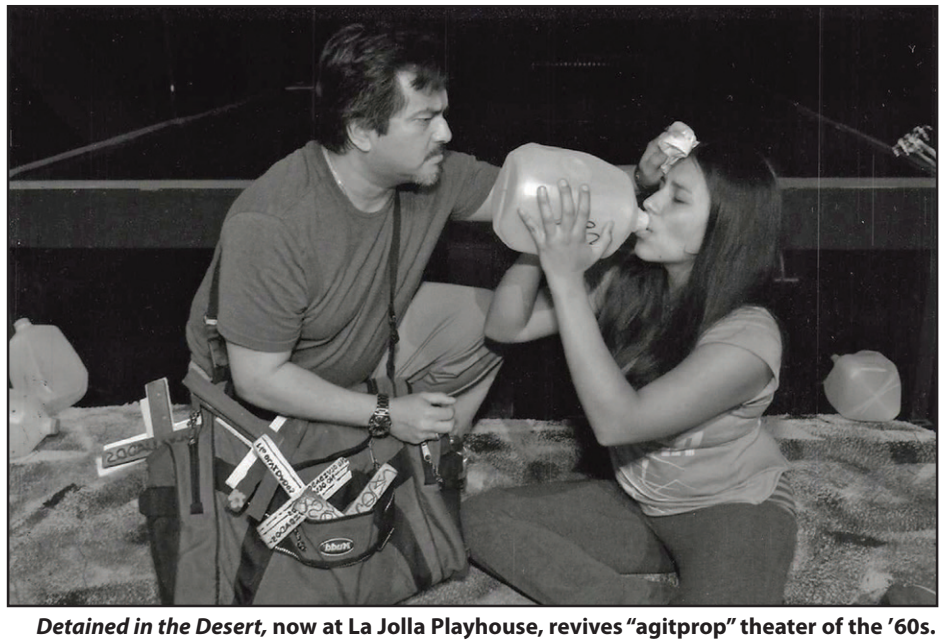
There's always more. Becker's radio station, for example, is KRZT 1070. Arizona's notorious anti-immigration law is SB 1070, which permits racial profiling based on how a person looks or "sounds."

When the cop stops Sandra, he sees a racial template. He never learns that she was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley; she has a college degree and doesn't even speak Spanish. To blend in with gringo classmates, she changed her name to "Sandy."

Will, it turns out, is Canadian. He didn't bring his Visa. Fortunately the cop doesn't check. If he did, Will would be queuing up on the Arizona border at sundown, waiting to cross the Sonoran Desert in hotplate heat.

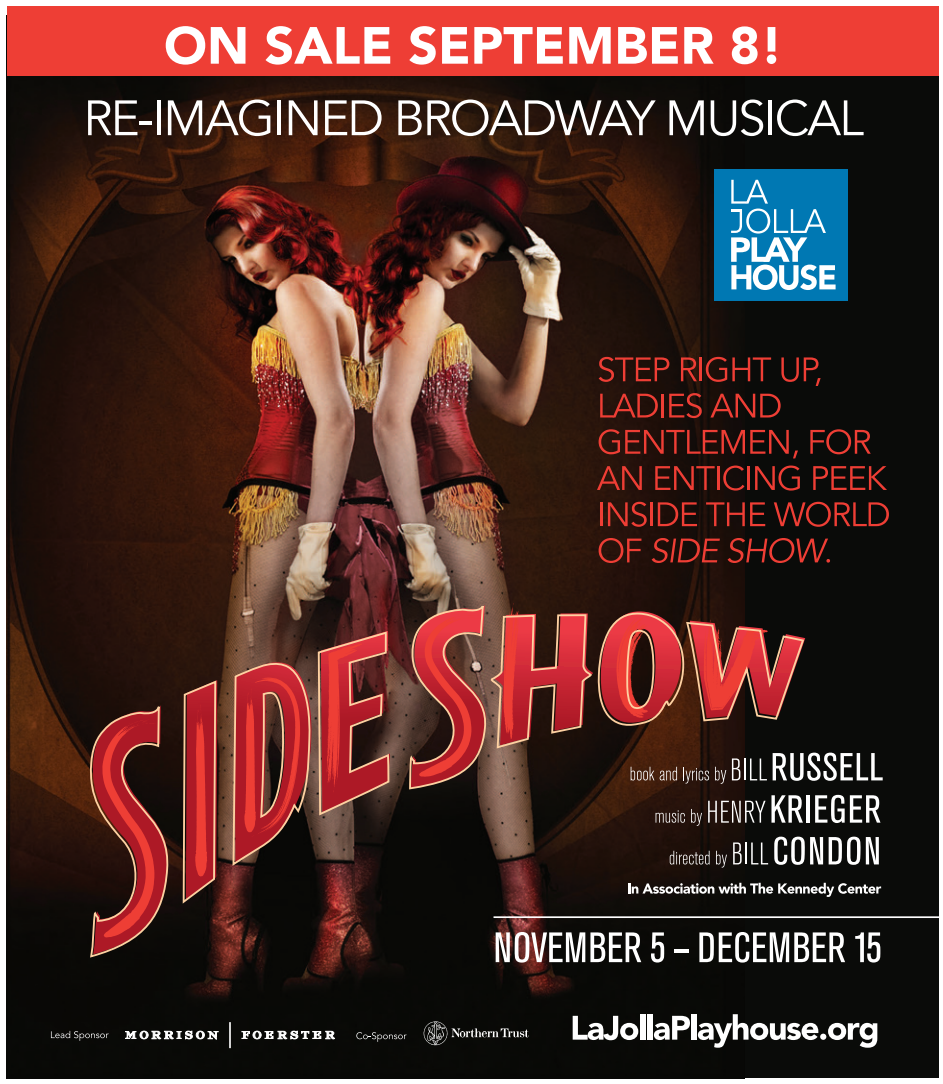
So, an "entitled" Latina and a hired-gun talk-show host making gobs of loot from xenophobic rant. The cop racially profiles her. But just a sec: mightn't we have profiled the slice of fascist bacon behind the mic as well?

Lou has a backstory. And the desert where



***Detained in the Desert,* now at La Jolla Playhouse, revives "agitprop" theater of the '60s.**

Detained in the Desert, *by Josefina Lopez*
Teatro Mascara Magica, *La Jolla Playhouse, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla*
Directed by William Virchis, *cast: Charles Maze, Michael Adler, Steven Jensen, Dave Rivas, Alix Mendoza, Victor Santander, Greg McAfee, Andre Gonzales, Roman Reyes, Jennifer Santander, Brenda Marie Toledo, Amanda O'Ruairc, Vanessa Mendoza, Jose Herrera, Christina Murguia, Elisa Gonzales, Isabela Leon, Zayra Nicifore; scenic design, John Iacovelli; costumes, Pamela Travo; lighting, Tammy Ray; sound, Dave Rivas*
Playing through September 15: *Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 2:00 p.m.*



he, like Sandra, becomes "detained," burns it out of him.

Since he became Artistic Director of the La Jolla Playhouse, Christopher Ashley has introduced one innovative program after another: *Without Walls* (a three-day festival begins October 3); and the Resident Theatre Program, which provides a one-year base for "up and coming" — and often "homeless" — companies, has earned national praise.

