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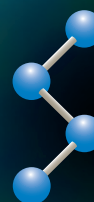
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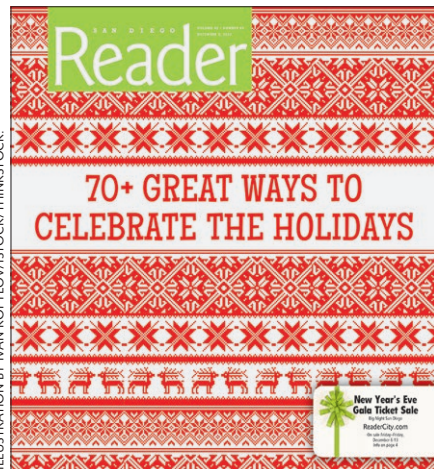
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

San Diego Puppy sues over pet-store ban*But we sell purebreds!*

Grantville — In a federal complaint, the owner of San Diego Puppy, a Grantville pet store, has attacked a citywide ban on the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits at pet stores.



According to the complaint, the Humane Society raises millions under the guise of "helping homeless pets."

David and Veronica Salinas, the owners, filed a lawsuit against the city, the local Humane Society, the San Diego Animal Defense Team, the Animal Protection and Rescue League, and the league's lawyer, Bryan Pease, for their part in passing the Companion Animal Protection Ordinance on July 10, 2013.

The ordinance is aimed at closing so-called puppy mills — commercial breeders often located in the Midwest who have been found to ignore health requirements.

Among those activist organizations listed is the Humane Society, which, according to the complaint, raises more than one hundred million dollars under the "guise of helping homeless pets," then uses that money to push for legislation such as the Companion Animal Protection Ordinance.

Dorian Hargrove

Teen girls strong-arm cell phones on trolley*Girls assaulted Korean exchange students*

La Mesa — Officers with the La Mesa Police Department have released video-surveillance photos of two suspects in a strong-arm robbery on a trolley last month and are asking the public for assistance in identifying the pair.

Police Lt. Matt Nicholass reports that on the afternoon of October 25, police were called to the intersection of Campina Drive and Amaya Drive, where they encountered two college-aged exchange students from Korea suffering from minor injuries after both were struck in the face and robbed of their phones.

The suspects, described as two black teenaged females, were last seen running toward the Amaya trolley station. On November 25, police obtained and released tape from MTS showing the suspects boarding the trolley at the Amaya station.

A \$1000 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest.

Dave Rice

Former DA may be witness in murder case*Attorney Pfingst accused of removing evidence*

Carlsbad — Deputy district attorney Keith Watanabe said that he intends to call a former DA of San Diego County, Paul Pfingst, as a witness in an upcoming murder trial.

Pfingst, now a private criminal defense attorney, is currently representing Julie Elizabeth Harper, whom the prosecutor has charged with murder. Harper is accused of shooting her husband, 39-year-old Jason Harper, in August of 2012.

She allegedly shot him in the back while in the master bedroom of their Carlsbad home — while their children were watching TV downstairs.

Watanabe has suggested that it will create a "conflict of interest" if the defender is called as a witness in the murder case and has asked a superior court judge to rule on the matter.

Pfingst stated that his "investigator" took photographs of items that were removed from a bag; these items included \$40,000 cash and bonds and bank certificates and other "instruments," Pfingst told a judge today.

Eva Knott

Info center opens for the deported*"I'm gonna need a ride"*

Tijuana — An information center for people deported from the United States was erected at the base of the giant arch in Tijuana earlier this week.



Deportees can contact loved ones from this Tijuana information center, which offers telephone and computer use.

The center — located in the historic center of Tijuana, at Revolución and Calle Primero (Unos Dos Tres) — has telephones and computers through which the deported can make contact with family members and other loved ones.

Hundreds of people gathered around the octagonal structure on the evening of November 24 for its inaugural opening.

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Fed shovels money to Wall Street, not Main Street

By Don Bauder

Is our central bank, the Federal Reserve, trying to help Main Street or Wall Street?

On November 11, Andrew Huszar, a former

Fed official, charged in the *Wall Street Journal* that it's the latter. "I'm sorry, America," he wrote in an essay dripping with repentance.

He had taken the job of quarterbacking the Fed's massive bond-purchasing program, called quantitative easing, best known as QE. He was assured it would be "a tool for helping Main Street," he wrote. But, belatedly, he realized it has been "the greatest backdoor Wall Street bailout of all time."

While driving short-term interest rates that banks pay down to about zero, the Fed over five years bought \$4 trillion of bonds, bringing long-term rates down dramatically, too. Interest rates

got so low that bonds and cash became dead money: stocks were the only place to go, and Fed chairman Ben Bernanke admitted that this was one of his motivations. He wanted to drive money out of sleepy instruments and into gamier stocks.

Stocks have far more than doubled from their lows of early 2009 and are now at record highs. But following the worst downturn since the 1930s Depression, the economy has suffered one of history's weakest recoveries. Huszar quotes

one well-respected economist who says that the \$4 trillion spent on quantitative easing has netted a meager 0.25 percent rise in economic output.

Two days after Huszar's blockbuster column, Janet Yellen, who is almost certain to be named the next head of the Fed, said she favors continuation of quantitative easing. Stocks rejoiced.

But San Diego economists have mixed views. "It's refreshing to hear someone being honest about it. QE has not helped the country

or Main Street," says Kelly Cunningham, economist for the National University System Institute for Policy Research. In San Diego, the lower interest rates have boosted housing prices (as if

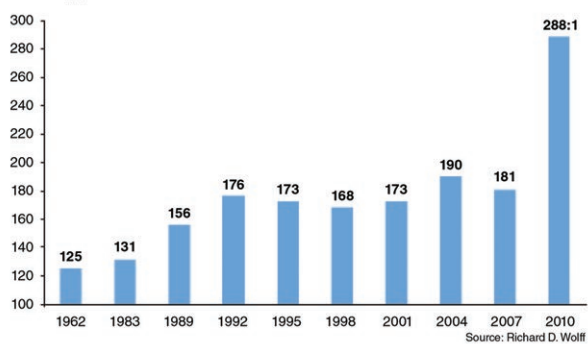
they needed boosting). In the first half of this year, the median price of a San Diego home was \$400,000 and median family income \$72,300. "The housing price is 5.5 times what income is.



Kelly Cunningham

Neal Obermeyer

Partly as a result of quantitative easing, the wealth of the upper 1% rose to 288.1 times median wealth in 2010.



That doesn't pencil out."

At the peak of the bubble in late 2005, San Diego homes sold for 8 times household incomes. Normal is about 4 in coastal California and 2.5 to 3 in the rest of the country. Cunningham suspects that the local housing price boom has come largely from institutional buyers, often purchasing with cash. The wee folks still have trouble getting a mortgage. "QE created dollars for investors," not average people, says Cunningham.

Marney Cox, chief economist for San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), says that quantitative easing "did stabilize the financial community from its free fall" back in the depths of the recession. Without quantitative easing, "the recession would have been longer and deeper, but it is hard to argue that QE is now stimulating the economy. Take a look at the labor force; you can see the economy is weak." Corporate profits are high because of the low interest rates and companies' hesitancy to hire. Those factors also boost stocks while Main Street suffers.

Cox notes that at some point, the Fed will have to start selling that \$4 trillion in bonds on its balance sheet. Indeed, the stock market falls every time a

Fed official even hints that the central bank will have to slow down its monthly bond purchases. Cleaning up that balance sheet "will create additional havoc in the financial community."

Cox agrees with Cunningham that investors — not average people — are driving up San Diego housing prices. "The price increase will probably be short-lived," he says.



Marney Cox

Huszar's essay is "a narrow-minded conspiracy theory," says Ross Starr, professor of economics at the University of California San Diego. He cites the positives: "Bringing interest rates down or keeping them from going up encourages refinancing of existing mortgages and encourages new construction," he says. And he notes that in the deepest periods of the recession, the Fed was helping the Treasury finance the economy. Because of the recession, the deficit soared and the Treasury had to sell bonds. By keeping interest rates down, the Fed helped stem a flood of Treasury



Todd Buchholz

bonds pouring onto the market and driving interest rates up.

But Starr, too, is not convinced how effective the Fed's program is now. "There should be a doctoral dissertation on the effectiveness of QE3 [the current bond-buying program] once it is completed," he says.

Former White House director of economic policy Todd Buchholz says, "It is an irresponsible canard to say that Bernanke and the Fed plotted to put money in the hands of Wall Street

fat cats and deny money to Main Street." Quantitative easing succeeded in "shoving money out the door. If you look at the economy today, there are very few healthy sectors. One has been autos and

the other housing — both interest-rate sensitive" and beneficiaries of the QE programs. "If neither housing nor autos had come back, we would be in the midst of a great recession. The economy is still pretty feeble."

Buchholz, founder of a company with an innovative way to teach mathematics to youngsters, notes that Bernanke's critics said inflation would roar upward and the dollar plummet scarily — but neither happened. However, he believes that quantitative easing "has overstayed its welcome." The monthly purchases should be reduced. And, he concedes, "There have been victims of QE — older people on fixed

incomes and savers have been punished."

There is one economically destructive aspect to quantitative easing that



Ross Starr

UNDER THE RADAR

Stealing bases The award for most political bases covered so far this unusual mayoral election season must go to **Michael Gelfand** of Terra Vista

Management, which has the lucrative city leasehold at Campland on the Bay. The San Diego Community News Group reported earlier this year that, "Campland on the Bay's lease with the city is due to expire in 2017 and the property is to be returned

to marshland, according to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. But Campland general manager **Marshall Wiseman** believes there's some wiggle room. "We're working our tails off to be able to stay where we are," said Wiseman. And Gelfand has been very busy. On September 4, he gave city councilman and GOP mayoral candidate **Kevin Faulconer's** primary campaign the maximum of \$1000. Three days later, he came up with the same for Democrat **Nathan Fletcher**. And last week, on November 23, less than a week after the election results were in, the Rancho Santa Fe resident chipped in \$1000 for Democratic city councilman **David Alvarez**, who surprised many by beating out Fletcher to oppose Faulconer in this coming February's run-off. Meanwhile, Alvarez has been busy on another front, giving away 29 Chargers tickets from the city hall stash to the Border View YMCA for the December 1 game against the Cincinnati Bengals. The city council acquired the ability to hand out tickets to their friends by virtue of the taxpayers' stadium subsidy of the team. Each ticket was worth \$135, according to a disclosure filing. Two of Alvarez's Democratic council colleagues also were in a generous mood. Acting mayor **Todd Gloria** gave away six tickets to the Raiders game on December 22 to American Combat Veterans of War in Oceanside. **Myrtle Cole**, elected earlier this year after a nasty battle with the GOP Lincoln Club, gave 26 Bengals game tickets to the Broadway Heights Community Council.

Don we now our pol apparel

Once-imprisoned super lawyer **Bill Lerach**, now ensconced on a lavish La Jolla estate overlooking

the Pacific, didn't come out a winner in the derby to replace fallen Democratic mayor **Bob Filner**.

The onetime Bill Clinton confidante, who was sent to the slammer by **George W. Bush's** Justice Department for client kickbacks, backed **Nathan Fletcher's** failed run for the city's highest job, giving \$5000 last month to an independent committee supporting the newly hatched Democrat. Lerach also gave \$1000 to Fletcher's own committee, as did his wife, fellow lawyer and La Jolla organic cupcake maven (Cups) **Michelle Ciccarelli**, and her parents. But Fletcher's third-place finish behind Republican Kevin Faulconer and Democrat **David Alvarez** apparently hasn't discouraged the flamboyant attorney from taking part in politics.

His latest fundraising venture is on behalf of the reelection campaign of San Diego Unified school-board member **Kevin Beiser**, set for December 14 at Lerach's La Jolla Farms manse. Many of the old Fletcher faithful, including freshman Democratic congressman **Scott Peters**, retired UCSD professor **Walter Munk**, and Fletcher's big primary backers, Qualcomm billionaire **Irwin Jacobs** and his wife Joan, are on the list of co-hosts.



Jim Waring, Irwin Jacobs, and Bill Lerach are holiday partying for school-board candidate Kevin Beiser.

Other local political stars include ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace**; former **Roger Hedgecock** aide and trash magnate **Nancy Chase**, along with her daughter Molly, ex-protocol officer for Filner; and **Jim Waring**, the Sunroad scandal-plagued ex-planning aide to GOP former mayor **Jerry Sanders**. Suggested contribution levels range from \$100 to \$750. According to the invite, "This is a MUST attend event this holiday season!"

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Settling for Mediocrity

This is in response to “Lousy Bolts Won’t Bolt” (SD on the QT, November 21) where, once again, Coach McCoy is placing the team’s poor performance on the field into the laps of the fans.

This has happened once too often during the 46 years I’ve been cheering for my team. Oh, that’s right; it’s not *my* team. It’s a business! So, don’t you think it’s about time the team accepts its responsibility for so many years of putting out a crappy product?

Perhaps they might consider the repeated times they’ve let ego cut key offensive and defensive players prior to a season when we’re expected to go all the way. Given the product pro-

vided to fans of San Diego for most of the last 50 years, it speaks volumes that instead of going bankrupt, your fan base is willing to settle for mediocrity.

John Patrick Morrissey III
Lemon Grove

It’s Complicated

Re: “The Kennedy Assassination’s Last Insider,” November 21.

With such significant ties and possible loyalties to prominent anti-Kennedy characters, and factions like the (Federal Reserve) Warburgs, Texas oilman and Kennedy-hater Clint Murchison, the Prescott Bush dynasty (and multiple other members of his alma mater’s Skull-and-Bones Society), and Carlos Marcello associate, Joe Campisi, among others, it would be a profound shock if Jack Ruby’s rabbi, did *not* (publicly) agree with the Warren Commission.

The fact of his prominent status as a retired officer in the U.S. Navy, and as an Israeli paramilitary soldier, only complicate matters further — making it highly improbable he could or would reveal all he knows and feels.

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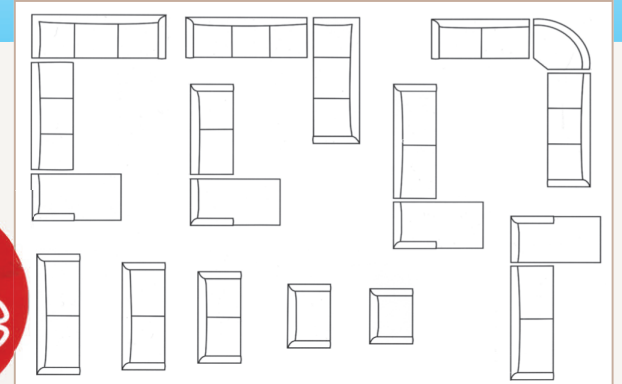
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LA MESA

Scariest day of my life

Man has seizure, sets off chain of mishaps

On November 21 at approximately 2:30 p.m., a truck and SUV crashed into parked cars at the Truck & SUV Center in La Mesa.



Seizure victim's truck crashed into parked cars

According to police officers, a man had a "medical seizure" and lost control of his truck.

According to Sam, the manager of the Truck & SUV Center, the truck was headed toward him at 50 miles per hour. It's speculated that the man had his foot pressed to the gas pedal while in distress.

The truck went through the fence that separates the onramp from Parkway Drive. It was headed straight to the Truck & SUV Center but on the way, the truck hit an SUV that was traveling up Parkway Drive. This crash pushed the SUV onto the curb surrounding the dealership.

Police said the crash could have been worse. According to an eyewitness, the truck and SUV just missed having a head-on collision. Sam said that the crash caused four of his parked cars to be damaged. His coworker commented that it was good that they had insurance.

Sam said he felt fortunate as well, calling it "the scariest day of [his] life."

GLORIA CIPRIAN

HILLCREST

Here comes the neighborhood! Auto-shop closure signals redevelopment

Town's Auto Repair at 3752 Park Boulevard in Hillcrest has repaired its last engine, carburetor, and transmission.

Luke Terpstra, chairman of Hillcrest Town Council, said, "For years [the shop] has indeed been an eyesore with no regard for cleaning up a little.... The whole section of Park is in a process of gentrification with the new restaurant Heat, and the crosswalk. So, if the new owners put in something, I hope it fits in better with the neighborhood."

After years of car repairs on the property, it's likely that soil underneath the cracked pavement is toxic. Sonya Stauffer, executive director of Hillcrest Business Association, said that "those kind of shops usually require some major cleanup."

DAVID BATTERSON

PACIFIC BEACH

Bomb squad blows up abandoned briefcase Suspect runs from police

Shortly after 11 a.m. on November 23, San Diego police officers responded to a call from a concerned employee at the Diamond Head Inn who reported that a man had left a briefcase near the front desk and exited.