This season's recipient, Teatro Mascara Magica, stages *Detained* with an 18-person cast. The opening night had some expected jitters, and the acting varied in quality, at first. But as the play grew, and the themes took over, so did the performances.

John Iacovelli's ingenious set facilitates the playwright's film-like approach. Somehow he suggests both walls (rusty, corrugated tin) and emptiness. At first, the covered lights overhead have a fiesta-like quality, until you realize they're the white plastic, gallon jugs the Border Angels fill with water and leave at key points in the desert for the thirsty.

Skulls on the ground and two Dia de Los Muertos living skeletons creeping here and there combine realistic and mythical elements.

Though he starts a mite over-the-top, spreading hate with broad funhouse smears, Charles Maze runs an emotional gambit as the DJ Lou Becker — and a physical one, since he undergoes a searing, and believable, humiliation.

In her first scenes, Alix Mendoza was too tentative as Sandy. Mendoza hit stride once "Sandy" learned how it felt to be "Sandra." Dave Rivas — always a delight as "Cholo-Satan" in TMM's hugely popular Christmas show, *La Pastorela* – gives Enrique, the Border Angel, a well-deserved dignity.

If the playwright's name isn't familiar, her first full play might be: *Real Women Have Curves*, produced at the Rep in 1994. San Diego, in fact, is currently having an unofficial, Josefina Lopez Festival. Along with *Detained in the Desert* at La Jolla, beginning September 13, OnStage Playhouse will premiere *Logan Heights*. It's about a place that "isn't heaven, but it's my home." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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 cow hairdressers 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.]*
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM NIGHTLY (EXCEPT MONDAYS), THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

America's Finest City: Behind Closed Doors
For two evenings only, Point Loma Actors Workshop presents "an evening of far out theater" about San Diego. David Stein directs.
POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 8PM SATURDAY, 7:30PM SUNDAY.

Broadway Hits and Highlights
Lamplighters presents a benefit show to help complete remodling of its new theater. The musical revue presents what its title promises.
6911 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

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.
THEODORE AND ADELE SHANK THEATRE, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-3791. 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15.

Four Dogs and a Bone
Trinity Theatre, San Diego's newest community theater company, stages John Patrick Shanley's "dark" comedy about "what people will do for their art — or for their 15 minutes of fame." Sean Paul Boyd directs.
COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., OAK PARK. 619-264-3391. 7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Hard Travelin' With Woody
The North Coast Repertory Theatre presents, for two performances only, Randy Noojin's one-person show about Woody Guthrie, "poet of the people."
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM MONDAY & TUESDAY.

Man with a Load of Mischief
North Coast Repertory presents the John Clifton/Ben Tarver musical about an early 19th-century inn where the "Nobleman isn't noble… and the Lady is no lady." Rick Simas directs.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

Marry Me A Little
Diversionary Theatre offers the musical revue, by Craig Lucas and Norman Rene, based on the songs of Stephen Sondheim. James Vasquez directs.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
This is probably as good a production as Tom Stoppard's comitragedy 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 MONDAYS), THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

Something's Afoot
Premiere Productions and the Welk Resort Theatre present a spoof of Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*, "filled with booby-traps and belted songs." Randall Hickman directs.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22.

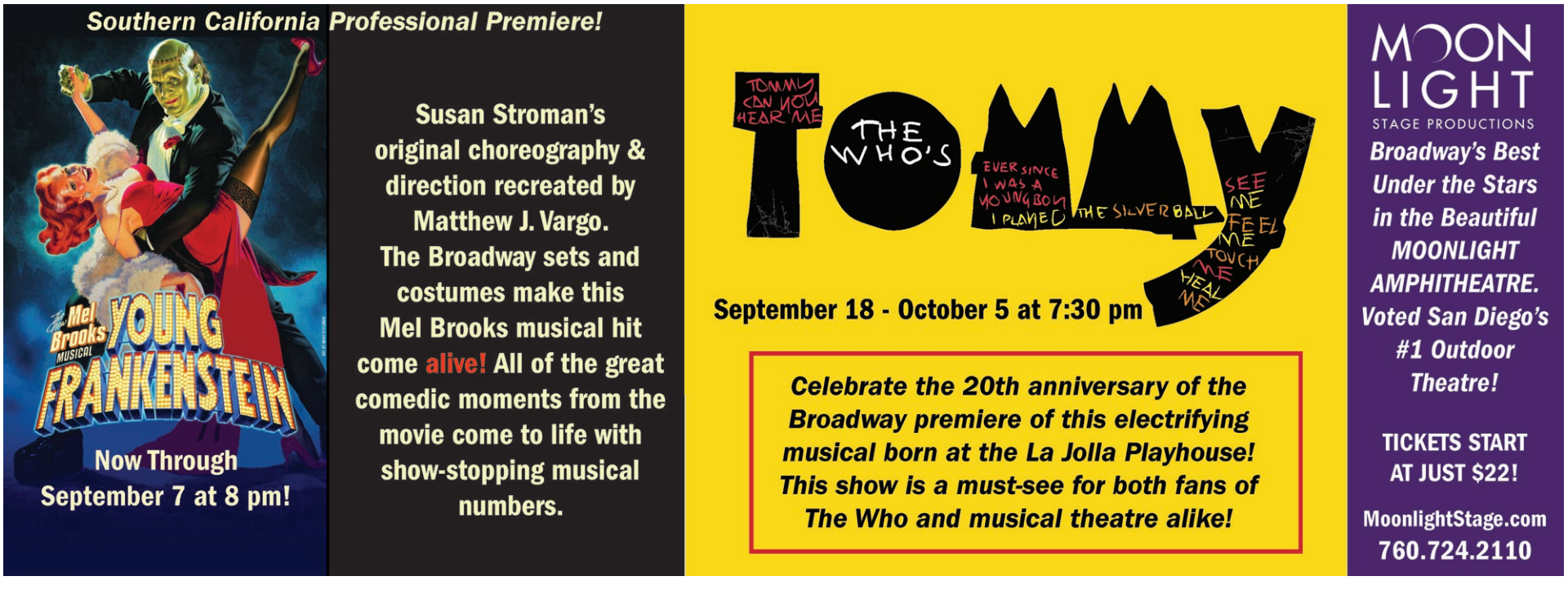
The 39 Steps
In the classic Hitchcock movie, Richard Hannay's caught in a web of international intrigue and becomes wanted on three continents. In Patrick Barlow's parody, Hannay goes through a warped looking glass and enters the Actor's Nightmare: He has a clue about a vital secret but narry a clue what to do next. The Lamb's Players show, brisk and beautifully 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 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22.

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 comfining 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 MONDAYS), THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

The Shining City
Ion Theatre opens its eighth season with Conor McPherson's drama about a doctor and his patient; ghosts of guilt haunt each. Glenn Paris directs.
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, 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 THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS; 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22.