Within minutes, the Fire Rescue and Bomb Squad teams arrived and evacuated the hotel. Authorities quickly taped off the area from Mission Boulevard to Ocean Boulevard on Diamond Street to further investigate.

Tom Mona, a neighbor living near the hotel, said, "After the first two cop cars went down the street, [the suspect] walked up and asked, 'What's going on? Why are all these cops down the street?' Then another police car came around the corner and stopped by us. As the officer walked toward us, this guy

turned and ran down the street."

Police officers followed, apprehended the suspect, and returned to the area.

After studying the situation, authorities decided to see what was in the briefcase. "Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole!" were the words shouted at 1:31 p.m. by a member of the San Diego Bomb Squad.

The case was found to have nothing dangerous inside. After more than three hours, authorities packed up and left with the suspect in custody.

BARRY MEYER

NORTH PARK

Arby's drive-through coming to North Park?

Sign is placed, then removed, on construction fencing

At the beginning of November, demolition began on the two tiny boarded-up studio-sized homes on the corner of Gunn and 30th streets in North Park.

Construction fencing went up around the former Saint Luke's Episcopal Church property about two weeks ago. Recently, an "Arby's" sign was put on the fencing to indicate what's to come. Then, a few days ago,



If they build it, will they drive through?

the sign was removed.

The location of the construction project is across the street from Saguaro's Mexican restaurant and drive-through, which has some residents worried: Could another drive-through restaurant be established in North Park?

Residents near the intersection of 30th and Upas Street already have a lawsuit contesting the Jack in the Box project, which was recently "remodeled" — almost completely demolished and rebuilt with a reconfigured

drive-through. The drive-through is a big point of contention.

In a statement on November 29, North Park Planning Committee chair Vicki Granowitz said, "I'm confident that there will be no drive thru [granted for Arby's] without the NPPC [North Park Planning Committee] and the Planning Commission having a chance to weigh-in, according to the feedback we have gotten from the City."

DON LEICHTLING

TIJUANA

Tijuana TB

On average, 1000 cases diagnosed each year

Dr. Rafael Laniado Laborín, head of the multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis clinic at Hospital General de Tijuana, recently told *El Mexicano* that the clinic diagnoses an average of 1000 TB cases a year, leading Mexico in the number of tuberculosis cases reported annually.

"A thousand cases a year, that's a lot of cases," Laniado told the newspaper. He attributed the large number to high levels of migration into Tijuana and to a better system at the hospital of detecting the illness.

TB, said the doctor, is associated with poverty, which explains why most pharmaceutical companies have little interest in developing new drugs to treat the illness.

Nonetheless, Laniado told the newspaper, there is a single drug that is effective in curing TB as long as patients are diagnosed early and given adequate treatment early on.

The disease is normally spread by airborne particles expelled when someone with tuberculosis coughs and someone else breathes in the microbes, he said. As means to prevent infection, Laniado recommended avoiding crowded spaces, practicing good hygiene, eating a well-balanced diet, and seeing a doctor at the first signs of the illness.

According to health officials, 234 cases of tuberculosis were reported in San Diego County in 2012, and, as of November 1, 130 cases have been reported in 2013.

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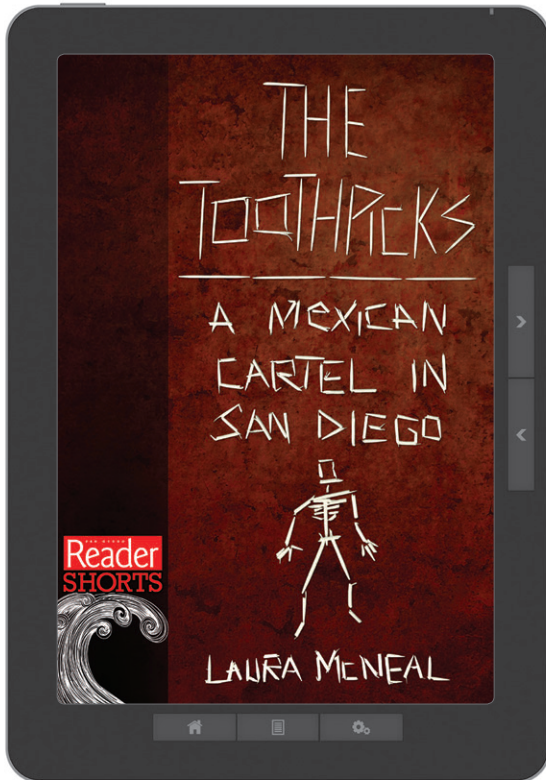
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Gah! Ugh.

“Gah!” I grumbled at my computer screen. “What?” Of course David had to ask. You can’t sit four feet away from someone who’s grumbling at her computer screen and not ask.

“Remember those funny cards I posted on Facebook?” David nodded. It had only been two minutes since I’d posted my message, narrating aloud as I did so because I assume David wants to be notified of everything I do as I do it.

While redditng, I had come across images of sarcastic baby congratulation cards. One card read, “Now that you’re having a baby, you can’t go to the spa whenever you want or travel halfway across the world at a moment’s notice. But I can! And I promise to tell you all about it.” The other read, “Congratulations! Babies are truly miracles. When they’re born, their feet are so tiny...yet they can somehow step on all of your hopes and dreams.”

I posted the images on Facebook along with the disclaimer, “These are for the child-free, and/or parents with no regrets and a good sense of humor.” Within minutes — two, to be exact — the *gah!*-worthy comment appeared on my screen.

“It’s one of those ‘life without kids has no real meaning’ sentiments,” I explained to David.

“Gah!” he said.

“Yeah, I know. Listen to this: ‘It gives real meaning to life — the way no career, travel, or individual freedom can.’ Can you believe this shit? Presumptuous much? Then he says, ‘Having their lives be more important than your own is the best feeling there is.’

Yeah? Is that the best feeling there is? Someone might argue that giving all of your money to the needy is the best feeling there is. Or that skydiving from a plane is the best feeling there is. Why not say, ‘I like the feeling,’ and accept that not everything is for everyone? *Ugh.*”

David rolled his eyes audibly. “If that’s his belief, that’s fine, but why the need to share it as a negative comment on someone else’s Facebook page? It’s like he felt like he had to counter your statement almost as a way of justifying for himself the choice he’s made.”

“Yeah, right?”

Here’s my response: “To assume that one person’s life choices result in real meaning but that another’s, what, have fake meaning? is just a gross misunderstanding of humanity. I get that you like your club. But try to consider your words. And all the known people throughout history who did things to change the world for the better, but, since they didn’t have kids, must have had no real meaning to their lives. *Ugh.*”

“That’s good,” David said. He turned his laptop toward me. “Look — here’s a list of a bunch of famous people in history who didn’t have kids.”

“Like Jesus?” I said.

“Or Leonardo da Vinci, George Washington, and Florence Nightingale,” David added.

“Or Oprah! I bet she doesn’t understand real meaning. How could she? You have to procreate to know what it is to have purpose in life. Otherwise, you might as well just kill yourself, because you’re really not adding anything of value to the world.” I sighed and took the two steps from my desk to sit in the chair beside David.

I recalled the day, 11 years prior, when David, whom I’d just started dating, told me he had no interest in having children. I had always assumed that having kids was something that would just...happen. It had never occurred to me to consider whether or not I wanted it to. I remember my astonishment when my immediate emotional reaction was an overwhelming sense of relief. In that moment, my future seemed brighter than ever and I knew in my heart that I was not meant for motherhood.

Because I experienced this epiphany so young, I was subjected to the usual audacious onslaught from friends, family, and even strangers who suffered from the delusion that they had a better handle on what I wanted out of life than I did. Often they were older — “You’re young, you’ll change your mind,” was the most common insolence. Every time someone dismissed my life choices, it was as though they were dismissing me as an individual human in my own right.

“It just amazes me how presumptuous people can be,” I said. David nodded in agreement. As a man, David had only experienced this particular form of presumption vicariously. People don’t tell men they don’t know what they want out of life.

“Telling someone else that the only way for them to experience real meaning in their lives is to live it the way you think they should is as absurd as telling someone they can’t possibly enjoy eating unless they cook the food themselves,” I said. By now, my face was growing so warm with indignation I had to get up and open the window for some fresh air.

“What’s rewarding to one person might not be rewarding to another,” I said as I returned to my seat beside David. “Think of the whole working-mother controversy. The ones who stay at home, the ones who work, it doesn’t matter — both always seem to be struggling to justify and argue the validity of one choice over the other. But they’re getting it wrong — they keep saying what they’re doing is the ‘best’ thing, when what they should be saying is that what they’re doing is the ‘best thing for them.’”

I finally stopped talking and looked at David, who had been sitting quietly during my rant. “You know,” he said with a wry smile on his face, “there really is something to that whole cooking thing. I mean, maybe you should give it a try.”

I glared at David, picked up my phone, and said, “That reminds me. I need to make reservations for tonight.” ■
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Gloria All-in-Red

Following celeb attorney's announcement that client Irene McCormack will seek \$1.48 million in sexual harassment damages, ex-mayor Filner comments, "Maybe Gloria can use her attorney's fee to put a little more variety in her wardrobe. But then, red is the color of blood, the thing she's so thirsty for."



Too Much (Eye)Candy Bad for You

Celebrity lawyer Gloria Allred represents clients who felt pressured to buy nude lap dances from so-called "fatties"

Even as her sexual harassment lawsuit against ex-mayor Bob Filner gropes its way through the courts, Gloria Allred is taking on a new challenge: suing hippy strippers for pushing their portly product on queasy customers at a controversial Chula Vista strip club. Her clients are three Eyecandy patrons, seeking as yet unspecified damages for "unwanted sexual advances" from the club's dancers.

"Put simply," says Allred, "my clients live by the credo of 'No Fat Chicks.' It was traumatic enough for them to discover the magnitude of their error upon entering Eyecandy and getting an eyeful of the ladies onstage. But when those same ladies left the platform and offered my clients full-contact, fully nude lap dances, well, that crossed the line. It's just like when Bob Filner told my client Irene McCormack that she would work better without panties. Except sort of the reverse. Anyway, it was very much unwanted."

Allred contends that "a quick glance at Eyecandy's reviews on Yelp! should make it clear that this is not a baseless or frivolous

claim. Here are just a few quotes, all from different patrons: 'These girls are disgusting. They were all fat.' 'Yes, lots of chub-



Allred at press conference announcing lawsuit against Eyecandy

bies.' 'These moms who haven't lost their baby fat really need to reconsider a job.' And finally, 'Shoot, my sister is hotter. This place has a bunch of damn mud-ducks runnin



Oh, look, an MC Hammer reference! around, beggin for money."

The showgirls at Eyecandy have so far refused to comment, even after heavy tipping and repeated purchases of VIP room private dances. But general manager Randy Bum-regard did have this to say: "You know, nude lap dances aren't even legal in San Diego County. Hell, most clubs don't even let the ladies drop their G-strings on stage. And yet here we are, risking our totally nude butts, just to please the customer. You'd think they'd be grateful. But apparently, no good deed goes unpunished."

Thanks Be to Banksy

City of Vista funds graffiti cleanup through graffiti auction



"Slik," by Slik, which sold for \$3500

Just weeks after the British graffitiist Banksy thrilled New York City with a monthlong spree of street art that turned ordinary buildings into impromptu galleries (and concrete into cash for the lucky owners), the City of Vista has taken a page out of his book and found a way to make street art pay.

"For months now," explains Krittick, "Selik and Slik" — the noms de plume of Pedro Luis Padilla and a 15-year-old who was not named because of his age — "have run around Vista, tagging every

flat surface they could find. Those two rascals marked up nearly 1000 locations. We took bids for cleaning up their mess, and the lowest of them came in at \$275,000. That kind of expense puts a crimp in the ol' community arts budget, let me tell you."

But where there's a community of wealthy collectors with a shared anxiety about cultural authenticity, there's a way. "Actually, it was Pam in HR who had the idea," says Krittick. "She was looking at that one Banksy where the boy is spray-painting 'Ghetto 4 Life' on the wall, and his butler is standing next to him with the spray cans on a serving tray, and it hit her. There's worry about the mainstreaming, about the cultural appropriation of street art. Banksy is a celebrity now. Hell, ever since *Exit Through the Gift Shop*, he's a movie star. There's cash involved, and so people are looking for action. So, when you see street art in some art-savvy city, you have to wonder, *Is it real, or is it the work of some trust-fund Cooper Union dropout*



"Slik," by Slik, which sold for \$3500



"Self-portrait," by Selik, which sold for \$7800

who's trying to latch onto a trend? That's what Banksy was getting at with 'Ghetto 4 Life.'"

Vista isn't New York City. Vista isn't even L.A. "Put simply, we don't have Cooper Union dropouts roaming our streets," says Krittick. "We knew we could present our graffiti to the art-collecting world as 100 percent the real deal. Pam worked with Bill from the treasurer's office to put together a catalog for the Buena Vista City-wide Art Auction, we put the word out on the web, and in the end, we pulled in over \$300,000. There were some substantial expenses associated with replacing the chunks of wall we had to cut out of various buildings, but all in all, we saved a bundle."

Krittick paused before concluding, "I just hope this doesn't give kids the idea that it's okay to deface public property. That would be terrible."

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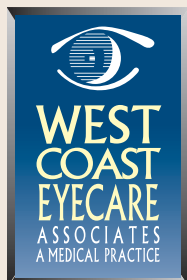
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This year on Hashanah Rabba, one of the holiest days of the year, we were fortunate to receive a beautiful gift from G-d. My husband came home from morning prayers and told me there was a visitor in Temecula for the second part of the holiday of Succot. He was visiting with his wife from the Upper West side of Manhattan, and they might be joining us for the meal later that afternoon.

Later that day, amidst the chaos of preparing for a three-day holiday, the most beautiful couple walked in. I didn't have much time to talk to them, but they shared many stories with my mother-in-law. The husband's college roommate was getting married on Shabbat, and they were staying in a winery close enough to the wedding that they could walk. After the meal, this beautiful woman gave me a hug and started to cry. "Ask your mother-in-law why I needed to spend the holiday in Temecula so I could meet you today."

I looked at my mother-in-law and asked, "What did she tell you?"

This is the story as she remembers it...

"When they first got married, they went on their honeymoon to a very beautiful island. They went bungee jumping and something went terribly wrong. She crashed into a rock and broke her back and neck and was unconscious. There were no adequate hospitals nearby, so they chartered a plane back to New York. The doctors there put her through many tests and came back with very bad news. She had broken almost every bone in her body and was absolutely brain dead. It was time for her new husband to say goodbye. But after a few months, her fingers and toes began to move. The doctor was quick to assure her husband that it meant nothing; it was just reflexes. A few months later, she woke up. After many more tests, the doctor informed them that although she had far surpassed his expectations, it would not get better than this. She would never walk and never have children."

She then told my mother-in-law, "I came to Temecula today to tell you this. I walked into your son's house, pregnant with my second child with one message: There is only One healer, and He is Hashem!!"

The reason I am sharing this story with you, readers, is because my story is your story, too. My heartache is yours, my little miracles are yours, and my big miracle will be yours, too. When you stop me on the street to ask how we are and to give us blessings, I know it is not just words. I know you

mean it from the deepest part of your soul, and it moves me to tears.

This brings me hope. Hope for a miracle, hope for my family, and hope for the thousands of families just like mine. Hope is an interesting thing. It has an energy and excitement accompanying it. It makes us feel happy, positive, and brave. It is the opposite of being frozen with fear. Hope spurs us into action. Hope is not a luxury; it is an absolute necessity.

Some feel that being hopeful is being in denial of your situation. You are not being realistic about your future. Doctors look at us with pity. But there is only one healer, and He is Hashem!! We are strong believers in Hashem. We have always been; it is deeply ingrained in our DNA.

The day we received our diagnosis, was to say the least, a traumatic day. Our long drive home was silent, cold, and fearful. When I finally could speak, I asked Yitzi, "What have you always wanted to do, but haven't done yet?" He answered immediately, as if he was thinking the same thing. "We never wrote a Torah or built a mikvah" (ritual bath). Silly me, I actually thought he was also going to say "Take you to Hawaii."

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Street Style

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La Jollans wearing knock-offs

I caught 25-year-old Leanna Pollen on her way to work at Kate Spade on Girard Avenue. She resembled a young Jackie Kennedy, dressed in a classic black-and-white color palette.

The feminine shape of her dress and details on her patent-leather belt gave her look a fresh and sophisticated twist. Pollen's patterned dress is from Kate Spade. Her blue earrings (\$38),



LEANNA POLLEN

identical in shade to her eyes, are also a Kate Spade buy. Her black belt with bow detail was a Nordstrom purchase.

Pollen mixed in inexpensive accessories to finish off her look. She wore a cross-body black leather purse that at first glance could have passed for a shoulder-strap Coach bag. The purse retails for \$26.99; Coach's version



DANIEL BARNIER

retails for \$198. Pollen also wore a pair of shiny patent-leather ballet flats from Target.

Pollen's favorite stores include Kate Spade and Brandy Melville.

Twenty-seven-year old graphic designer Daniel Barnier was meeting friends at Karl Strauss to celebrate San Diego Beer Week. He looked like a *Dead*

Poets Society cast member in his glasses, blue jacket, and khakis.

Barnier's glasses are from Warby Parker, and his shoes retail for \$199 at Zuriick While his preppy collegiate attire looked every bit Burberry, Barnier wore affordable duds from H&M and Forever 21. The Burberry version of his coat retails for \$1295; at H&M, Barnier spent \$99.

"If Burberry weren't so expensive that's all I'd wear," he told me.

Instead, he copies expensive looks for half the price. Barnier's biggest pet peeve is an ill-fitting suit. He admits that he went through a tragic fashion stage during his teen years.

"I was a teenager in the '90s, so I didn't dress well. I used to have an understep haircut and wore those too-big skater shoes," Barnier says with a laugh. ■

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My wife likes to say that she hates Christmas. She says it when the traditions start to feel like nothing more than obligations, when the outings become ordeals, when the expenses become extravagances. What's awful and silly about this is that it doesn't have to be this way. There's a reason they call it the Christmas spirit: it's incorruptible. Maybe it's been a tough year. Maybe it's been a tough five years. So, how can you celebrate when things are so rough? How can you not? I think I'll take her down to the Del to see the big tree in the

old-timey lobby and watch the skaters by the beach. "Start fresh," I'll say. "Look up and look around. How grand is it that this whole city is gearing up to show us a good time? Armies of planners and makers and doers, all of them on our side. All of them on the side of a Merry Christmas. Yeah, there's stuff to buy. It's wonderful stuff — we'll buy a little! There's stuff to do and stuff to see, some that costs but some that's free." I'll stop there, before she slaps me for rhyming.

And I think she'll believe me. It's Christmas.

— MATTHEW LICKONA



Sledding on Laguna Mountain

Laguna Mountain
Lodge, 10678 Sunrise
Highway, Mount Laguna,
619-473-8533

A benefit of San Diego living is that a quick drive up Sunrise Highway allows us to

have epic snowball fights and sledding adventures without the hassle of dealing with pesky cold weather downsides like shoveling and de-icing car windows. At Laguna Mountain Lodge they pro-

vide day visitors with directions to nearby sledding locations. Purchase an adventure permit for \$5, enabling you to park legally and avoid \$200 fines. After a long, powder-filled day, the lodge offers rooms

and cabins to accommodate holiday plans, \$63–\$195

Snow hike to Stonewall Peak

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park,
across from Paso Picacho
Campground, Highway 79,
Descanso, 760-765-0755

Approximately 50 miles east of San Diego on State Route 79 stands the 5730-foot Stonewall Peak. Although many guidebooks advise to take the two-mile hike to the top during the spring, it's less crowded and equally scenic (wildflowers be damned!) after a snow-fall. An easy/moderate, tree-lined, heavily switch-backed trail with a 700-foot elevation gain makes it suitable for young'uns. Those steep stone steps one must traverse on that final ascent (the best part) might be icy, but the metal handrail will save the day and the 360-degree views on the exposed rocky summit are well worth any possible struggle.

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filled with succulents, pebbles, colored sand and mosses. Do it yourself or have one of their specialists do it for you.

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City Lights

1212 Knoxville Street, Morena
District, 619-275-1006
Having trouble getting into the holiday spirit? City Lights will cure you of your Grinchy tendencies right quick. Since 1989 they've wowed visi-

tors with 28,000 square feet of charming festive displays, even having shipped over 50 brands of collectible figures to 56 countries. Think an enormous, plastic-walled, snowy village scene complete with locomotive, rows of colored garland and ornaments, and almost 30 different styles of Barcana artificial trees, including a *Nutcracker*-themed pink-flocked tree, parrots perched on a lime-green number, a posh peacock-adorned tree, and an all-white beauty

covered in chic sparkly and feathery ornaments.

Bad Madge

2205 Fern Street, South Park,
619-285-1668

Keeping things out of the landfill, one item at a time, Bad Madge is chock-full of pre-screened treasures hand-picked by San Diego-native Tanya McAnear and members of her team — each one with a different specialty. Ninety percent of the inventory is considered vintage, yet the barware, records, furniture, dresses, books, pillbox hats, pins, brooches, metal toys, coats, mini liquor bottles, hair pins, shell casings, cowboy boots, dress shoes, suiting, and art are priced with more of a thrift store mentality. Everything is for sale, which means the display surfaces are constantly changing so you'll have to come often.

The Platform

inside Klassik, 989 W. Kalmia Street,
Little Italy, 619-640-6995
Self-described as a store within a store, The Platform is a beautifully-designed 250-square-foot oasis, tucked into Mid-Century furniture store Klas-

sik, that begs you to stay awhile. Curated by the creative minds behind Tend's eco-orbs, Jetter Green's sacred geometry art, and JXL's gollypods (also of Bells & Whistles), their individual projects are highlighted while focusing on various aspects of others' art. Think collaborations between jewelry designers and plant purveyors in the form of miniature, wearable terrariums; metal weavings from UK's Nativeline; Lia Friedman pottery; Mr. Blue Sky's hand-dyed silk kimonos; and Bearhead Factory's cosmic, goddess-like jewelry.

So Childish

1947 30th Street, South Park,
619-238-0800

Wanna be the cool aunt/uncle/grandma/Santa this year? Since 2007, Leyla Chavez has been stocking her children's boutique, So Childish, with everything from Charm's adorable animal rockers to Mudpie's leopard-printed faux fur boots to *Star Wars* books on how to speak Wookie and Droid. Doesn't get more fun than pretending to be Chewie, does it? There are classic wooden toys, luxe ani-

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mal coats complete with ears and tail, Rockabye Baby's lullaby renditions of *your* favorite bands (read: Johnny Cash, Nirvana, and more), and even toy instruments. They've done the hard work for you — you simply need to find something in your price range.

Make Good

2207 Fern Street, South Park,
619-563-4600

Serious about buying local? Enter Make Good. The store currently houses about 130 local artisans' works — 90 percent San Diegans, 10% percent from Baja — all of whom have a personal, working relationship with proprietor Sophia Hall. Pick up anything in the store and she'll tell you the who, where, and how. The 35 jewelry artists produce trinkets like rings made from coins or glass bot-



In Tierrasanta, the Schimka family decorates their home using 6500 lights accompanied by homemade decorations.

tles, pocket-watch necklaces, bicycle-part jewelry, and rose pins constructed from paperback books. You'll also find hand-painted henna frames, knitted goods, coasters and notebooks crafted from vinyl records, and an entire corner devoted to kids' items.

Progress

2225 30th Street #1, South Park,
619-280-5501

Located in a rustic-yet-modern converted automotive garage, three-year-old Progress has gifts ideas for every age and interest. We're talking: vintage-style shaving paraphernalia; design-

oriented kids' toys like Eames Memory Game; Joseph Joseph's hip, colorful kitchenware; books that prompt action such as cheese-making, urban farming and whiskey-distilling; Jonathan Adler's giant animal erasers; and Back to the Roots' Mushroom-growing kit

and AquaFarm — a self-cleaning fish tank that grows food. Among all these are locally-made goods like caramel sauce, SoNo Trading mustard, rows of jewelry, even a collaboration with Caffé Calabria producing a custom Progress-blend coffee.

Lamb's Players Theater: An American Christmas

Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange
Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-6000

Artistic director Robert Smyth has built the Lamb's Players into a local theatrical institution, and this three-hour, five-course turn-of-the-twentieth-century Christmas party into its festive counterpart. Smyth writes and directs; his wife Deborah does the musical direction. The Lamb's Players are the Marshall family,

your circa-1912 hosts for an evening that starts with hors d'oeuvres overlooking the beachside skating rink and includes music, songs, stories, and dancing along with the feasting. Dress up (jackets requested for gentlemen), step back, and enjoy. For added verisimilitude, leave your cell phone at home. Runs December 16-24; \$125-\$160.

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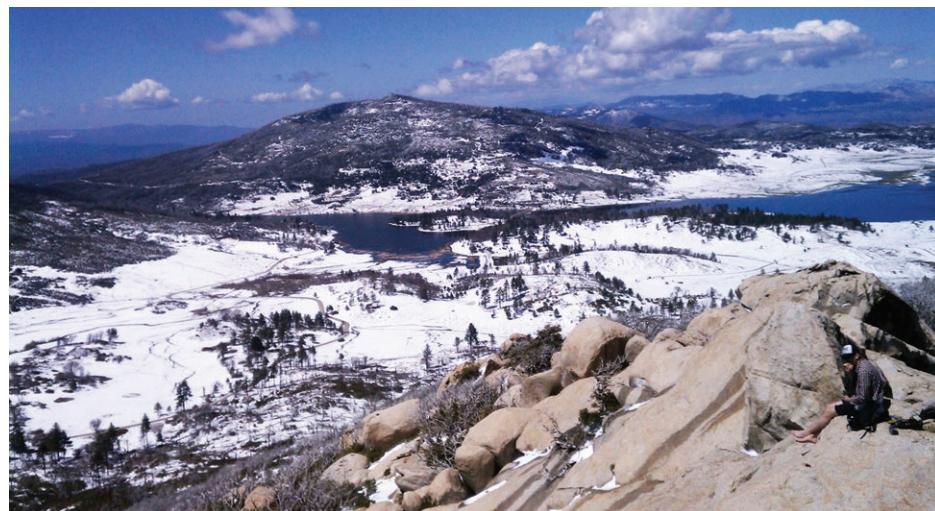
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Jungle Bells at the San Diego Zoo

2920 Zoo Drive, Balboa Park,
619-231-1515

Santa and polar bears go together, and not just because they both pitch Coke and hang out up north. Festivities run from December 15-January 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and include an intimate Jungle Bells tour in a "one-horse" VIP cart (\$69),



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The view from Stonewall Peak is best after a December snowfall.

a 5 p.m. tree lighting, and handbell choirs at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. Santa mans his workshop from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Plus, there's a place called Chocolate Town. Singers, zoo characters, and animals roam about as you munch, shop, and take in the animated lights displays. Zoo admission: \$44 adults, \$34 kids 3-11.

La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival

Girard Avenue, La Jolla

The parade starts at 2 p.m. on December 8th, but get there early to stake out a spot and enjoy the pre-parade buzz. Equestrians arrive around 10 a.m., and the Kids Zone opens at 11. Float judging begins at noon. Watch

out for the Grinch's arrival around 1 p.m., and watch the skies for antique aircraft. Beginning at Kline Street, the parade heads down Girard and then west on Prospect, ending at Draper Avenue. Finish with a family festival at 3:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Recreation center: live music, a jumpy house, and a Christmas tree lighting at 4:30 p.m.

The Nutcracker

Casa Del Prado Theater, 1600

Village Place, San Diego,

619-233-3050

Classic theater, classic ballet, newish performers. Enjoy the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet's presentation of Tchaikovsky's maybe most-famous

composition. The 640-seat Casa Del Prado is a reconstruction of the original, built (like the rest of Balboa's buildings) for the 1915 Pan American Expositions. The San Diego Civic Youth Ballet is a classical ballet school, training dancers from age four right up through pre-professional. Let these young artists enchant you in the Land of Sweets, thrill you with the battle between the mice and toy soldiers, and lull you into a dream of falling snow and waltzing flowers.

Holidays in the Heart of Del Mar Village

West corner of Camino Del

Mar/15th Street and Del Mar Plaza

You can have a White Christmas in San Diego. Or at least a White December 7th, from 2 p.m.-7 p.m. You bring the mittens, and the City of Del Mar will provide the snow (machine). Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for pics, and carolers in Dickensian garb will stuff your years with music while cocoa and holiday cookies line your tummy. Don't miss the cake walk and dance performers, and be sure to stick around for the

Christmas tree lighting at 5 p.m. Finally, relax with nouveau-classic *Elf*, screening at the L'Auberge Amphitheater at 5:15 p.m.

Holiday in Old Town

Old Town San Diego State Park,
4002 Wallace Street, Old Town,
619-220-5422

Old school Christmas shopping — really old school. On December 14th, all of Old Town's museums, stores, and restaurants will be open with extended hours. Find unique gifts such as artisan pottery, boutique root beer, hand carved candles, and flavored tobaccos. Festive decorations will adorn the park and professional carolers will be strolling about. Once your shopping is done, come back December 15th and December 26th-30th for bonfire nights in the Old Town State Park. Merri-ment around the fire goes from dusk to 9 p.m. Join carolers and other performers. Grown ups and kids alike will delight in the free s'mores.

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reindeer and his elves will be hoofing it to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. Most participants wear a holiday-themed costume and many literally have bells on their toes. Jingle all the way! Approximately 2000 San Diegans will either run the 5K timed course or enjoy a fun three-mile walk. Children can participate in a one-mile fun run with elves and enjoy activities in the kids zone (cookie decorating, games, and arts and crafts). Pets welcome: prizes will be awarded for best-dressed pups. There will also be entertainment, a food tent, and a "cheer tent" for adult participants.

Winter Wonderland by the Mojalet Dancers

The Vine Black Box Theater, 13330 Paeso Del Verano, San Diego, 858-243-1402

If all your nuts have been cracked but you're still hungry for dance, here is a wintry, zippy alternative to ballet: on December 14th and 15th, Mojalet's Jamolet junior company and Eclectic Expression youth group will put on a winter-themed show ranging from traditional hits ("Walking in a Winter Wonderland") to contemporary arrangements by the Vitamin String Quartet. Performers range from age 5 to 20; tickets range from \$15 (general admission) to \$10 (student/seniors).

Encinitas Holiday Parade

Lumberyard Shopping Center, 967 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas
Everyone loves a parade, and that includes North County beach people and surfer types. And yes, it includes you, too. Come to the Lumberyard at 5

p.m. on December 7th for a tree lighting ceremony, and then stick around for the floats, the cars, the civic organizations, the cheerleaders, the bands, and the thousands of kids marching their way down the 101. This is how civilization keeps going: it marches and multiplies. Parade starts at 5:30 p.m., ends at 9 p.m.

Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade

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On December 30th at 10 a.m., the Big Bay Balloon Parade will parade its big balloons by the Bay, and over 100,000 folks will gather to watch. Why not join them? You're pretty much guaranteed a glimpse of the Bumble Bee Foods' bee and the Wienerschnitzel wiener floating over the floats and drill teams and marching bands. After that, it's anybody's guess. We're hoping for Heat Miser and Cold Miser, plus appropriate theme music. And \$20 (plus fees) gets you a seat on the Grandstand! Visit holidaybowl.com to buy tickets and see the parade route.

White Christmas

Birch North Park Theater, 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836

Look, nobody is ever

going to be Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen. And while we're at it, nobody is ever going to be Irving Berlin, who wrote the songs. But those souls have left us for the Big White Way in the Sky, and there's something vital in hearing that title song live, even in San Diego. You don't need to see a white Christmas to understand what it means. Plus, Sis-

ters show runs December 12-22. Tickets run \$42-\$72, with discounts for kids and seniors.

Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade

Gaslamp Hilton Park, 401 K Street, Gaslamp Quarter

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like the sleepy, apple-pie-loving, hot-cocoa-sipping community of Julian. What better way to take in the old-fashioned streets of Julian this holiday season than in a horse-drawn carriage. Main Street Carriage Company offers a historic 15-minute narrated tour of downtown Julian in a horse-drawn surrey. They can accommodate anything from a couple to a large group. Afterward, head to one of Julian's many cafés for... what else? The Julian Pie Company (2225 Main Street) or Mom's pies (2119 Main Street) are both excellent options.

Caroling atop Mount Helix

Mt Helix Drive, La Mesa

Want to go caroling minus the awkwardness of knocking on unsuspecting strangers' doors and forcing them to listen to your rendition of "Silent Night"? La Mesa's Mount Helix is the place for you. On Sunday, December 15, sing-along Christmas Caroling will take place atop the scenic mountain.