Young Frankenstein
No comedian gets to his inner child faster, or stays longer, than Mel Brooks. He loves to spin expectations on their ear, and resorts to humor so blue its cobalt. *Young Frankenstein* is based on his 1974 movie. It tries to stuff every moment into the musical and runs long as a result. But the excellent Moonlight Stage production is also long on talent. Credit to director/choreographer Matthew J. Vargo, and technical coordinator Justin A. M.M. Hall (who uses sets and properties from the Broadway touring show), and to a large and spirited cast, led by Larry Raben as young Frederick F., the brilliand Jessica Bernard (Elizabeth), Tracy Lore (Frau Blucher), Jamie Torcellini (Igor), Noelle Marion (Inga), and Randall S. Hickman, whose Hulk-like monster goes "Puttin' on the Ritz." **Critic's Pick.**
MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7.



Soul death

***Afternoon Delight*: No good deed goes unpunished — or unexamined.**

Interview with *Afternoon Delight* writer-director Jill Soloway

Matthew Lickona: How did you pitch this film?

JS: A mom rescues a stripper and realizes that she's the one who needs rescuing.

ML: So Rachel (Kathryn Hahn) is the mom in that sentence, and McKenna (Juno Temple) is the stripper. Rachel strikes me as haunted. Is she? If so, by what?

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JS: I think she's haunted by a lack of connection to her soul. Anxiety is sort of a version of soul death. Anxiety is like this thing: "I'm spinning in my head, trying to figure out what matters, and nothing matters. Nothing's landing. Motherhood isn't landing. Couplehood isn't landing. I'm spinning and I can't land myself." I do think that Rachel is searching. Bringing McKenna home is her just trying to reconnect to her body, looking for that connection between her heart and her womb.

ML: Can we talk about the mechanics of bringing McKenna into her home? Rachel approaches McKenna at the coffee cart and introduces herself as someone who got a lap dance from her. If a man ever went up to an off-duty stripper and said that, it would come off as kind of stalker-y.

JS: But because she's not a guy, it isn't. The diversion is, "I'm a mother. You're a kid. We're both women." A woman getting a lap dance can pretend to be a man, but she can also experience that feeling of sameness. "We're not different." We question the notion, "What do these women have in common? One's a Madonna, one's a whore. Do they still have a relationship with each other?" I think Rachel convinces herself of the mother-daughter thing as a reason for staying in contact.

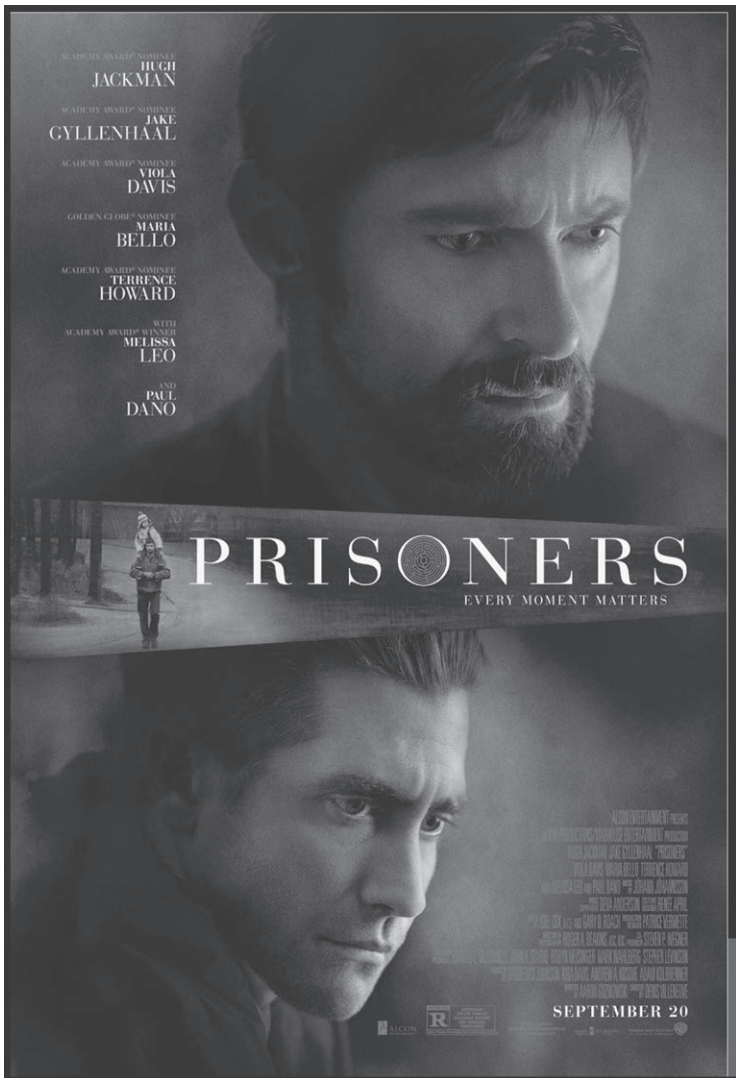
ML: Why does McKenna play along? I mean, Rachel offers to pay her as a way to help her out of the sex-worker life. But McKenna doesn't seem eager to leave the sex-worker life. Why does she accept Rachel's proposal?

JS: I think McKenna thinks she's helping Rachel a little bit. "This woman clearly needs something." And she has nowhere to stay.

ML: But when she goes back to sex work, Rachel feels betrayed. Does McKenna get that?

JS: McKenna has just gotten a call from her mother, who's crazy and is a drug addict and needs money. She and Rachel are playing a game: "I'm mom and you're my college student who's come home." And McKenna says, "Fuck it. I'm not going to play this any more. I have to take care of my mom." To me, it's this feminist generational thing — the stay-at-home mom has the privilege. McKenna comes from the working class. She has to work for her money. She doesn't really want Rachel's money. There's a divide.

ML: Sometimes there is a scene in a film that feels like the germ of the whole movie even if it doesn't sum up what the film is about. For me, the story Rachel tells when she gets drunk — about having sex her freshman year



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at college and then getting an abortion and dropping out — felt like that kind of scene.

JS: You know, I sometimes look at the whole movie as a parable of second- and third-generation feminism. When I was in college, I was a second-generation feminist. This was pre-sex-positive feminism. We demonstrated outside of porn stores. Sort of *Ms.* magazine, "I'm not an object," access to birth control, abortion rights. We were reading Andrea Dworkin, and it was a feminism that was very disconnected from our sexuality. We were just beginning to learn about sex-positive feminism, the Susie Brights and Nina Hartleys, the women who were saying, "Sex workers are people too." That was just beginning. I look at that time in my life...and the two things discussed in that scene are consent and abortion. This notion of having sex with somebody when you weren't sure you wanted to, not really being able to say no because you actually had no idea how to say yes.

ML: Rachel rejects the idea that she was raped.

JS: Right. She's like, "No! Nobody asks in college." It's college; people don't ask. You just find yourself — you know, you meet some guy, you're kissing, and "Oh God, it's in. He didn't ask. I didn't say yes. I didn't say no. We're doing it." Because you're 19, and you're not even really able to claim desire at 19. There was no place for desire in that feminist narrative. There was only sort of, "Don't look at me. Don't look at women." What's happening underneath in that scene is, she's talking about abortion — and this is going to sound incredibly cheesy — but at one point I realized, "Oh, McKenna is her abortion."

ML: Well, it's not so cheesy, given that she opens the conversation by asking, "Does anyone wonder what their aborted children would have been like?"