Parking and shuttles are available at the San Miguel Fire Station at 10105 Vivera Drive at Mt. Helix Drive beginning at 6:15 p.m. "That Music Lady," Gina Seaforth, and her musicians will be leading guests in Christmas

favorites like "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells." Santa will be on hand to see who has been naughty or nice. This is a free family event.

Live Nativity

Grace Episcopal Church, 1020

Rose Ranch Road, San Marcos, 760-744-7667

Julian Cider Mill, 2103 Main Street, Julian, 760-765-1430

During the month of December local churches offer visual depictions of why they celebrate Christmas through the staging

of live Nativities. In San Marcos you can view Grace Episcopal Church's Nativity scenes on Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Their event features carolers on Friday, and a children's pageant on Saturday.

In Julian, the Cider Mill, located at 2103 Main Street has a live Nativity staged by Calvary Chapel. Church members and musicians tell the story of Christ's birth. The event takes place every Saturday at 5 p.m. until Christmas

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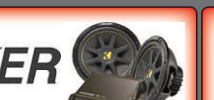
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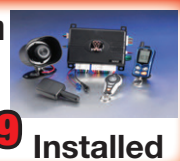
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Christmas light guide to East and South County

When it comes to Christmas lights, many San Diego neighborhoods go all out. In East County, visit Jingle Bell Hill located off the 67 and Bradley in El Cajon. You'll find Solomon Avenue and Pegeen Place chock-full of Christmas spirit. Afterward, head west down Interstate 8, stopping in La Mesa, at Bob's Christmas Wonderland (7171 Cornell Avenue). The home features hand-crafted displays with trains, animated figures, and a mini drive-in theater featuring "Disney's magical Christmas." Bob serves refreshments for guests. In return he requests visitors leave one non-perishable food item to be donated to the Salvation Army. Further south, off 15, Chula Vista's Christmas Circle is a must-see. Located on a loop through Whitney Street and Mankato Street, the many decorated homes supply electrified Christmas cheer.



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The Platform is "a store within a store within a store."

Christmas light guide to North and Central San Diego

North and Central San Diego also get into the Christmas spirit with blocks upon blocks of decorated homes. Christmas Card Lane in Rancho Peñasquitos, located on Oviedo street off of Black Mountain Road is one of the largest neighborhood-

run light installations in the county. In Tierrasanta, the Schimka family of 5306 Belarado Drive, decorate their home using 6500 lights accompanied by homemade decorations. If you tune your radio to 89.7, their lights are synchronized to music. In Clairemont, visit Lana Drive off Mt. Abernathy Ave. You'll find a circular street with over

40 homes decorated.

The San Diego Botanic Garden's Garden of Lights

230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, 760-436-3036

The San Diego Botanic Garden is a less crowded version of Balboa Park's December Nights. December 7th-30th, the garden transforms into a winter wonderland filled with over 100,000 sparkling lights. Holiday features include a Poinsettia Garden, live music in the evening, horse-drawn wagons, marshmallow roasting, an appearance by Santa Claus, and a nutcracker display. They even offer sledding at the garden on December 7, 9, 11, 26, and 28. Bring your own disc or sled for use. No metal runners allowed. \$6-\$14, Children 2 and under are free.

Skysurfer Balloon Co.

2658 Del Mar Heights Road #198, Del Mar, 858-481-6800

Keep your eyes peeled for flying reindeer as you ascend to hundreds of feet above the earth on a sunset hot-air balloon adventure for two. Take in

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Doratto and BONA

1038 Avenida Revolución, Zona Centro Tijuana, 664-685-7027

Curio vendors still line the tourist strip of Revolución, but a new and growing breed of retailers offers a fresh contrast to the traditional downtown Tijuana shopping experience. No intrusive hawkers barking promises of free tequila. No ceramic Angry Birds. Just locally crafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry and boutique attire that is certain to make the perfect present for fashion-savvy friends and lovers. From cro-

cheted alpaca fur scarves to vintage *Star Wars* tees to handmade mustache earrings, Doratto has something for just about everybody. Neighbors BONA turn up the kitsch with Han Solo throw pillows, knitted stuffed animals, and tongue-in-cheek souvenir TJ tees.

Tropical Paradise at MOM Store

Pasaje Rodriguez (between Third and Fourth on Revolución) - Local 29, Zona Centro Tijuana, no phone
Snow may be falling everywhere else in the country, but it's always summer in our region, and nobody understands that better than the curators at Tijuana's Tropical Paradise. Situated in the arts and culture alleyway of Pasaje Rodriguez, Tropical Paradise offers repurposed fashion with a focus on loud patterns and gloriously outmoded designs. But that's just the first rack you'll encounter at the storage unit-sized MOM Store. Browse several other lines of resurrected apparel before heading upstairs to do some bin digging through storeowner Rashad's collection of vinyl rarities.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Are you being treated for schizophrenia?

Please consider participating in a clinical research study to test an investigational medication for individuals with schizophrenia.

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Qualified participants may be compensated for time and travel.

Are you taking prescription pain medication for moderate to severe **CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN?** Do you also have constipation?



We are conducting a clinical research study that is looking at whether an investigational medication is suitable in treating both moderate to severe chronic low back pain and constipation.

You may be able to participate if you:

- are 18 years of age or older
- are taking prescription pain medication for moderate to severe low back pain
- have ever experienced symptoms of constipation from your pain medication.

Currently on treatment for **BIPOLAR I** disorder?

If you're being treated for bipolar I disorder and still feeling depressed, you may qualify to take part in a clinical research study. If enrolled, you will receive:

- Investigational medicine
- Study-related care from a local doctor
- Compensation may be available for your time and travel

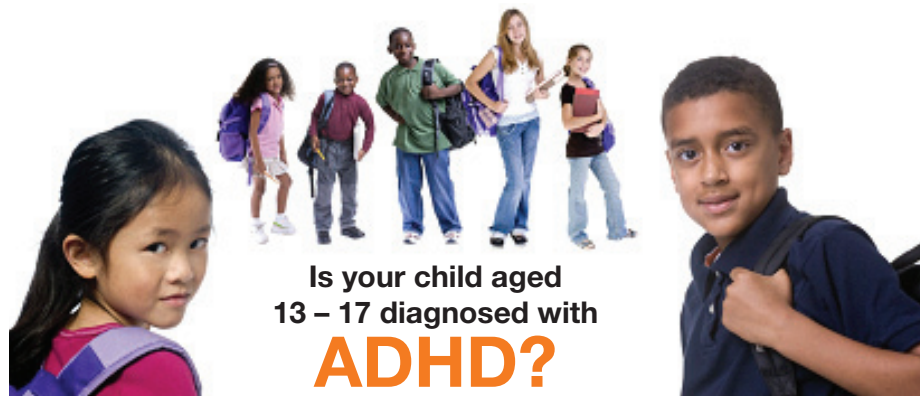
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Take medication for Bipolar I disorder



DO YOU HAVE **CONSTIPATION** DUE TO PAIN MEDICATIONS?

If you are over 18 years of age, you may qualify to participate in a Clinical Research study for Constipation. Compensation may be provided for those who qualify.



Is your child aged 13 – 17 diagnosed with **ADHD?**

You may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational medication.

Symptoms of ADHD include difficulty remembering information, difficulty concentrating, trouble organizing or completing tasks and procrastination.

Qualified participants may receive study-related psychological evaluation(s) and may also receive compensation for time and travel.

Elderly / Senior Depression



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Hunt & Gather

2871 University Avenue, North Park, 619-297-3040

No matter how much Macklemore and Wanz hype the virtues of thrift-store shopping, sometimes you just don't have time — I'm talking to you, last-minute holiday shoppers — to wade through the faded polos and beer-stained grandpa jackets to find that diamond among the dust bunnies. Luckily, the folks at Hunt & Gather are seasoned vintage miners with an eye for esoteric outerwear, which is modified in-store to craft unprecedented fashions for both men and women. Among the upcycled attire you'll find exclusive designer pieces, cowboy boots, customized handbags, local jewelry and art, feathered headbands (because Burning Man), and chronologically sorted vinyl.

North Park Toyland Parade & Holiday Fair

University Avenue and Utah Street, North Park, 619-501-1074



Tropical Paradise offers repurposed fashion with a focus on loud patterns and gloriously outmoded designs.

The theme for this 50th-annual parade is "Back to the Past," a motif that promises a convoy of floats inspired by predecessors dating back to the festival's beginnings in 1931 (excluding years off during World War II and 20+ years following the construction of I-805 in 1968, when the *San Diego Union* dubbed the

event "San Diego's largest Christmas parade"). Anticipate marching bands, costumes, local politicians giving the Lady Di wave from vintage cars, and, of course, Santa. The all-ages festivities kick off at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7. Park free at the 3829 29th Street garage structure.

Cinépolis Luxury Cinemas

12905 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-794-4045

It's Christmas! Wee Billy got his Beyblades, little Laura got her Lalaloopsy dolls, and Mom & Dad bought each other identical time-share packages. But once the tinsel settles and the living room lies in an apocalypse of ribbons and bows, what does our hypothetical household do to keep the spirit alive? You got it — the movies! Of course, not just any cinema will do for our festive family. Cinépolis garnishes the moving pictures with luxurious seat-side service including craft cocktails, short ribs, sushi, sliders, and beyond. Tickets start at \$15.50 for adults, \$13.50 kids.

Cocktails at Szechuan Mandarin

5855 Mission Gorge Road, Grantville, 619-280-4600

Sure, Christmas is canonized as the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year," but what about the Festivus for the rest of us? For those who don't celebrate the birth of Christ (and even for many who

do) the holidays tend to include the time-honored Festivus tradition known as "Airing of Grievances," and there's no better way to ignite a heated volley of truthin' than a sturdy drank o' booze. Enter Szechuan Mandarin. Every Wednesday from 5 to 9, their brutally potent, quasi-tropical cocktails are 2 for 1 (\$7.95). They'll be open on Christmas day and, most wonderfully, it's a Wednesday.

South Sun Beads

4000 Ruffin Road, suite C, Serra Mesa, 858-309-5050

The year is 2013 — an enchanted epoch in which ambitious aunts and (perhaps) uncles everywhere are scouring Etsy for homespun stocking stuffers that will complement your eclectic aesthetic like cookie crumbs on a rich winter beard. Wanna step it up a notch? Harken back to the olden days and do-it-your-own-dern-self. South Sun Beads specializes in everything you'll need (including classes) to string together perfect pendants for all of your holiday giftees. Touting two decades of experi-

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Adventure Ski and Snowboard School

1105 S Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-2188

Anyone who has broached the task of snow sports knows that the first day on the hill sucks. You slip. You slide. You look like a dunce. In order to save yourself a costly and painful afternoon on the bunny slopes, this North County school offers indoor lessons to sharpen your skills before you hit the snow. Strap into a board or a pair of skis and master the techniques of the peaks in the comfort of coastal Encinitas on a rotating, inclined carpet, where you can take one-on-one instructions with a group of up to four friends/family members.

Photos by the Tree at the Hotel Del Coronado

1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611

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RESEARCH STUDIES

SCHIZOPHRENIA CLINICAL TRIAL

Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are enrolling men and women for an inpatient clinical trial. Individuals who have been diagnosed with Schizophrenia and are currently experiencing an increase in their symptoms may qualify.

Eligible participants will receive all study-related care at no cost, and may be reimbursed for time and travel.

Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, call **(858) 836-8350**.

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To Possibly Qualify:

- 1) Must be at least 18 years old, otherwise healthy male or female
- 2) Must have itching and burning between toes on one or both feet

Participants May Receive Study-Related:

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- 18-65 years old
- In a steady sexual relationship for at least 6 months
- Have difficulty achieving regular orgasms and have not had an orgasm in 6 months.

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TO POSSIBLY QUALIFY:

- Healthy females, 30-75 years of age, naturally or surgically
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- discomfort with intercourse presently off or willing to go off menopause hormones.

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CONSTIPATION... WAY TOO LONG SINCE YOU WENT???

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To Possibly Qualify:

- 1) Participants must be male or female, at least 18 years of age
- 2) Have to strain and have infrequent, hard, incomplete bowel movements
- 3) If over 50 years of age, willing to possibly undergo a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy at no cost

Participants May Receive Study-Related:

- 1) Exam and consultation with a board-certified physician
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If you are a healthy women between the ages of 21 and 70, in a stable heterosexual relationship and suffer from low sexual desire disorder, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study to investigate the effectiveness of an investigational drug in increasing the number of satisfactory sexual episodes you experience.

If you are interested in learning more about this clinical research trial, please visit us online at SanDiegoSexualMedicine.com or call Dr. Goldstein's office at 619.265.7691 to see if you qualify.

Compensation will be provided for participation.



Christmas sweater and head on down to the Hotel Del Coronado for a holiday photo in front of their lobby's spectacular tree. The hotel is celebrating its 125th anniversary, and its Victorian decorations and 100,000 white lights will drive the Scrooge out of anybody. The first outdoor electric Christmas tree in America was the Del's 1904 tree, and they have been putting out spectacular trees ever since.

Ice skating by the Sea

Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, 619-435-6611

After taking your photos in front of the Del's Christmas tree, why not go ice skating? For nine years, the Windsor Lawn has been transformed into a holiday skating rink. With a view and breezes from



The thing that most evokes holiday cheer is Chuao's hot chocolate.

the Pacific Ocean, this is skating at its San Diego best. Part of the funds from the skating will go to Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego, and the rink will be closed for one of its events on December 10th.

Each skating session is two hours. Sessions through December 13th run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Weekend and holiday early-bird sessions are from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

From December 14th through January 5th, sessions are from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$23, children age 10 and under are \$18. Military discount with ID, \$5. If you tote your own skates, \$5 off as well.

Ice Skating in the mountains

Viejas Outlet Center, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 800-847-6537

Southern California's largest outdoor skating rink right here in San Diego County at Viejas. Put on your gloves, tie up your laces and hit the ice. There's nothing quite like feeling the mountain breeze on your face as you skate along under the stars admiring the colossal outdoor Christmas tree nearby. Open through Sunday, January 5th, Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday are from noon until 10:00 p.m. Kids age 12 and under, \$12; Ages 13 and up are \$14. Military with ID are \$12. If you bring your own skates, there is a \$2 discount.

Sycuan's Fantasy on Ice at Horton Square

225 Broadway Circle, San Diego

We've all seen the movies showing ice skaters gliding around the outdoor rink in New York City's Rockefeller Center. It looks like so much fun. You can get a taste of that city skating here in San Diego at Sycuan's Fantasy on Ice at Horton Square, which runs through January 5, 2014.

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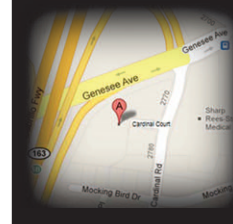
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Las Posadas in Old Town

2415 San Diego Avenue, Old Town
Folks in Mexico have been reenacting the biblical journey of Joseph and Mary looking for shelter throughout Bethlehem for over 400 years. In San Diego's Old Town, it's been done for over 60 years. This free event is on Sunday, December 15th with caroling starting at 2:00 p.m. and the procession of Las Posadas starting at 5:00 p.m. "In the name of heaven, I ask you for shelter, because my beloved wife can continue no longer," cries Saint Joseph. "Let us sing with joy, all bearing in mind that Jesus, Joseph, and Mary honor us by having come," answer the townspeople.

California Ballet Company's presents *The Nutcracker*

San Diego Civic Center,
Third Avenue and B Street,
619-570-1100

The California Ballet Company will be performs Tschiakovsky's dreamy Christmas classic *The Nutcracker* on the stage of the Civic Center. Performances accompanied by the Classics Philharmonics open Saturday, December 14th with 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. shows, and continue with Sunday December 15th shows at 1:00 and 5:30 p.m. The remaining shows feature the San Diego Symphony. Wednesday December 18th through Friday December 20th, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December

21st, 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. ; Sunday, December 22nd, 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$30 to \$90. Under age 4 are not admitted.

Little Italy Christmas tree lighting

Piazza Natale, India Street Date

The Christmas tree in Piazza Natale in Little Italy will be lit on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Besides the twinkling lights, there will be music and dancing for entertainment. Italian cookies, apple cider, and coffee will be served, free of charge. Little Italy businesses will be full of holiday gift items. St. Nick will roll into town on Fire Engine 3 at 4:30 p.m. For those feeling full of Holiday gifting spirit, the Little Italy Holiday Toy drive will also be in full swing, collecting unwrapped toys to give to foster children at New Alternatives. Toys can be dropped off at participating Little Italy businesses through Friday December 13.