JS: Right, and then we cut to McKenna and she's dancing with the men. And she's about the right age. I do think that in some ways, third-generation feminists are the daughters of second-generation feminists. We gave birth to them, with the pill and with *Sex and the City* and with Fuck-Me Feminism. Now there is a whole generation of women who consider themselves powerful and who like to wear five-inch heels and take pole-dancing classes. Whether they have it all or want it all or are forced to want it all, who knows?

ML: Speaking of sex: in my notes, I've got, "Rare to see married sex not played for laughs."

JS: I do feel like I'm good at sex scenes, and that, as a woman, I have a responsibility to write and shoot sex, because I can and I'm not scared of it. And so few women are directors, and so few people will say, "Let's walk into the most uncomfortable moment, the sexual moment, and show what it feels like from a woman's point of view." I know how to shoot it and how to make it meaningful and funny and sexy. But I don't know whether I want that on my tombstone, like I was some sort of pornographer.

— *Matthew Lickona*

INTERVIEW WITH *CLOSED CIRCUIT* DIRECTOR JOHN CROWLEY

To date, John Crowley has directed *Intermission*, *Boy A*, *Is Anybody There?*, and now *Closed Circuit*, which opened last Friday at a theater near you. In my book, that makes the Irish filmmaker 4 for 4.

An anti-Hollywood suspenser modeled after the work of Alan J. Pakula (*Klute*, *All the President's Men*), *Closed Circuit* refuses to allow bullets, unsteady camera work, and over-the-top effects tell its story. It's a taut, intelligent, old-school espionage thriller that was even better the second time through.

Many directors make the lucrative leap from art house to multiplex; few do so without a compromise of principles. Meet John Crowley.

Scott Marks: Thank you for interrupting your Sunday supper to speak with me.

John Crowley: Absolutely fine. It's a pleasure.

SM: In *Boy A*, you gave Andrew Garfield his first big break. Does Spider-Man still return your calls?

JC (laughing): Yes, he does. There isn't anything I'm knocking on his door for. I'll put it that way. He invited me along to the premier [of *Spider-Man*] here. He's a good guy. And he's not so bad as an actor, is he? He's promising.

SM: *Closed Circuit* is a film that I admire for what it doesn't do almost as much for what it does. It's a top-flight espionage thriller without spies, gunplay, or CGI wizardry, and the romantic leads don't kiss let alone screw. Was this a conscious decision on your part?

JC: Yes to all of it. I did set out to make an adult entertainment, as it were. I wanted it to be accessible, not 'art-housey' in any way. There aren't a huge number of interesting thrillers made since the '70s. In the '80s and '90s they began to feel more bloated and bigger and more expensive. And less interesting. We wanted to take the kind of approach Alan J. Pakula or Sidney Lumet used and see if it could be done in an English context. There hasn't really been anything of that sort here since *Defense of the Realm*, a really, really good film from the '80s. It was one of Gabriel Byrne's first big breaks.

In terms of the romantic relationship, there was a thread of that present in the very first draft. I liked it, but then in later drafts it went further and that just ripped something in the fabric of the film. What I liked about the challenge of the script as it was presented was that you look at these two people as sort of shards of a broken relationship. You meet them at their lowest ebb and gradually begin piecing it together. I'm much happier doing 1+1 and leaving it to the audience to fill in the 2. If there was an actual love-making scene thrown into the film, I thought that it would have violated something in the integrity of the trial. It would have felt gratuitous.

SM: The first shot in the film is of a bank of 15 surveillance monitors. Is it possible for one operator to pan and zoom all 15 cameras at once in order to follow the action or did you take a bit of artistic license?

JC: We took artistic license in the sense that we could only shoot with a maximum of three cameras simultane-

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Cine en el Parque Four Spanish-language films will be projected with English subtitles. Bring chairs and blankets. Sep 7: *No* - Chilean film starring Gael García Bernal based on the 1988 referendum on whether Pinochet should have another 8-year term as President. Sep 14: *La Camioneta* - A documentary about refurbished American school buses in Guatemala. Sep 21: *El Manzano Azul* - A family-friendly story about a man who remembers a pivotal summer spent at his grandfather's farm as a kid. Sep 28: *The Girl* - A drama, starring Abbie Cornish, who must help a small Mexican girl find her mother after they've been separated crossing the border. Food and drinks available for purchase. No alcohol, smoking, dogs, or barbeques allowed. **Saturday, September 7, 7:00pm, Saturday, September 14, 7:00pm, Saturday, September 21, 7:00pm**

San Diego Latino Film Festival Come and enjoy renowned Spanish-language films outdoors under the stars at the California Center for the Arts! In partnership with the San Diego Latino Film Festival, the Center will screen different films projected with English subtitles, every Saturday in September. This week's screening is Academy Award nominated film, *No*, starring Gael Garcia Bernal. Bring chairs and blankets, films at dusk. Food and drinks available for purchase. No alcohol, smoking, dogs, or barbeques allowed. Cine en el Parque is generously sponsored by Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort. www.artcenter.org/performances. **Saturday, September 7, 7:00pm**

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO, LA JOLLA
700 Prospect St., La Jolla
858-454-3541

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. Billy West, who voices over 30 characters from (Matt Groening's) *Futurama*, including Fry, Dr. Zoidberg, and Professor Farnsworth, will be present to sign autographs and take pictures during all September 13 and 14 screenings. **Thursday, September 5, 7:00pm, Friday, September 13, 7:00pm, Friday, September 13, 9:00pm, Saturday, September 14, 7:00pm, Saturday, September 14, 9:00pm, Saturday, September 21, 7:00pm, Saturday, September 21, 9:00pm**

OTAY RANCH TOWN CENTER
2015 Birch Rd., Eastlake
619-656-9100

Cinco de Mayo: la Battala *Cinco de Mayo* tells the story of May 5th, 1862, when a few thousand Mexican soldiers put their lives on the line against the world's largest and most powerful army in one legendary battle for freedom and for Mexico. Film is part of the Que Viva! Cine Latino Film Festival, which showcases critically acclaimed Latino productions from the past 12 months. Each week also features pre-screening entertainment with an assortment of live local Latino musical groups. Screenings takes place in the Food Pavilion. **Wednesday, September 11, 6:30pm**

PACIFIC BEACH LIBRARY
4275 Cass St., Pacific Beach
858-581-9934

Reel Books: The Green Mile Watch the 1999 film adaption of Stephen King's *The Green Mile* on the library's big screen, then stay to discuss the film and book. **Friday, September 6, 1:00pm**

POV Documentary: The World Before Her A tale of two Indias: In one, a small-town girl competes in the Miss India pageant. In the other, a militant woman leads a fundamentalist Hindu camp for girls. Winner, World Documentary Competition Award, 2012 Tribeca Film Festival. Watch this documentary on the library's big screen before it airs on KPBS, then stay for a brief discussion. **Tuesday, September 10, 6:00pm**

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 11, 8:00pm, Wednesday, September 18, 8:00pm, Wednesday, September 25, 8:00pm**

POINT LOMA LIBRARY
3701 Voltaire St., Point Loma
619-531-1539

Now You See Me Bustling, glittering roller coaster of illusions, conspiracy, mystery, and fantasy. Four street magicians are mysteriously brought together as the "Four Horsemen." They stage illusions that involve stealing money, bemusing detectives, and intriguing a professional magic debunker. Starring Mark Ruffalo, Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Morgan Freeman, and Michael Caine. 619-531-1539. **Sunday, September 8, 2:00pm**