Blondstone Jewelry

4931 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, and 925 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 619-223-2563

It's an eternal problem: women love receiving gifts that come in little black fuzzy boxes, but men hate mall-based jewelry shops with their high prices and high pressure. Fortunately, we have local artisan Heidi Smith, who sells unique and affordable pieces in her two shops, many of which she crafts on-site. A hundred bucks goes a long way here. Smith is known for her sterling and shell designs, particularly her swirling "Sol Wave" design. This is not gaudy hippie-wear, but

the finely crafted work of an artist. Of the two locations, the O.B. spot feels truer to the artist's beachy spirit.

Holiday cooking at Alchemy of the Hearth


960 Rancheros Drive, suite L, San Marcos, 760-233-2433

Spice up your holiday festivities with dishes and goodies from around the world — all made by you. Alchemy of the Hearth culinary school offers Feast of the Seven Fishes and Cuban Noche Buena, where participants learn traditional Italian American and Cuban Christmas Eve. Try your hand at *nacatamales* of Nicaragua or go traditional with a crown pork roast. Their abundant holiday baking classes include Italian cookies, holiday cupcakes, gingerbread people, and French *croquebouches*. Most classes cost \$65 for three hours of instruction. Teen classes are available as well.

Puppet Christmas

2130 Pan American Road, Balboa Park, 619-544-9203

When was the last time you saw a show with hand-puppets? Use your preschooler as an excuse to do it again. The 200-seat Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater's holiday schedule includes free evening performances of *A Christmas Carol* (December 6 and 7) during Balboa Park's December Nights, and regularly priced daytime performances of *The Merry Christmas Show* (December 10-15), *Benito Bunny's Great Christmas Adventure* (December 18 to 22), and *Jack and the Beanstalk* (December 26-30.) Bonus: this is one of the last places left that still offers entertainment for \$5 or less.




We are conducting a clinical study of an investigational medication to see if it helps reduce weight gain in Schizophrenia.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must be:

- Between 18 and 50 years of age
- Diagnosed with schizophrenia and currently stable

All study-related visits, tests, and medications will be provided to participants at no cost. In addition, reimbursement for study-related travel may be provided.

To learn more about this study, please contact:

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New clinical trial seeking people with type 2 diabetes

It is important for patients and doctors to expand their knowledge of diabetes treatments and explore ways of improving future treatment options for people with type 2 diabetes.

Therefore, Novo Nordisk is seeking people with type 2 diabetes to take part in a clinical trial. The trial explores an investigational medication which may be more convenient than current treatments.

Participants in this trial will receive either tablets or injections containing a novel GLP-1 molecule. Available GLP-1 products such as Victoza® have demonstrated efficacy on lowering blood sugar.

During the trial, participants will receive comprehensive care via regular health checks and medical testing, access to free trial medication and blood glucose testing equipment as well as compensation for their time and travel.

To join the trial you must:

- 1) Be over the age of 18
- 2) Have a BMI (Body Mass Index) between 25 and 40
- 3) Have type 2 diabetes
- 4) For the last 90 days not have been treated with other diabetes medication than metformin
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dren ages 6-12, free for children under 6) includes entertainment, food, non-alcoholic beverages, tax, and gratuity.

San Marcos tree lighting ceremony

San Marcos Civic Center, 1
Civic Center Drive, San Marcos,
760-744-9000

The City of San Marcos presents its annual Santa's Magical Village on Saturday, December 7 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event features an indoor holiday boutique as well as activities for children, including ornament-making, sand art, candle creation, and visits with Santa. Band and choral-

group performances will take place throughout the weekend, and on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Santa Claus will climb to the top of the tree and turn on thousands of twinkling lights. Entertainment for the tree-lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Pancake breakfast with Santa Claus

San Marcos Civic Center, 1
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As part of the City of San Marcos' annual Santa's Magical Village, children and adults can feast on pancakes with Santa Claus. The breakfast takes place from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Decem-

ber 8, and the cost (\$4 for adults, \$3 for children) includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, and photo opportunities with the big, jolly man himself. Afterward, families can browse the holiday village and participate in crafty activities. And if the pancakes aren't enough, specialty food vendors will be on hand to accommodate.

Holiday winery and train tour

La Jolla Wine Tours, 7514 Girard
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Chula Vista's Christmas Circle

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Traveling Stories book drive

City Heights Farmers' Market, 4326
Wightman Street, 760-688-6251

Every Saturday in December, local non-profit Traveling Stories hosts a holiday story time in their tent at the City Heights Farmers' Market. The organization seeks volunteers to help decorate the Story Tent, listen as the children read, and read holiday tales aloud. In an effort to encourage reading at home, they will also host a book giveaway on December 21, for which they seek book donations (appropriate for kindergarten through second-

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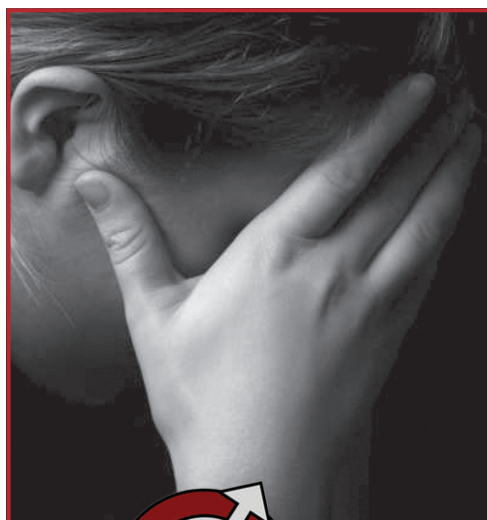


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San Diego Holiday Half Marathon

SDholidayhalf.com

Give yourself an excuse to stay fit through the holidays. The inaugural winter half marathon takes place on Sunday, December 29, at 7:30 a.m. The point-to-point course begins in Rancho Peñasquitos and ends at Torrey Pines State Beach. It includes a 714-foot net drop, and the only major hill is early in the race, around mile 1.5. Participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item (or two) to the

bib pick-up on December 28. The Joan Kroc/Salvation Army will collect all food donations and distribute them to homeless shelters in the county. Registration: \$99.

Home Start Holiday toy drive

Contact: Amanda, acoates@homestart.org

Over 50 corporations have been collecting toys for the Home Start program since early fall. The toys are still coming in, and Home Start seeks volunteers to help sort and organize toys. They also need volunteers to participate in their toy distribution event on December 19. Santa and elves will be in attendance to help spread the holiday cheer. For those who don't have the time to volunteer this holiday season, opportunities are still available to participate

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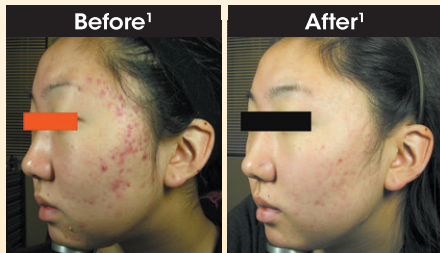
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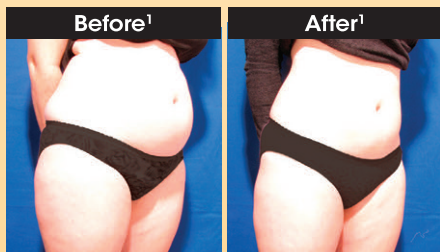
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Chaldean Christmas

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1:00–5:00 p.m.

Christmas at the Julian Gold Rush Hotel

2032 Main Street, Julian,
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What’s more romantic than jumping into a downy bed in a cozy room with the snow flaking down outside? Sitting beside a roaring fire in the saloon of the Julian Gold Rush Hotel. In winter, especially when it’s snowing, Julian is another country, and this hotel feels straight out of a movie set. Except it’s real: this is the oldest continuously operating hotel in Southern California, started by former slave Albert Robinson and his wife Margaret, in 1897. Not up for an overnight stay? They do a great ceremonial afternoon tea. Gotta try the scones.



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Holiday getaway to Palomar Mountain

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Holly Jolly Trolley Tours

Old Town Market, 4010 Twigg Street, Old Town, 619-298-8687

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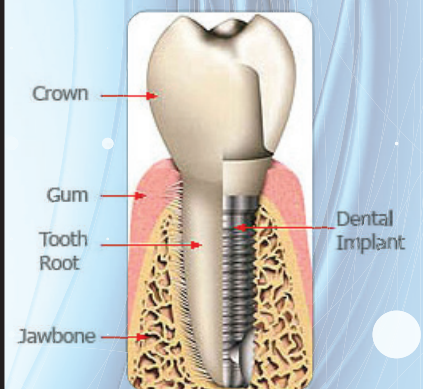


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Every Saturday in December, local nonprofit Traveling Stories hosts Holiday Story Time at the City Heights Farmers' Market

do the same thing, same price, on December 8 and 15 (5:30-8:30 p.m.), to watch the Parade of Lights, when every sailor worth his salt has his boat out on the bay.

Christmas lights and block Party

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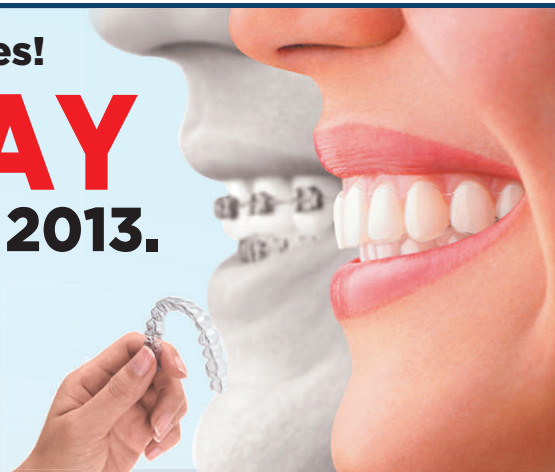
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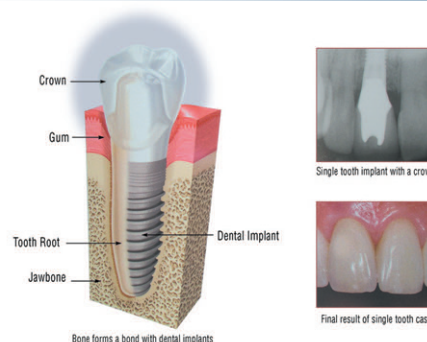
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shop for British imports stocks up on Christmas pudding during the holiday season so that you don't have to spend weeks preparing one. Small puddings are as cheap as \$4, but one-pound specimens can be had for as little as \$20. Make sure to buy or make some hard sauce to go with it.

Christmas pie at Elizabethan Desserts

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Encinitas, 760-230-6780

Who wants a holiday season without towering slices of pie? Apple pie. Pumpkin pie. The elusive mincemeat pie. Pie is like Country Mac from *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, the more awesome cousin of all baked goods who comes to town and makes everybody jealous with bad-ass flaky crusts and gooey fillings, or

something like that. Elizabethan Desserts, along with its much-anticipated spinoff, Betty's Pie Whole Saloon, makes it worth a trip to North County for the sake of holiday pie. Reportedly, the Pie Whole Saloon will even carry the rarer forms of pie, such as pork and mincemeat.

Fruitcake at Twigg's Bakery

2804 Adams Avenue, North Park,
619-296-4077

If pie is the awesome bad-ass cousin of the bakery family, fruitcake and yule logs are the beloved grandma who knits everyone custom Christmas stockings and unironically insists on family portraits with matching ugly sweaters. Twigg's on Adams provides these classic holiday pastries, which are great alternatives for those who quail at the thought

of slicing into a steamed Christmas pudding. The bakery's *stollen* — a classic German fruitcake — is particularly tremendous sliced, warmed, and spread with soft butter. Wash it down with a little mulled wine to spread a little extra cheer around.

New Year's Eve takeout from Hong Kong Restaurant

3871 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest,
619-291-9449

Nobody really knows how or why the tradition of Chinese food for New Year's Eve started. Some people think it had to do with Chinese restaurants being the only things open on December 31st, because old-school Chinese restaurateurs would celebrate Lunar New Year a month later and not care overmuch about December 31st. Hong Kong is perfect to keep the tradition alive because it's primarily a takeout spot, and a good one at that. One thing's for sure about this peculiar New Year's tradition: it has to be takeout, eaten at home with family and friends.

Holiday bubbly from San Diego Wine Co.

7080 Miramar Road, Miramar,
858-586-9463

Can't ring in the New Year without popping the cork on a bottle (or two, or three) of bubbly! Sparkling wine's chief problem is the good stuff's expensive, the bad stuff's offensive. Heed this: Lucien Albrecht Non-vintage Brut Sparkling Rose is around \$15/bottle and exceptional at that price. Lots of people find it equals a \$40 bottle of Veuve-Cliquot. Wine Co. may be the least charming retail outlet around, but

it sells this gem at a fair price. It's easy to pay 30 percent more at a trendier wine shop. If driving to scenic Miramar seems like a pain, order online.

Bonnie Jean's Soul Food

1964 54th Street, Oak Park,
619-262-8854

Southerners are enthusiastic, albeit unhealthy, about their eating. So a bevy of superstitions have sprung up over the years to justify New Year soul-food consumption. Eating collards around New Year's Day is supposed to bring wealth in the new year, because they look like money. Eating cornbread is also supposed to bring wealth, because it looks like golden money. Eating black-eyed peas and hoppin' john is supposed to bring wealth and prosperity because...well, you get the picture. As if we need an excuse to gorge ourselves on fried chicken and bacon-flavored vegetables.

"Special" hot chocolate from Chuao Chocolatier

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Fed shovels money

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Huszar didn't mention. The big run-up in the stock market, combined with the measly interest rates that lower-income people get on their savings, has exacerbated one of our worst economic problems: the wide wealth and income gap between the top 1 percent and the rest of Americans. From 2009 to 2012, incomes of the top 1 percent grew more than 31 percent while incomes of the other 99 percent grew less than half of 1 percent. The top 1 percent now have almost 40 percent of the nation's financial wealth. Driving up the stock market helps the upper 10 percent, who own 90 percent of stocks, including 401(k) retirement accounts.

And, paradoxically, it is political liberals, the biggest complainers about income inequality, who are leading the cheers for quantitative easing. ■

Contact Don Bauder at 619-546-8529

Under the radar

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In the meantime, Beiser himself is out raising campaign cash for Democrat **Carol Kim**, a city-council candidate in the sixth-district race that also includes former Republican, now independent ex-school board member **Mitz Lee** and Republican **Chris Cate**, a staffer at the largely GOP San Diego County Taxpayers Association. "It is a rare opportunity for us to win a seat in a critical swing district and solidify our progressive majority on the city council. I am all in with my support for Carol and I am asking you to do the same. Please join me, along with Majority Leader **Toni Atkins** and Senator **Marty Block**, on Tuesday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 8:00 at the Bay Park home of **Rhoda Quate** to show your support for Carol, her cam-

paign, and our future," says an email sent by Beiser to his backers.

Really smoking

Termed-out Republican state senator **Mark Wyland**, who has his eye on a Board of Equalization seat next year, picked up \$5800 last week from tobacco giant Phillip Morris... When it comes to stealing, crime was on the rise last year at Grossmont College, according to the school's annual Clery Report, an annual assessment of crime required by federal law. A total of 17 auto burglaries were reported on campus and its surroundings, compared to just 4 the year before; there were 13 regular burglaries, up from 9 in 2011, and only 3 the year before.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Entertainment was provided by a couple of guitar-strumming singers performing cross-border *musica* such as Richie Valens's "We Belong Together."