Stories We Tell The truth depends on who's telling it in Sarah Polley's genre-twisting feature about the elusive nature of truth and memory. Polley is both filmmaker and detective as she investigates the secrets kept by her family of storytellers. 619-531-1539. **Tuesday, September 10, 6:00pm**

REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park
619-238-1233

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**

IMAX en Español: To the Arctic Un viaje extraordinario a la cima del mundo, To The Arctic es el cuento supremo de supervivencia. La película lleva audiencias a un viaje nunca experienciado en las vidas de una osa blanca y sus dos cachorros de siete meses de edad, mientras navegan por los cambios del ártico un lugar que ellos llaman hogar. IMAX en Español es una oportunidad para usted y su familia que disfruten las películas IMAX en español cada tercer domingo del mes. Adicionalmente audífonos sin costo para quienes deseen escuchar el audio en español siempre están disponibles para las películas que se presentan con el audio original en Ingles. **Sunday, September 15, 4:00pm**

SILO IN MAKERS QUARTER
753 15th St., East Village

Film Festival Preview Event As guests indulge in local craft beer, speciality craft cocktails, gourmet food trucks, and live art installations each night, the screening of two feature films and three short films will be displayed. Guests are encouraged to use alternative modes of transportation to and from the event as complementary bike valet parking will be provided by the San Diego Bike Coalition. Proceeds benefit the San Diego Film Foundation. **Friday, September 13, 5:00pm, Saturday, September 14, 5:00pm**

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**

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART
1450 El Prado, Balboa Park
619-232-7931

First Friday Films: Blow Up Thomas, played by David Hemmings, is a talented and successful portrait photographer living in swinging 1960s London. Bored with studio sessions with fashion models, he travels out into the streets to photograph London and unwittingly records a possible crime. The unfolding drama tests Thomas' skills and knowledge as a photographer, pushing him to obsession. Shown in conjunction with *Arnold Newman: Masterclass*. Wine and snack packages available. 619-696-1935. **Friday, September 6, 7:00pm**

SAN DIEGUITO HERITAGE MUSEUM
450 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas
760-632-9711

La Paloma Theatre Exhibit Opening To celebrate the La Paloma Theatre's 85th birthday, the museum created a comprehensive exhibit on the 'grand old lady." The official grand opening features food, fellowship, film clips, and memories. 760-632-9711. **Sunday, September 8, 5:30pm**

WAVE HOUSE
3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach
858-228-9283

The Incredibles Swim, snack, and drink while viewing the movie. 858-678-9334. **Tuesday, September 10, 7:45pm**

ously. We repeated action endlessly, but covering it from three angles at once before we built up the full montage of images. You can imagine from a continuity point-of-view it was very difficult to repeat all those takes with enough coverage in order for us to move around. All of those positions have to be incredibly specifically recorded up to exact angles. It was very complicated and took a lot of repetition.

SM: Your play *True Lines* won the Stewart Parker Award for Best New Play in 1995, yet to date, all of your films are written by others. Why is that?

JC: It was a "devised play," which is a way of working...I guess the closest correlative in cinema would be Mike Leigh. It was based on a huge number of improvisations and a script was distilled down out of that with the four actors that I worked with. It was a particular way of working that I loved at the time. It allowed you to go from a verbal scene into an image and then you would cut to something else. It was quite a cinematic way of working. That said, we rehearsed for seven weeks before coming near to the kind of script that we would then go ahead and put on a stage.

I haven't yet — which isn't to say that I won't one day — found a way of structuring that kind of process in the film world, which, as you know, tends to very much be about needing to see the script and knowing who is in it before anyone is going to give you $100 let alone the millions needed to make a movie. We put [*True Lines*] on in the back room of a pub. We were free to do what we wanted. It was the glory of being unemployed that allowed me to be that bold, in a way. The film world is very structured and Mike Leigh is the only one I know of who is able to use that kind of an approach regularly. He then goes away and writes down the screenplays. It's not writing in the traditional way. That's something that I just don't have as a skill. You either have it or you don't. To work with very good writers is also a great joy.

SM: How much say do you have in casting?

JC: Oh, you know. Pretty much complete. Once your leads are attached, producers tend to leave me alone with it. They'll watch one or two auditions and say whether or not they like an actor, but it's pretty much my call. That's the way we did it on *Closed Circuit*. This is the biggest film I worked on. With the smaller films certainly that was the case. And I work with a great casting director [Fiona Weir], who also happens to be the mother of my two-year-old child.

— *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.

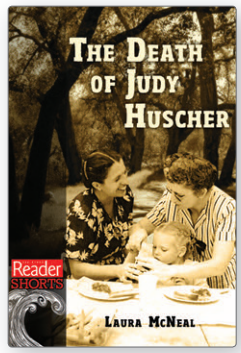
Afternoon Delight — Writer-director Jill Soloway digs into the psyche of the happy homemaker's shadow self, the miserable mommy. (When all your needs are met, that's when you notice you're unhappy.) Rachel (Kathryn Hahn) is uninterested in her child, unmoved by her husband, and unconsoled by her friends. On a joyless lark, she accompanies her man to a strip club and has a close encounter with McKenna (Juno Temple), a full-service sex worker who seems comfortable in her skin. She winds up inviting McKenna to stay with her-sisters helping sisters and all that. In Rachel's own words, this is tantamount to throwing a bomb into the middle of her life. Even if the bomb ends the war, there are always casualties. Clear-eyed characterization, unfettered dialogue, and crystalline performances help to keep the story from stagnating. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

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 unprettiness of things. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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)

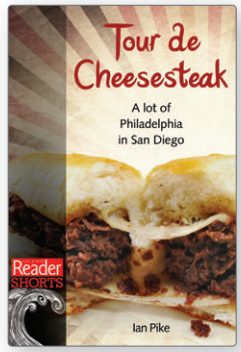
Bounty Killer — A spiritless, secondhand ripoff of first rate social satire. It's *Mad Max* meets *Death Proof* to form the basis of another bloody dumb apocalypse comedy. With Corporate Wars having reduced the planet to near-unlivable conditions, a band of grubby futuristic human hunters are hired to beat the bushes-and anything else that gets in their way-in search of white collar criminals. TV graphic designer-turned-director/co-writer Henry Saine does wonders with a miniscule effects budget, giving his film its convincingly gritty futuristic look. But when it comes to telling a story that has something even remotely unfamiliar to say for itself, there should be a price placed on his head. With Christian Pitre and Matthew Marsden, and featuring cameos by Gary Busey, Beverly D'Angelo, Eve, and Kristanna Loken. 2013. — S.M. ● (READING GASLAMP)

Closed Circuit — An intelligent, paranoid suspense thriller with zero bullets fired, zero special effects, two sizzling romantic leads who don't kiss, and the good sense to pack a tripod! Summer's over. Adults are once again free to move about the multiplex. After a London bombing, a Turkish suspect (Denis Moschitto), the only surviving member of a reported terrorist cell, is taken into custody. The government's evidence is so hush-hush that neither the bomber nor his lawyer can see it. Enter Claudia Simmons-Howe (Rebecca Hall), a Special Advocate who is allowed access to the classified documents. One snag: there's to be no contact between Claudia and the defendant or his counsel. This wouldn't be so difficult if Claudia and defense barrister Martin Rose (Eric Bana) weren't former lovers. The suspense builds to heights that rival the towering stacks of evi-



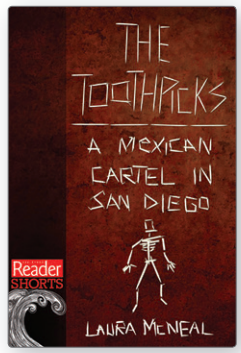
The Death of Judy Huscher

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.



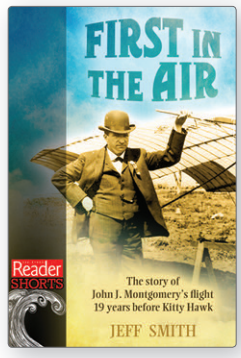
Tour de Cheesesteak

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.



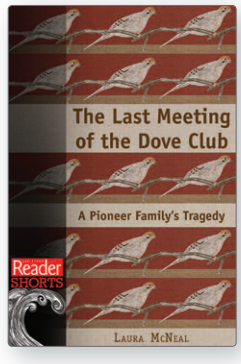
The Toothpicks

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.



First in the Air

In 1884 — 19 years before Kitty Hawk — John J. Montgomery made a controlled flight with a glider from a windswept mesa near the Mexican border. A relentless, driven experimenter, he devoted the rest of his life to mastering "the science of the bird" — a devotion that cut it short.



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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dentiary documents. An unnecessary third act reveal is the film's only concession to Hollywood formula. 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)

Drinking Buddies — A friendship between a pair of 'spoken for' co-workers at a Chicago brewery gradually heats up in what has to be the sweetest, most romantic, and non-judgmental 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)

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)

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)

Riddick — Review forthcoming at *SanDiegoReader.com* (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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 World's End — The final chapter in Edgar Wright's Cornetto trilogy, and very much a raised-stakes version of the first entry, *Shaun of the Dead*. In *Shaun*, a town was taken over by zombies, and the hero was forced to confront his failings. In *World's End*, the world is threatened by aliens, and the hero is...yeah. Also: when you add all that supersized drama, something tends to get lost. There's something here about the dangers of nostalgia, and something about the awfulness of corporate sameness, and something about the value of stubborn individuality shining through a haze of drunken belligerence, but the film's chief pleasures come from the interaction of its five stars (Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Martin Freeman, Paddy Considine, and Eddie Marsan), out to finish the twelve-pub crawl they bailed on back in the day. It's fun to relate the pub names to the action inside, and fun to watch soused Englishmen attempt to navigate the complexities of dealing with alien invasion. Just don't push it too hard. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

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DRINKING BUDDIES (R) Fri: (4:45), 9:15, Sat-Sun: (4:45), 9:15, Mon-Thu: (4:45), 9:15; **TERRAFERMA** (R) Fri: (2:30), 7:15, Sat-Sun: (2:30), 7:15, Mon-Thu: 7:15, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "( )"; **POPULAIRE** (NR) Opens Friday, September 13; **THE ROOM** (R) Midnight Saturday, September 14

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (888-262-4386)
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AIN'T THEM BODIES SAINTS (NR) Fri: (1:00), 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, Sat-Sun: (10:00), 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, Mon-Thu: (1:00), 4:00, 7:00*, 9:45, * No 7:00 PM Show Thursday 09/12/13; **BLUE JASMINE** (PG-13) Fri: (1:40), 4:40, 7:40, 9:55, Sat-Sun: (10:30), 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:55, Mon-Thu: (1:40), 4:40, 7:40, 9:55; **THE HUNT** (R) Fri: (4:10), 9:40, Sat-Sun: (4:10), 9:40, Mon-Thu: (4:10), 9:40; **THE PATIENCE STONE** (R) Fri: (1:10), 7:10, Sat-Sun: (10:10), 1:10, 7:10, Mon-Thu: (1:10), 7:10; **LEE DANIELS' THE BUTLER** (PG-13) Fri: (1:30), 4:30, 7:20, 10:00, Sat-Sun: (10:20), 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00, Mon-Thu: (1:30), 4:30, 7:20, 10:00, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "( )"; **SALINGER** (PG-13) Opens Friday, September 13

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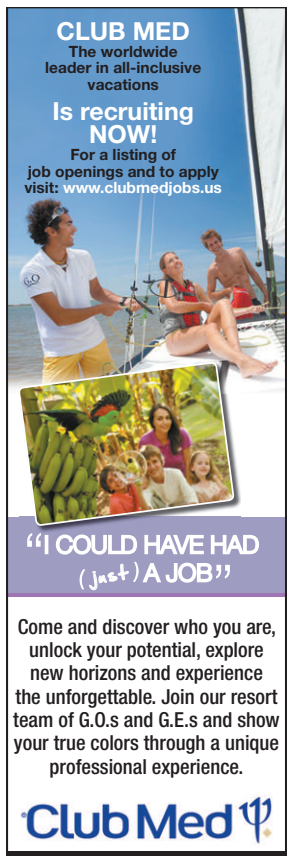

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do that? You know we're going to see you. There's the cameras," gesturing toward the security cameras. Agent Strickland watched most of the reading from a white Border Patrol SUV parked about 40 feet away. He declined to comment on the incident, referring to a questions contact number on his business card at U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Watman said that before the secondary wall was built, people used to hold hands and pass pizza through the old wall, which is made of large vertical metal beams with gaps of about six inches in between them. But now the Border Patrol policy is strict. Watman said they even got in trouble once when water was accidentally being squirted through the fence while creating a garden at the site. In addition to working on that garden every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., he said the next big event will be on Saturday, September 21, California Coastal Cleanup Day, and involves general garden improvement.

VINCENT FARNSWORTH

ESCONDIDO

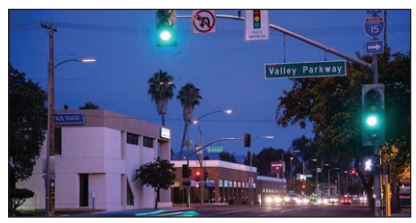
In light of the cost...

Traffic signal camera enforcement discontinued

After a presentation by Escondido city staff last Wednesday, city council voted to let the city's contract with Redflex expire in December 2013 and terminate police enforcement of photo-recorded red light violations.

In 2003, the city entered into a five-year contract with Redflex, a traffic systems developer from Phoenix, Arizona, to lease equipment and provide support. Between 2004 and 2006, red light camera systems were installed at seven intersections around the city, four of which are on Valley Parkway. The contract was renewed for an additional five years in 2008 and will expire on December 12, 2013.

Since the camera systems were installed, accidents at those seven intersections were reduced by about 30 percent. However, during the past five years, the city also improved safety at other intersections: left turn phases of lights were created, improved signal coordination achieved, retro-reflective backplates installed, etc. As a result, the accident rate reductions at Redflex red light intersections were not very different from accident rate reductions at other intersections city-wide.



Escondido Boulevard and Valley Parkway traffic lights.