T.B. Beaudeau

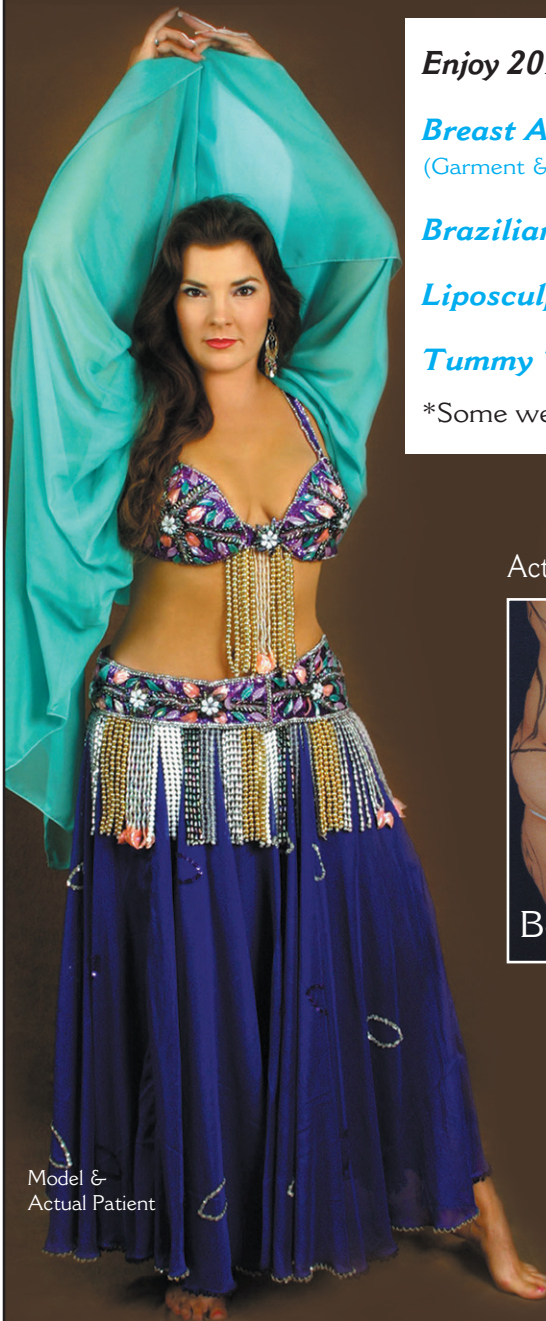
Real estate scammers caught by FBI

Undercover agent got 'em San Diego — **Dennis J. Clinton, 64**, a former San Diego real estate investment manager, was one of three persons sentenced earlier this month for participation in a fraud scheme. They promised an investor a high yield without risk and said the plan was part of a program of the Federal Reserve, the nation's central bank.

However, it was a government sting: they were trying to sell the fraudulent investment to an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to

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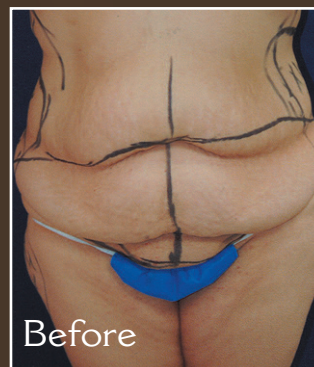
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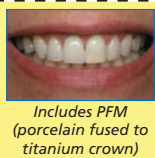
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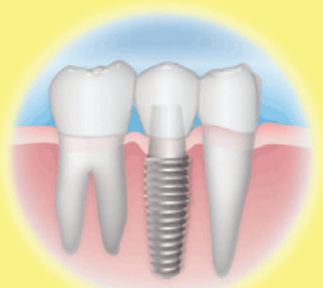
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NEWS TICKER

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a release this month from
the Department of Justice.

Don Bauder

Border Patrol combats crowd of 100

Rocks thrown, pepperball
launchers deployed

San Ysidro — A U.S. Border
Patrol agent posted south
of Camino de la Plaza, near
the shopping malls east
of the San Ysidro port of
entry, on November 24,
found himself fending off
a crowd of people running
north from Mexico into the
U.S.

The crowd, estimated at
about 100 people, report-
edly ignored the federal
agent's order to turn back
to Mexico, and he used
his pepperball launcher
to try and stop the group.
Instead, the group began
throwing rocks and trash
at the agent and the situ-
ation escalated to a near

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riot.

Dozens of agents in
vehicles and on ATVs
responded to the agent's
call for back-up and used
batons and pepperballs to
repel the crowd, composed
mainly of men.

Marty Graham

We'd like a little more money, please

San Diego Zoo hires
DC lobbyist for "funding
opportunities"

San Diego — The San
Diego Zoo, which came
in for scrutiny by the city
auditor earlier this year for
the way it spends its \$10.5
million annual city sub-
sidy, has hired a big-time
Washington DC lobbyist to
watch over its interests in
the nation's capital.

Back in May, the city
auditor issued a report
declaring, "Changes are
needed to improve fund
budgeting, operations,
and transparency" at the

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zoo, finding that "neither
the City nor the Zoo can
definitively determine
that funds collected...are
being used specifically for
maintenance of zoological
exhibits."

As a result of the audi-
tor's findings, the city
agreed to beef up its
accounting of the money
it hands over to the zoo.

Now comes word via
a recent disclosure filing
with the U.S. Congress
that the zoo is venturing
a bit further afield in an
apparent search for govern-
ment cash.

A lobbyist registration
report filed by McAllis-
ter & Quinn on October 7
said that the firm would be
working on getting "Appro-
priations [and] grants fund-
ing opportunities" for the
organization.

Matt Potter

No more drone orders may mean trouble

Will a foreign purchaser
save General Atomics?

San Diego — According to
Reuters, General Atomics
Aeronautical Systems may
have to lay off about one-
fourth of its production
staff of 1400 unless the
company gets more govern-
ment orders, Frank Pace,
president of the aircraft
systems group, said at the
recent Dubai airshow.

Pace said the Penta-
gon's current plan is to
halve its purchases of Pred-
ator B drones to around
24 a year; that means
the company is looking
for foreign purchasers, or
perhaps the United States
Marine Corps, which may
buy drones in 2018. How-
ever, the Marines face cut-
backs, too.

U.S. restrictions on
foreign sales are imped-
ing the export effort,
Pace said. Foreign sales
of larger unmanned serial
vehicles (UAVs) are banned
under the Missile Tech-
nology Control Regime,
Reuters said.

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General Dynamics Day

Recently, at a local donut shop, I checked out the November 21 edition of the *Reader*, with the Kennedy assassination featured on the cover ("The Kennedy Assassination's Last Insider"). Several pages past the cover, there were two separate articles with a response from a lady named Ruth Lesley, that is somehow involved with organizing the last Veterans Day Parade (SD on the QT: "On Point" and "San Diego Police Successfully Clear Homeless Veterans from Path of Veterans Day Parade").

Who is this woman? What credentials does she have for organizing anything having to do with veterans? Is she, herself, a veteran? Apparently, she has taken quite a bit of criticism for the way she ran things for the parade, and deservedly so.

I'm a retired Marine grunt combat veteran and DAV with PTSD. I've killed Iraqi soldiers during the Gulf War. I have never killed any 15-year-olds wearing suicide vests. I don't live on the streets. I'm not a drug addict or alcoholic.

This was a Veterans Day parade that's supposed to be about veterans. It's not supposed to be a commercial plug for General Dynamics' latest, greatest military hardware that they have for sale that's skillfully operated by someone with a joystick in one hand, and a coffee cup in

the other, sitting safely on the other side of the globe, who goes home to their family after killing someone.

The parade is supposed to focus on the veterans — *all* veterans, and the sacrifices they've made. That includes those wretched, homeless, drunk, and alcoholic veterans living and sleeping on the streets. America needs to see the full spectrum that happens because of war. The closest we have come is 9/11; and, look at how it traumatized so many in this world.

America can be happy that we are able to take the fight to the enemy, wherever they are in this world, instead of fighting on our own soil, which exposes not only military personnel to the horrors of war, but also our civilians, including children — and including children who think it is fun marching in a sterilized parade that inspires them to join the Armed Forces someday.

It is good that we are able to defeat our enemies because of good leadership, sound tactical, and strategic detailed planning, discipline, and skills honed from intensive training, which includes technologically advanced hardware. We are so good at easily defeating our enemies, though, that we can feel like murderers, and get PTSD, which leads some to drug and alcohol abuse.

Stop giving our troops the bum's rush, fooling yourself into doing veterans a favor by putting us somewhere so we don't have to be seen. If *all* of us are seen, maybe Americans will think twice before some politicians, and their

corporate good-old-boy networks, volunteer us for wars that do not need to be fought, so they can become more powerful, and increase their bottom-line profit margin from hardware like drones!

Name Withheld
via email

Hard As Ore

Do you still have the Typo Patrol? I found a typo in the November 21 issue in *News of the Weird* under "Lead Story" about librarians who allow patrons to watch "hard-ore pornography." I believe it should say *hard-core* porn. I have never heard of *hard-ore* porn.

Claire Newick
La Jolla

Who Is Dobson?

I have a question about Judith Moore's article on turkeys titled "Savage Breast." It's originally from 1993 but you have it reprinted in the November 21 *Reader*.

It says: "Dobson's chef, Deborah MacDonald Schneider, doesn't make giblet gravy. She says she 'hates guts,' that she wouldn't eat the giblets at gunpoint."

Well, that's very nice. But who is Dobson? I went back through the article twice or thrice and I can't find any prior mention of anybody named Dobson. Or maybe it's a restaurant named Dobson's? I have no idea. Regardless, the first mention of Dobson is at the bottom of page 62. And it's also the first mention of Deborah MacDonald Schneider.

What happened there? Did you edit part of the story out and drop a few paragraphs? Believe me, I've gone back through the story several times. You have all these fascinating pages about how they masturbate turkeys to artificially inseminate the hens. But there's no mention of Dobson or Schneider, so you must have edited out an original part of the article. That's all I can figure. It's very disconcerting. Please explain.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Dobson's was and still is a well-known Downtown restaurant on Broadway. — Editor

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Thursday | 5

ARTISAN TABLE DINNER: CROWS PASS FARM

This relaxed, intimate alternative to traditional restaurant dining allows guests to enjoy a variety of seasonal dishes in a convivial setting with 10 to 24 at the table. The Artisan Table dinner includes menu items served family-style in four courses: appetizers, main course, cheese, and dessert and coffee, along with wines selected by the chefs to complement each meal. \$85.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: A.R. Valentien, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-777-6635; arvalentien.com

Sunday | 8

HOLIDAY WINE TRAIL IN RAMONA WINE COUNTRY

Ramona Ranch Winery will be one of six stops on Ramona's first Holiday Wine Trail. Enjoy food, music, and wine as we ease into this year's holiday season. \$65.

WHEN: 12:00 p.m. (Also Saturday December 7 at 12:00 p.m.)

WHERE: Ramona Ranch Winery, 23578 Highway 78, Ramona. 760-789-1622; ramonaranch.net

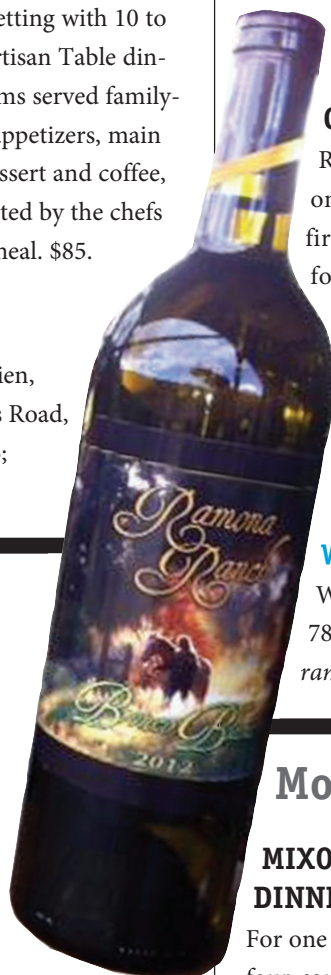
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ARIES SPEARS

Stand-up comedy by Spears, a regular on Fox's *Mad TV*. \$26.

WHEN: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. (additional shows December 7 and 8)

WHERE: American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue, Downtown. 619-795-3858; american-comedyco.com



Monday | 9

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9: MIXOLOGY PAIRING DINNER

pumpkin butter, and candied walnuts, paired with a fresh Cranberry Sour.

WHEN: 5:00 p.m. (December 7-13)

WHERE: Grant Grill, 326 Broadway, Downtown. 619-744-2039; grantgrill.com

Tuesday | 10

ART HAPPY HOUR

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

WHERE: The Commons, 901 Fourth Avenue, Downtown. Artbeatsandiego.com

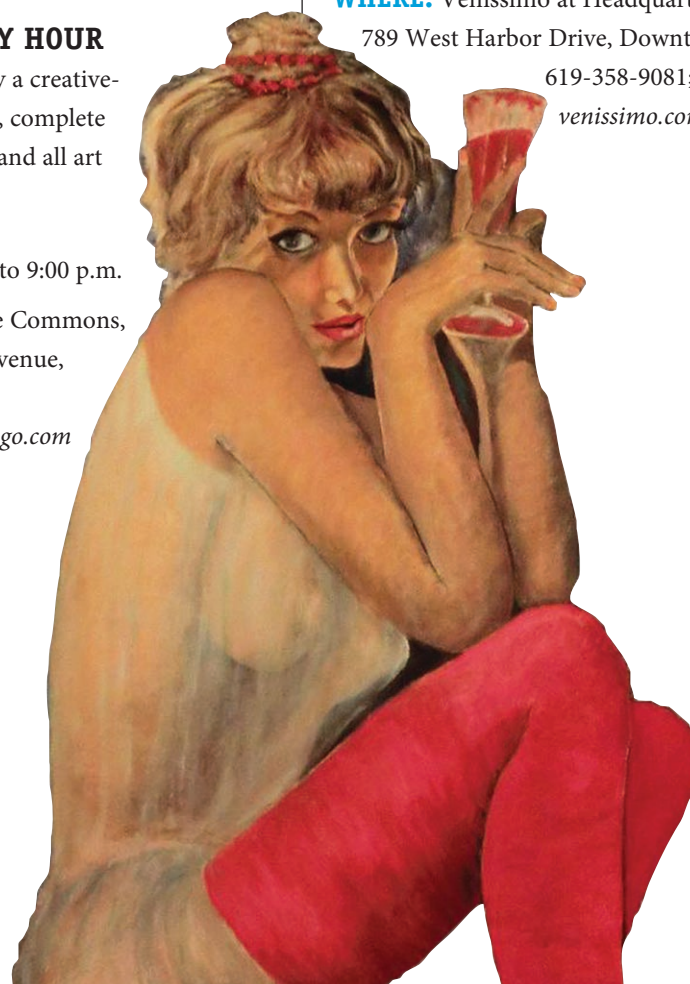
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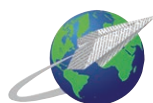
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Leipzig, Germany

By Tamar Fleishman

Leipzig, in what was East Germany, was one of Europe's most important music centers. I knew Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy and Johann Sebastian Bach lived here. As it turns out, Clara and Robert Schumann, Richard Wagner, Edvard Grieg, and Gustav Mahler also spent time in Leipzig.

I wanted to spend time paying respect to the musical greats, especially Mendelssohn, as he changed the course of my life. When I was 11, I was the youngest girl to win first prize at the Chicago Symphony Youth

Auditions, playing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. As a result, I soloed eight times with the CSO at Orchestra Hall, I won scholarships to attend prep school, college, and law school, as well as a music-connected law clerkship. Thanks, Felix! Bach owes a little something to Mendelssohn, too! J.S. Bach had been forgotten by the public until Felix Mendelssohn rediscovered his music, insisting on performing his works.

With the local tourist maps using improbable abbreviations and the street signs sometimes nonexistent, I would definitely print your own English language maps off Google before you go.

Where to stay. If you're on a budget and like to be super close to public transportation, InterCityHotel is recommended. The rooms are quite simple, but everyone gets the classic European breakfast buffet in the morning as well as a pass to use the local tram.

What to do. Whether you're headed to a musically significant site or out for some exercise, Leipzig has three music trails, marked by stainless-steel musical symbols embedded in the ground. At various points, there are "sound showers" where you can press buttons to hear

local music throughout the centuries.

The first German words I ever learned were part of the soundtrack to *Cabaret*. It was fun to go see a real German cabaret: *Krystallpalast Variety*. There's a restaurant connected to it for delicious continental fare — not dinner-theater schlock. You can also buy snacks and drinks during the show. They have a sort of Cirque de Soleil-type acrobatic/musical show, where you don't have to understand German.

It wasn't just my imagination that there seemed to be a pharmacy on every block. Due to stringent laws, they can only sell over-the-counter items like aspirin at pharmacies. But Leipzig pharmacies — *apothekes* — are also worth checking out for their plethora of natural bath- and skin-care products. Germany has a long tradition of herbal remedies, colognes, and teas.

The Bach Museum, affiliated with

the world-famous Bach Fest, is quite interactive! Not only do you learn about Bach and his talented family, but you can also listen to the rarest of Baroque instruments, "re-arrange" a Bach chorale, even rent a hall to have chamber music concerts. It's located across the square from St. Thomas Church, where Bach spent most of his career. The church also has Bach concerts, which cost two euros unless you have a Leipzig pass.

I visited the Mendelssohn House on a quiet, rainy bank holiday. The rooms have been restored to how he last used them, with music playing throughout. I was able to absorb how prodigious his career was: child prodigy, conductor, musical director, composer. I also learned about the petty politics that shaped his career, as well as prejudices against him.