Last year, the city paid Redflex about $627,000 and raised only $450,000 in ticket revenue with a net cost to the city of about $177,000. Other safety improvements made by the city cost significantly less and provided at least as much additional safety for drivers. In light of the cost and lack of additional safety benefit, it was felt the program has essentially run its course.

Ending enforcement of violations generated by the red light cameras was supported by Police Chief Craig Carter. In his first appearance before the city council as police chief, Carter said, "If the council's direction is to terminate the contract at December 12, then I will be leading my staff to stop issuing citations immediately."

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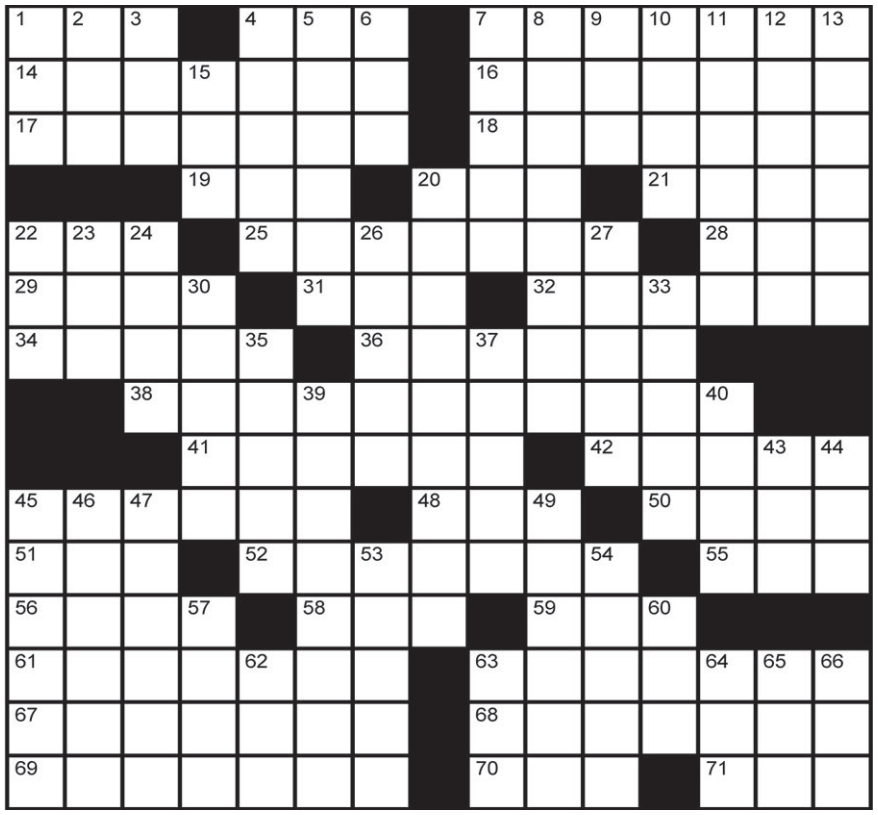

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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Across

1. Org. that awaits your return
4. Residents of 10 Downing St.
7. Make furrows in
14. Excessive
16. Political tactic
17. "Please stay!"
18. Anthony of "ER"
19. Orch. section
20. Reggae singer Kamoze
21. 12-time Pro Bowl linebacker Junior ____
22. Bub
25. Leaping
28. Numbered hwy.
29. Running ____
31. Great Lakes state: Abbr.
32. Boom, vroom and zoom
34. 10-year prison sentences, in slang
36. Needs for some games of tag
38. Fun things to put in milk shakes ... or a description of four spots in this puzzle
41. Cinco de Mayo party
42. Like Bigfoot
45. Math groups
48. Physics class unit
50. Bust
51. 1991 Naughty By Nature hit
52. His first #1 song was "All or Nothing at All"
55. Diagnosis deliverers: Abbr.
56. Houston MLBer, informally
58. Coalesce
59. Itchy or scratchy: Abbr.
61. Catherine I of Russia, e.g.
63. Back problems
67. Lee who advised Reagan and Bush
68. Start of letters to longtime columnist Eppie Lederer
69. Some are holy
70. Compass dir. opposite 65-Down
71. Blanc or Brooks

Down

1. "____ be an honor"
2. Pal of Tigger
3. Anderson Cooper, to Gloria Vanderbilt
4. They aren't long shots
5. Dr. Phil's last name
6. "Homeland" network, in brief
7. The Beatles' "I've Just ____ Face"
8. Microwaveable meal
9. Unrefined
10. "That ____ it should be"
11. They put on shows
12. As yet
13. Comes afterward
15. ____ Def of "Monster's Ball"
20. "That's a great bargain!"
22. Furious
23. "____ dreaming?"
24. You can part with it
26. Tomlin and Allen
27. Bar mitzvah scroll
30. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tim
33. "If civilization has an opposite, it ____": Ursula K. Le Guin
35. Huffs
37. Get the ball rolling
39. Karan or Klein
40. Kingdom in "The King and I"
43. Clear (of)
44. Rushing stat: Abbr.
45. Marquee name, often
46. Decides one will
47. Urban ____
49. Difficult surfaces for high-heel shoes
53. Approaches
54. "Let's call it ____" ("We're even")
57. Like some vaccines
60. Place for Peter Pan?
62. Suffix with Israel
63. '60s teach-in organizer: Abbr.
64. 1972 #1 hit "____ Woman"
65. Compass dir. opposite 70-Across
66. Show based at 30 Rock

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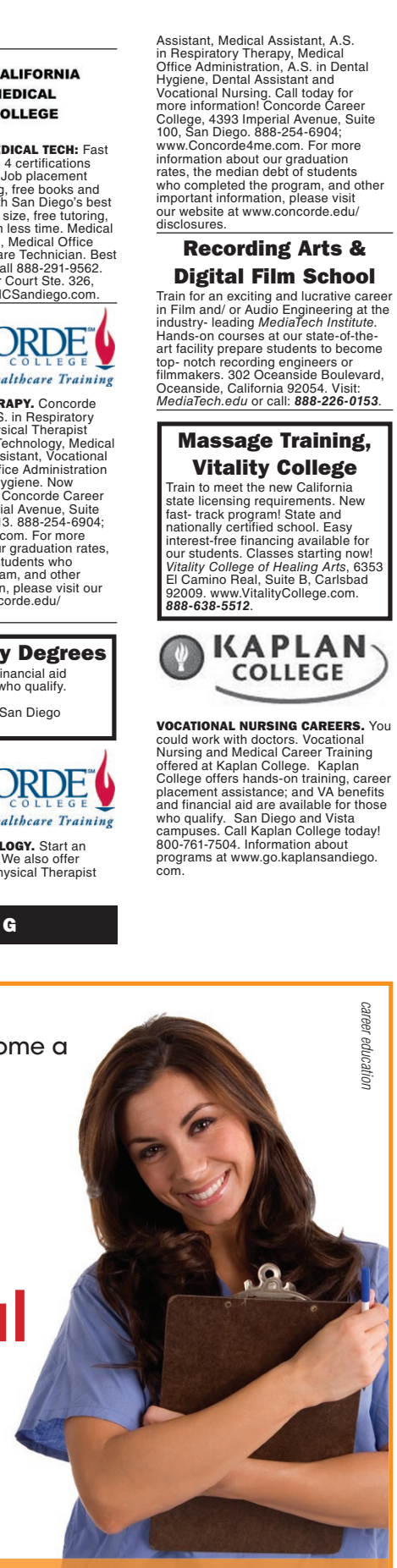

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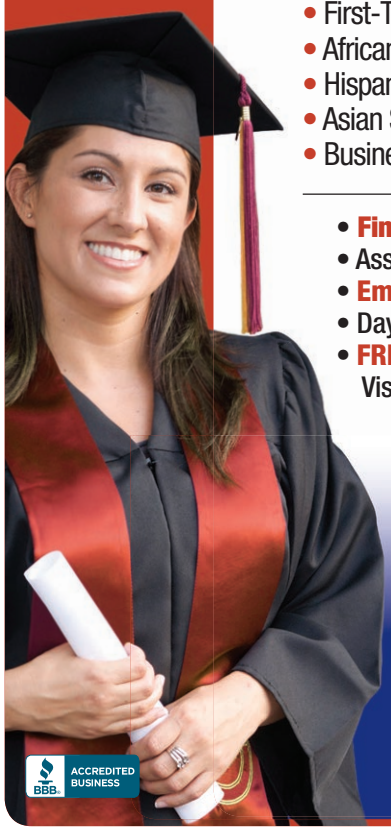

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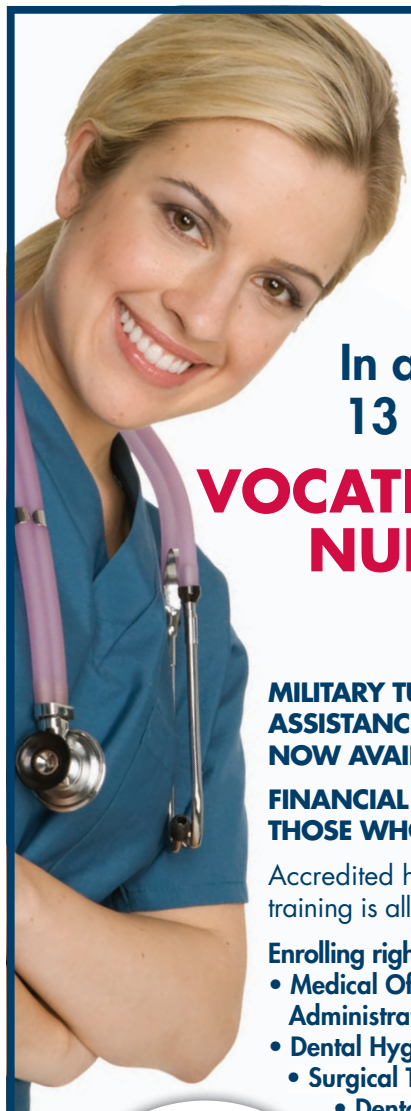

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1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified..

3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489;** or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our ***new*** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

2	6	8	4	5	3	7	9	1
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MEDIUM:

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6	9	7	5	8	3	1	4	2
5	3	2	9	4	1	7	6	8

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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.

- **Nadzeya Fadzina, San Diego, 1.**
- **Joanne Gibson, San Diego, 1.**
- **Thomas LaFleur, San Diego, 1.**
- **Peter Schiel, Oceanside, 1.**
- **Drew Van Lanen, San Diego, 1.**

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Lee Bolin, $100

LAST WEEK'S CLUE
"rebuilding building" (2 words)

LAST WEEK'S HIDDEN PHRASE
revival house

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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 tomor-

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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.

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Joanne Andre Ellis

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Rob Lambeth

Racism, homophobia, and all other methods of hating people are unnecessary. Just divide people into "cool people" and "assholes" and don't worry about race, religion, sexual orientation. Treat each of your two groups accordingly.

Janice Pruitt Lanphere

Belief: Everything happens for a reason...takes time to see it. Opinion: Everyone has the right to be happy.

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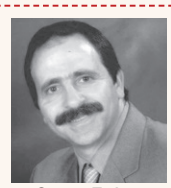
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Redneck chronicles

— (1) Police in York, PA, arrested both Karen Harrelson, 48, and Gregory Stambaugh, 57, in May because they could not figure out which one started the couple's knife fight — over which contestant (Candice or Kree) deserved to win this year's *American Idol*. They had apparently stabbed each other with the same knife. (2) Dewayne Eddy, 54, was charged in Yuba County, CA, in May with beating his adult daughter with folding lawn chairs and a can of beans after discovering that a bolt was missing in the chicken coop in his yard.

Weirdo-American community

— Ronald Rock, 31, was arrested in Malone, NY, in May after surveillance video convinced police that he was the man at a Sears store who told a female stranger that he loved her shoes and wanted to buy a pair for his mother — and asked if she would take one off to show him. Rock then appeared to stuff the shoe down his pants and masturbate vigorously. (Malone is within 25 miles of the small town of Massena, which was the site of the man caught on video stuffing the Hannaford's pepperoni down his pants for the same purpose — reported in News of the Weird seven weeks ago.)

Recurring themes

— To commemorate its 500th "deep brain stimulation" surgery in May, UCLA Medical Center live-Tweeted its operation on musician Brad Carter, 39, during which he was required to strum his guitar and sing so that surgeons would know where in his brain to plant the electrical stimulator that would relieve his Parkinson's disease symptoms. Carter had developed hand tremors in 2006, but the stimulator, once it is properly programmed and the surgery healed, is expected to reduce his symptoms, restore some guitar-playing ability, and reduce his medication need. (And, yes, patients normally remain conscious during the surgery.)

— Firefighters are not infrequently called on to extricate adventurous men from sex toys, but one "armor-plat(ed)" device, six inches in diameter, into which the 51-year-old German entrapped himself in July in Ibiza, Mallorca, was especially challenging, according to the *Diario de Mallorca* newspaper, and took two hours and a dose of anesthesia toward the end. The saw blade the emergency workers used wore out during the rescue and had to be replaced, along with two sets of batteries. The man was kept overnight at Can Misses hospital, but was otherwise okay.

— Americans stage dog shows, and Middle-Easterners stage camel beauty contests, and in June, the annual German Holstein Show took over the city of Oldenburg, with the two-day event won by "Loh Nastygirl," topping bovine beauties from Germany, Luxembourg, and Austria. The event is also a showcase for the cow hairdressers, who trim cows' leg and belly hair (to better display their veins). Said one dresser, "It is just like with us people — primping helps." Groomed or not, cows with powerful legs, bulging udders, and a strong bone structure are the favorites.

News that sounds like a joke

— In May (before Edward Snowden began releasing his previously classified document cache), the American Civil Liberties Union released its own attempts to learn some of the same information from the FBI under the Freedom of Information Act. Two of the documents, totaling 69 pages, were completely "redacted" — solid black boxes covering the entirety of every page except for page numbers and document title.

— A June performance-art street demonstration in Glastonbury, England, got out of hand when a spectator took offense at one of the characters, who was dressed as a giant penis to promote a show by the troupe Nomadic Academy of Fools. The bystander grabbed the penis' costume, but the penis' colleague, Joanne Tremarco, who was dressed as a giant vagina, went to his defense, trying to calm the bystander until police arrived.

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