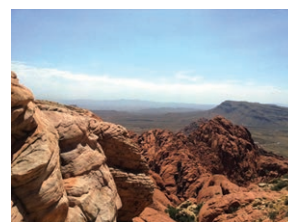
It's satisfying to take a generous amount of time to go through the Grassi

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Hike down to a canyon floor through scrub oak "tunnels"



An acorn woodpecker atop his granary on an old sycamore stub

This is the only trail that accesses Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve from the south rim between Black Mountain Road and the West End parking lot

Distance from downtown San Diego: 20 miles. Allow 25 minutes driving time. (Mira Mesa) From CA-163 N, merge onto I-15, then Mira Mesa exit and go west to Camino Ruiz and take a right. Go to the north end of Camino Ruiz to find Camino Ruiz Community Park. The trailhead is on the left after the first few parking spaces. **Hiking length:** 5 miles out and back. **Difficulty:** Moderate hike with about 200-foot elevation loss/gain. Restrooms available at the park. The park gate is closed at night — usually open by 7 a.m. Note: Los Peñasquitos Canyon is closed during and for at least 24 hours after a significant rainfall.



Scrub oak "tunnels" on the Camino Ruiz Trail

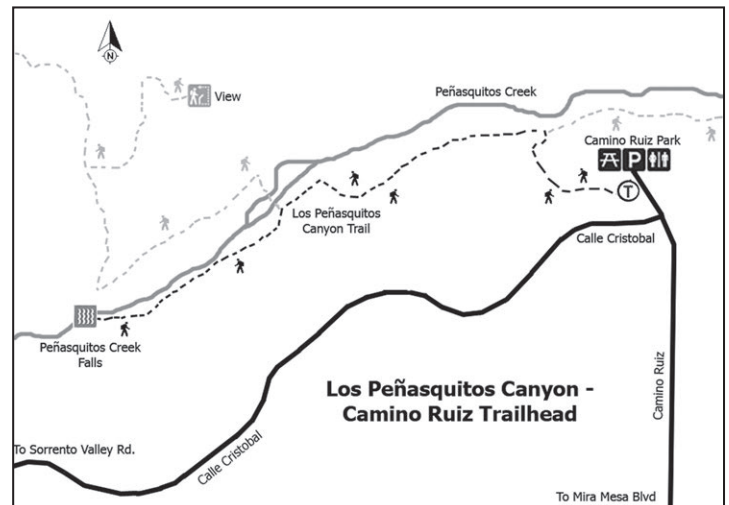
off Sorrento Valley Blvd. Before the Camino Ruiz Trailhead was established in 2009, it was difficult to access the canyon from the south side. The upper portion

of the trail is steep with loose cobbles. It is shared with bicycles and poison oak is prevalent. Rattlesnakes are common, although the trails are wide enough that

you can easily avoid them.

This trail is unique in that it gives you a chance to hike under a canopy of scrub oaks that make you feel as though you are in a tunnel. The majority of the trail is in the shade, which means there is typically more moisture. While the Camino Ruiz Trail is only 0.6 mile long, once you reach the riparian zone at the bottom, near Los Peñasquitos Creek, you have numerous options for continuing your hike. If you go to the left when you get to the main south-side trail in the canyon, the waterfall on Los Peñasquitos Creek is about 1.9 miles further (round trip from the trailhead would be about 5 miles). If you go to the right, Los Peñasquitos Creek crossing is about a quarter of a mile ahead. There is also a single-track trail on the south side of the creek that is shared with horseback riders.

The waterfall is a delightful location to get your feet wet or have a picnic. There is water here year round. It is a little bit of a challenge to cross the creek here, but if you are surefooted, it is definitely a possibility.



As with most riparian zones, Los Peñasquitos Canyon is a place where wildlife is plentiful all year long. There are many acorn woodpeckers, red-shouldered hawks, and kites. It is not uncommon to see bobcats, coyotes, raccoon, rabbits, and mule deer. An early-morning or dusk hike yields the best opportunities for seeing or photographing the wildlife.

The trail is accessible year-round with late-summer blooms such as buckwheat and golden bush. The oaks are evergreen, providing shade all year. In the spring, you will see a profusion

of mushrooms, lichens, mosses, and other species that like the dampness. The spring flower bloom is spectacular from March through June with blue-eyed grass, fuchsia-flowered gooseberry, wild onions, and milkmaids, along with many other typical chaparral plants.

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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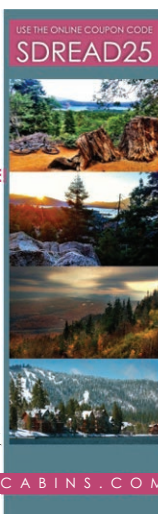
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ART

Enchanted Art Exhibit

Nadine Baurin Fine Art presents "Enchanted," a winter art exhibit featuring the work of Diana Carey and selected paintings by Latin American artist Nadine Baurin. The exhibit runs through December 8, with a reception on December 7. The gallery will donate a percentage of profits from sales during this exhibit to the non-profit Hands United for Children. Saturday, December 7, 2pm; **free**. 18 and up. Nadine Baurin Fine Art, 996 N. Coast Highway 101, suite C. (ENCINITAS)

Allison Wiese: Road Movie San Diego-based artist Allison Wiese's exhibit, based in sculpture and video, includes a tracking shot in extremis that reflects the last leg of a passage across the continental U.S. Alternately banal and sublime vistas are accompanied by sculptures that play with American myth in relation to raw and found materials. Saturdays, 11am; through Saturday, December 14, Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Annual Holiday Party Food, drink, and a live auction. Free for CAC members and first-time guests; \$20 others. Info: tomayto@

aol.com. Sunday, December 8, 4pm; **free**-\$20. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The Art of Giving MosaicSD invites you to give back creatively with opportunities to support local artisans and socially conscious organizations. Enjoy a night of food, gift making, a common goods market, spoken word by Gill Sotu, and a performance by Jordan Frye of Urban Rescue. Childcare provided onsite. Sunday, December 8, 6pm; **free**. Mosaic San Diego, 1402 Commercial Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

ArtStop: Portrait of a Lady ArtStops are 15-minute, staff-led tours of one to three works on view. Museum curators and educators present informative talks every Thursday and third Tuesday at noon. Free with museum admission. Thursday, December 5; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Christmas Open House A new gallery in La Jolla Shores invites you to join a Christmas Open House, showcasing a new collection of original artwork and jewelry created by local and international artisans. Cookies and wassail will be served. Thursday, December 5, 3pm; **free**. La Playa Gallery, 2226 Avenida De La Playa. (LA JOLLA)

Color Splash Art Exhibit Eight local artists from the Sargent Art Group will be exhibiting fine and collectable art on the resort promenade. Works in oil, acrylic, watercolors, fine photography, plus artisan items. Participating artists: Rosemary Valente, Kathleen Hamilton, Lynn Ely, Joanne Greene, Rina Torri, Lijun Yang, Rita Shulack, and Donald Pallia. Info: dpallia@yahoo.com. Saturday,

December 7, 9am; **free**. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

Family Drop-In Days: Exploring Modern Art Families are invited to explore the museum through activities designed for children and adults to enjoy together, including art projects inspired by the museum's collection, family-friendly docent-led tours, and gallery games. Art projects change weekly and themes change monthly. Free with museum admission. Sunday, December 8, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Friday Night Liberty at NTC Say "hi" to staff, stay for some snacks, and check out "Waxwords: Encaustics with Color and Text" by Josie Rodriguez, the first show at the Ink Spot Gallery. Info: contact@sandiegowriters.org Friday, December 6, 5pm; **free**. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Glass-Painting Class We supply the materials and get you started with a few ideas. Includes paint, materials, and instruction for two glasses, and a glass of wine. Additional glasses (to decorate) for \$5 each. No artistic ability required (we have stencils). Sunday, December 8, 5:30pm; \$25-\$30. San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery, 8364 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Holiday Hit List Event organized and hosted by the San Diego North Park Craft Mafia, offering a way to shop local and handmade. Make purchases from vendors to get door prize tickets for the Craft Mafia drawing. First 100 families receive a free swag bag. Sunday, December 8, 11am; **free**. McMillin Companies

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Museum for Musical Instruments. Many instruments belonging to members of the aristocracy were enameled and bejeweled, gorgeous one-of-a-kind treasures. You can see the evolution of the modern violin, as it took many years for it to change from a lute to the instrument in favor today.

In the same complex, the Grassi Museum for Applied Arts has wonderful exhibits, too. The shoe exhibit is on display until the end of September, with artistic, fantastic, and glam shoes.

Mendelssohn served as the musical director of the Gewandhaus, still very active with performances today. The Gewandhaus Orchestra plays many German favorites, the way they were meant to be heard! The audience's chairs are unusually comfortable, with good back support.

It's impossible to forget that Leipzig was cut off from the West after WWII.

All around the city, gigantic film negatives, with pictures of buildings as they were, are hung to cover modern architecture or other bombed-out areas. Another lasting scar is the building at Runde Ecke (round corner). Now a museum, it served as the headquarters for the Stasi, the insidious secret police for East Germany. The level of spying on its own citizens was breathtaking. After an article in the paper about the price of steak in West Germany, some poor bastard wrote an anonymous letter to the editor, wondering where he could find such a tasty treat in the east. He was tracked down and...disappeared.

Where to eat. Get yourself into hidden neighborhoods, sample the secret delicacies of the city with a culinary and cultural walking tour. You'll be taken into off-the-path buildings to check out architectural treasures as well as meet food purveyors. Hint: take a good amount of cash, as many stores do not take credit cards.

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Informed Artist Series On the first Thursday of every month, this series presents topics of interest for artists, such as new media rights, pricing work, press releases, and more. Contact: submissions@sdspace4art.org. Thursday, December 5, 6pm; **free**. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Painting and Vino: Winter Solstice Recreate “Winter Solstice” while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, December 8, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Playwrights & Artists II Theatre Arts West’s second playwrights & artists festival features ten local artists and the plays their works inspired. Saturday, December 7, 7pm; \$15. 18 and up. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

San Carlos Library Art Exhibit Featuring artists Judi Burnett and Christina Volz. Their paintings can be seen in the Community Room of the San Carlos Library, featuring Chinese brush, pastel, and oil technique. Thursdays, 9:30am; through Thursday, December 5, **free**. San

Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Drive.
(SAN CARLOS)

Warehouse Takeover: Music & Art Show San Diego street-wear brand 5&A Dime and art collective the Travelers Club present an assortment of local artists and musicians to promote the San Diego underground culture. This warehouse party is designed to give the community a different take on its diminished street/art scene. 619-755-6355. Saturday, December 7, 6pm; \$5. 2191 Main Street. (BARRIO LOGAN)

We Wish You a Junky Christmas Sculptures, yard art, and gifts all made out of reclaimed and repurposed metal. See how Maytag washers are transformed into butterflies and how kitchen gadgets become yard birds. Artists Asho and Mingo of Glasscapes Jewelry on site, creating colored hand-blown glass beads and jewelry. Look for the yellow signs on Via Rancho Parkway. Saturday, December 7, 10am; Sunday, December 8, 10am; **free**. Zjhunk Metal Art Studio, 2932 Via Loma Vista. (ESCONDIDO)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Alice Waters and Kermit Lynch An afternoon of books, food, drink, and music to honor Alice Waters and Kermit Lynch and their latest books, *The Art of Simple Food II* and the 25th anniversary edition of *Adventures on the Wine*

Rhyme & Verse

To Kiss a Forehead

A poem by Marina Tsvetaeva

To kiss a forehead is to erase worry.
I kiss your forehead.

To kiss the eyes is to lift sleeplessness.
I kiss your eyes.

To kiss the lips is to drink water.
I kiss your lips.

To kiss a forehead is to erase memory.
I kiss your forehead.

Translated by Ilya Kaminsky



Marina Tsvetaeva (1892–1941), one of the great Russian poets of the 20th Century, lived during the years of the Russian Civil War in such terrible poverty that her youngest daughter died of starvation. In 1921 she emigrated to Berlin, then to Prague, and then to Paris. But she was shunned by the émigré community for not being anti-Soviet enough. Shortly after she returned to Moscow, her husband was shot on the charge of espionage and her daughter was sent to a labor camp. When the Germans attacked Russia, Tsvetaeva was evacuated to Central Asia, where again she faced dire poverty. She took her own life by hanging on August 31, 1941. No one attended her funeral and the location of her grave is unknown. The translator, Ilya Kaminsky, is a well-known Russian-born American poet. “To Kiss a Forehead” can be found in *The Ecco Anthology of International Poetry*, a splendid collection of contemporary world poetry edited by Kaminsky and Susan Harris and published by The Ecco Press. The poem is used with permission.

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Route. There is no better place to meet Alice Waters — pioneer, author, and food activist — than at a farm. She will be signing copies of her latest book alongside Kermit Lynch, whom Waters describes as a “revolutionary wine merchant who, almost singlehandedly, has brought about a new understanding of wine as a unique expression of land, tradition, and people.” East of Echo will play music for steel pedal guitar, banjo, bass, and trumpet; Bottaro Woodfired Pizza will make custom pizzas using seasonal Chino produce; Kermit Lynch-selected wine samples will be served, and Ballast Point Brewery will pour beer tastings. Also, a fundraiser for the

Edible Schoolyard Project. Saturday, December 7, 11am; **free**. Chino Farm, 6123 Calzada del Bosque. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Author Talk: Jody Sims Sims will discuss her new book, *Soul Provider: Conversations with My Cat...A Survivor's Journal*, which showcases the 20 acrylic paintings that she created while recovering from Stage 3 breast cancer. Selected paintings on display. Thursday, December 5, 6:30pm; **free**. Mission Hills Library, 925 W. Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Living Coastal Meet *Living Coastal* artist/author Jolee Pink and Chef Tommy Fraioli. Event also features an art show by *Living Coastal* book-cover artist Donna Butnik and happy hour prices. 619-276-8411. Sunday, December 8, 6pm; **free**. Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Sunbelt Publications Annual Holiday Party Light refreshments and spirits, Diana’s famous chili bar, and speakers from *Love on a Leash: Pet Therapy*, *Rock Art of the Grand Canyon Region*, and *Waiting for Tsunami*. RSVP or questions: 619-258-4911; sunbeltbook@sunbeltpub.com. Thursday, December 5, 5pm; **free**. Sunbelt Publications, 1256 Fayette Street. (EL CAJON)

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa Catch Santa at the tail end of his summer

vacation on the island and join him for a breakfast. Little ones will have the chance to visit with Santa about their wish list and receive a special gift while the family enjoys a meal overlooking Mission Bay. Head to the Island Market afterwards for holiday crafts and activities. Saturday, December 7, 9am; Barefoot Bar and Grill, 1404 Vacation Road. (MISSION BEACH)

Christmas Collective Combining music, performance art, storytelling, and an altruistic shopping experience, the Christmas Collective invites you to experience the spirit of Christmas in a whole new way. Doors open for morning collective 9:30am; evening 6:30pm. Sunday, December 8, 9:30am; **free**. San Diego Convention Center, 111 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

December Nights in Balboa Park Santa is ready to hear your wee ones’ wishes at December Nights at the Fleet. Enjoy holiday music while you explore the galleries for free or enjoy hot cider and chowder in a bread bowl and hot cider from Galileo’s Cafe. Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7, 5pm; **free**. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Encinitas Holiday Parade Parade features nearly 100 floats and bands. A tree-lighting ceremony will kick off the annual event. Contact: 760-633-2740, encinitasparksandrec@encinitasca.gov. Saturday, December 7, 5pm; **free**. Coast Highway 101

Fire & Ice Experience snow in San Diego on the rooftop bar of

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Helen Woodward’s Frosty Farm Santa will visit and spread holiday cheer to all children. To make him feel at home, “real” snow will fall as miniature horse “reindeer” dress up and join in the holiday activities, along with some wintery friends including bunnies, guinea pig, and sheep. Activities include a magical ice palace maze, festive face painting, and gingerbread house making. Contact: 858-756-4117 x318 or education@animalcenter.org. Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, 10am; \$9-\$20. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Holiday Tree Lighting and Winter Wonderland Festival Featuring art activities for children, live music, food, and real snow as well as costumed performers, cookies and cocoa, and visits with Santa. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy to support the Salvation Army. 760-839-4186. Saturday, December 7, 3pm; **free**. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

History for the Holidays The Gaslamp Museum at the William Heath Davis House invites the community for the opening of their new exhibit, *Buildings of the Gaslamp: 19th Century to Now*, and a holiday celebration, *History for the Holidays*. Arrive at the Museum prior to the Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade for free tours of the Davis House and exhibit, hot cider and cookies, a free candy cane, and photo opportunity with Santa. Sunday, December 8, 1pm; **free**. Gaslamp Museum at the William Heath Davis House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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North Pole Limited Santa Train The annual journey to the North Pole aboard the festive "North Pole Limited," a real old-time train, features hot chocolate, cookies, Christmas carols, and a visit with Santa and his elves. Reservations: psrm.org. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 5pm and 7pm; through Saturday, December 21, \$20-\$50. Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, State Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. (CAMPO)

Pet Photos with Santa and Holiday Boutique Whether naughty or nice, all pets can meet Santa and have their photo taken with him. Event also features a holiday boutique and bake sale, where gifts for people and pets will be available for purchase. 760-888-2235. Saturday, December 7, 10am; \$10. Escondido Humane Society, 3450 East Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Teddy Bear Teas Experience a magical afternoon tea with fresh house-made canapes and paninis, assorted pastries, brownies, and scones. After tea time, participants will be escorted to the hotel's Grand Lobby to spend time with Santa's magician and his elf. Then, Santa Claus will narrate an all-time Christmas classic. Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, 2:30pm; \$30-\$45. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Weekend with Santa Begins with breakfast at the newly opened Sea & Smoke from 8-10am where Santa will meet and greet. Children's tickets \$13, including a pancake with a side of fruit and

milk; adults \$17, one entrée and beverage. Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, 8am; \$13-\$17. Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

The Agile Startup Seminar Jeff Scheinrock and Matt Richter-Sand, both instructors of entrepreneurship at UCLA, will lead an all-day seminar that covers the 13 critical steps to turn an idea into a profitable business. Seminar attendees can participate in a *Shark Tank* style competition during the seminar. Saturday, December 7, 9am; \$55-\$75. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Bring Your Dog to Yoga This 75-minute class taught by Debra Hodgen begins with warm-up stretches that participants can do with their dogs unleashed. Then the class moves into gentle flow and standing poses, and the dogs will get a chance to run and play with the pack. The practice ends on the floor with pups nearby while humans strengthen, stretch, and relax. Some weeks, dogs will be introduced to a new skill or trick. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, December 28, \$15. Whole Dog Sports Center, 6241 Yarrow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Burgers and Beer Executive chef Arleen Lloyd teaches ins and outs of making gourmet burgers from scratch. Learn about the importance of seasoning, the types of meat, and what fillings and what beers can transport burgers from the everyday to out-of-this-world. Friday, December 6, 6pm; \$65. 21 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Business Seminar: Isn't It About Time? A time-management seminar for business owners, which aims to "oust the time vampires" and give you some real-world tips. Friday, December 6, 8am; **free**.

ActionCOACH Business Coaching, 2815 Camino Del Rio South #235. (MISSION VALLEY)

Capoeira Sao Bento Grande Dance Fighting African-Brazilian dance fighting for all ages. 619-518-7782. Saturdays, 11:30am; through Saturday, March 1, **free**-\$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

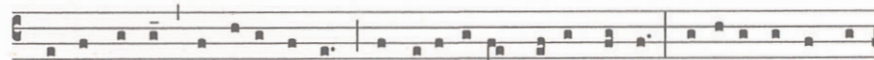
Hobbit Celebration Shoot Nerf arrows like the elves, learn how to write runes like the dwarves, hunt for dwarven treasure, and more at this celebration of Tolkien's Middle Earth. This is part of the San Diego County Library's Winter Reading program. For all ages. Saturday, December 7, 2pm; **free**. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Holiday Cookies from Scratch Learn how to create holiday cookies in a hands-on atmosphere. Mixing and baking will be done in one session. Saturday, December 7, 10am; \$65. 18 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Kids' Birdhouse Art Class Students will be given their own individual unfinished wooden birdhouse. On paper, your young artist will sketch a preliminary design of what they might paint on the wood. They will then draw their design on the birdhouse and, using acrylic paints, create their vision. The finishing touch may be the addition of a tile or pebble roof. This functional piece may be hung in the garden or used as decoration. Ages 7 to 12. \$42 Bravo member; \$48 non-member. Materials fee \$8. Saturday, December 7, 1pm; \$42-\$56. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

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, December 19,

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Latin-Percussion Drumming Class Learn how to play congas, timbales, claves, shakers, and other Latin percussion instruments. This class is an introduction on the technique on how to play independently and accompanied with many players. Saturdays, 4pm; through Saturday, January 25, \$10-\$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

The Memoir Club: Structuring Your Narrative An interactive read-and-critique group geared to helping writers complete their memoir. The group will focus on Structure for Memoir, a 14-point plotting system designed to assist writers in professionally crafting the tightest and most intriguing story possible. Also covered: scene creation, hot dialogue tools, when and what to cut, sound showers, crafting the hook, and marketing your memoir. Info: contact@sandiegowriters.org. Saturday, December

7, 10am; \$60-\$72. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Paranormal Investigation Course covers techniques and proper protocol for paranormal investigating, different types of equipment, and spirit communication and methodologies such as EVP, ITC, dowsing rods, environmental monitoring devices, and more. Led by Nicole Strickland, founder and director of the San Diego Paranormal Research Society. Cash only. Please RSVP at least 48 hours ahead: 858-395-8520 or nicolepis@gmail.com (please indicate which Thursday you will be taking the course). Thursdays, 7pm; through Thursday, December 25, \$20. 18 and up. Villa Antigua Clubhouse, 5844 Menorca Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

Screenwriting 101 This class will focus on creating and tightening a core movie concept that is up to Hollywood's standards. Beginners as well as experienced

writers will be creating core movie concepts that can sell, mapping out story structure, preparing to write a screenplay, getting ready to "beat-sheet" your story, and more. Info: contact@sandiegowriters.org. Saturday, December 7, 9am; \$45-\$54. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Springerle Cookies Executive chef Arleen Lloyd leads an adventure into the world of springerle cookies, traditional holiday cookies from Germany, Austria, and Bavaria. Participants will learn how to make the dough, create the impressions, and hand paint masterpieces. Baking will not be done in class, as the cookies must "cure" overnight prior to baking. Saturday, December 7, 2pm; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Tote Bag Class Learn the basics of machine sewing while making HomeEc Studio's favorite tote bag in the shopper style. Learn the anatomy of the sewing machine as well

as bobbin and machine preparation. You'll practice stitches before sewing your fully lined cotton canvas tote bag with cotton straps. To add depth, you will learn how to box the corners of the bag. This is a great class for the absolute beginner and for those who need a refresher course in machine sewing. Bring your sewing machine or you may borrow one from Roselle. A limited number of machines are available for an additional fee. All other materials are provided. \$42 Bravo member; \$48 non-member. Materials fee \$7; \$12 to borrow a sewing machine. Sunday, December 8, 1pm; \$42-\$60. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

COMEDY

Aries Spears Ever since Chicago-native Aries Spears was 14 years old, he has been a force to be reckoned with in the comedy

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Comedy Night A weekly Clean Comedy Night (PG-13). Fridays, 8pm; through Friday, December 27, free. Spacebar Internet Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

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Your Mom's House Podcast With Christina Pazsitzky and Tom Segura. Thursday, December 5, 8pm; \$19. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

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

Move As One Dance Instruction Fun, friendly, affordable, social dance classes. Singles class Wednesday, December 11 at 8pm; couples class Thursday, December 12 at 8pm. Escondido social class/mixer Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm. sandiegodanceinstructor.com; 858-248-0593. Art Studio 4, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard | Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Avenue. (ESCONDIDO | HILLCREST)

Renaissance Faire Dancing Class The Playford Plodders meet every Thursday to learn and practice English Country Dance from the 17th century. No partners required. Room 203. Thursdays, 7pm, **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

West Coast Ballet: The Nutcracker Dancers from the San Elijo Dance & Music Academy will perform alongside internationally acclaimed guest artists in this grand-scale production. Featuring Allyson Barkdull (California Ballet Company), a So Cal native and San Elijo Dance Academy alum, and Hungarian dancer and teacher Zsolt Banki. Directed by Lauri-Michelle and Benjamin Houk, who founded San Elijo Dance & Music Academy in 2000. Saturday, December 7, 1pm and 7pm; \$19-\$32. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

FOOD & DRINK

Christmas Teas Relax to the melodious sounds of a harp while indulging in an array of teas, holiday beverages, and *petits fours* as well as house-made canapes. Friday, December 6; Saturday, December 7; Sunday, December 8; 2:30pm. \$30-\$45. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

First Friday at Liberty Station Solare is surrounded by art and music galleries, and Friday Night Liberty is a monthly evening of free open-artist studios, and galleries. Explore, wander, and enjoy the growing cultural campus. Come see all the galleries and studios in Liberty Station and then dine at Solare. Free parking. December 6, 7pm. 619-270-9670; ntclibertystation.com/what.php. Solare Ris-

torante Lounge, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Foodie Friday Theatergoers are invited to attend Foodie Fridays, where a ticket to select Playhouse performances includes access to San Diego food trucks and a complimentary microbrew tasting. This week features GreenGo Grilled Cheese and Pierogitruck. Friday, December 6, 6pm; \$5-\$20. La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Dinner Gala Enjoy a dinner at the Navy's harbor-side venue while the Parade of Lights passes by. Then radio host Michael Barone of Pipe Dreams offers insights on the world of pipe organ music. Benefit supports the Spreckels Organ Society and includes a silent auction. Cost includes membership through 2014. Sunday, December 8, 6pm; \$150-\$175. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Parmigiano Party The folks from Parma, Italy's, Parmigiano-Reggiano Academy host an afternoon of exploration. Learn the difference between the various ages of the world's most popular cheese. Eat lots of parm and other goodies from the same region. Sunday, December 8, 5pm; \$30. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese Del Mar, 2650 Via de la Valle, #C140. (DEL MAR)

Stone Ruination IPA from the Cask Stone Ruination IPA with citra hops and blood orange, served fresh from the beer engine. Friday, December 6, noon. Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 92116. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Vino de Baja Toast Enoteca brings together ten Baja wineries, including more than 20 wines from the region and complimentary light bites prepared by executive chef Martin Gonzalez. Baja wineries for the night: Valmar, Santo Tomás, Alximia, Cava Maciel, Casa de Piedra/Estación de Oficios, Viñas de Garza, La Lomita, Vinisterra Tres Valles, and Madera 5. Thursday, December 5, 6pm; \$30-\$40. 21 and up. Toast Enoteca & Cucina, 927 J Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

FOR KIDS

Cooking Up Stories: For Preschoolers Preschoolers will read

some food-themed stories and learn how to cook recipes inspired on the whimsical storybook world. All recipes will focus on fresh, seasonal produce and healthy ingredients and cooking methods. Taught by Fernanda Larson, director of the Cook for Thought Project. Contact: fernanda@cookingtothebeat.com. Thursdays, 10:30am; \$15-\$96. Center for a Healthy Lifestyle, 533 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (behind Boys & Girls Club). (SOLANA BEACH)

Preschool Story Time a Craft Preschoolers are invited to a story time, followed by a fun craft. Thursdays, 10:30am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Toddler Story Time A story time designed for toddlers, featuring

songs, rhymes, and finger plays. Fridays, 10:30am; through Friday, December 27, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

Medicare Simplified for Seniors Learn about Medicare choices from SeniorQuote Insurance Services licensed agents. Thursday, December 5, 10am; **free**. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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Ku Sang

As this country rocked like a boat in Galilee’s storms,
I spent the whole year not losing my belief in God alone,
just doing as I could what had to be done.

Laid up, sick, I suffered for more than a month,
there were many hard things in the family and the world,

but having endured it all meekly, it proved more valuable
than any good fortune could have been.

These days, as I dream bright dreams of the world beyond,
entrusting all things to His divine Will,
even if storms are forecast for the coming New Year
there is nothing I fear. — “This

Year,” by Ku Sang. (trans. Brother Anthony of Taizé).

Ku Sang (1919–2004) was a Korean poet who began his writing career as a journalist in North Korea. After the end of World War II, Communist authorities resisted his efforts to publish poetry and so Sang fled south. He became a regular contributor to the Seoul daily Kyonghyang. Besides verse, Sang also wrote essays on lit-

erature, social issues, and religion. His poetry is marked by an imagistic directness and plain style, which, translator Brother Anthony describes as “the evocation of a personal moment of perception...where the poem frequently turns into a meditation on the presence of Eternity in the midst of time.”

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Advent Choral Celebration

The combined choirs of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and the Newman Center Catholic Community at UCSD, handbell choir, and small orchestra will be part of a free performance featuring Bible readings and music celebrating the foretelling and birth of Jesus Christ. Saturday, December 7, 7-9pm. A reception of cider and cookies follows afterward on the patio. UNIVERSITY CITY 4321 Eastgate Mall (858) 458-1501

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO
Advent Choral Concert - Messiah

The Chancel Choir and The Masterwork Chorale presents Messiah by George F. Handel. Featuring: Rebecca Basilio, soprano; Patricia McAfee, mezzo-soprano; Christopher Stephens, bass-baritone; Richard Geiler, tenor; orchestra and organ. Directed by Dr. Stanley M. Wicks. Sunday, December 8 and Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. MISSION VALLEY 2111 Camino del Rio South (619) 297-4366

ROCK CHURCH
Straight Up Praise

All invited to an evening of worship to kick off the holidays. Experience a night with the Holy Spirit with Marz Jukebox. info@straightuppraise.com. Friday, December 6, 7-9 p.m. POINT LOMA 2277 Rosecrans Street (619) 226-7625

LIFEWAY CHURCH
Living Nativity

The story of Jesus Christ’s birth in a joyous and beautiful way, through scripture, sound, and music. Drive through or park and walk through. Refreshments will be served around a cozy fire pit. December 6-8, 6-8 p.m. VISTA 1120 Highland Drive (760) 724-2280

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christmas Cantata Concert

The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Choir and instrumental ensemble will present “Hear the Prophet Callin” a Christmas cantata. This event is family friendly and free, but tickets need to be reserved by phone (619) 670-7656 or by email tiaw.svlc@gmail.com. There will be a dessert buffet following the performance. “Hear the Prophet Callin” is a folk cantata by composer Pepper Choplin. It tells the Christmas story from prophecy to fulfillment and features Appalachian, Irish, Latin, Cajun, and early American music styles. A free will offering will be taken during the performance to benefit the music program at SVLC. December 8, 6 p.m. LA MESA 10842 Fury Lane (619) 670-7656

ROCK CHURCH
Christmas Extraordinaire

The life of Jesus Christ, presented by the Rock Church JC Living Hope Puppets Ministry. Saturday, December 7, 1-2pm & 2-3pm. Saturday, December 21, 2-4pm. POINT LOMA 2277 Rosecrans Street (619) 226-7625

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Catholic Traditional Latin Mass

St. John Bosco Mission SSPX. Fr. Thomas Hufford Sunday Mass: 4pm, Confessions: 3:30pm. (858) 433-0353 (call for proper attire) stjohnbosco-mission@hotmail.com, www.sspcx.org. Instaurare Omnia in Christo. To the greater glory of God! POINT LOMA 2881 Roosevelt Road

SEASIDE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING
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Rev. Sunshine Daye, trained under Dr. Michael Beckwith of Agape International Spiritual Center, brings The Revealing Centers Ministry to all those in the LGBTQ community and beyond. Weekly services feature an eclectic mix of music, message, and community discussion. Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning July 3. (760) 753-5786. ENCINITAS 1613 Lake Drive (760) 753-5786

MOSAIC SAN DIEGO
The Art of Giving

MosaicSD invites you to give back creatively with opportunities to support local artisans and socially conscious organizations. Enjoy a night of food, gift making, a common goods market, spoken word by Gill Sotu, and a performance by Jordan Frye of Urban Rescue. Childcare provided onsite. December 8, 6 -10 p.m. DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO 1402 Commercial Street

ST. ANNE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lupe DiFranco: Songs of Christmas

Lupe DiFranco will present the music of Christmas, an intimate concert of songs and carols in English, Spanish, and Tagalog to celebrate the season. Saturday, December 7, 7 p.m. OCEANSIDE 701 West Street (760) 966-2950

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Westminster Choir: Vivaldi’s Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi’s Gloria will be presented by the Westminster Choir, soloists, organ and members of the SD Symphony, with Dr. Keith Whitlock directing. The program features joyous music, Christmas carols, the soft glow of candlelight, and a Living Nativity tableau. Sunday, December 8, 7pm. DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO 320 Date Street (619) 232-7513

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LA MESA
Behold the Star! Music of Lloyd Larson

Faith has been defined as a journey from darkness to light – the hope of a Messiah to come in the Old Testament, the star-lit arrival of the Christ Child in the New, the renewed hope of Christmas as we celebrate that birth, the promise of life enriched as we walk with God.The Chancel Choir of the United Church of Christ of La Mesa (UCCLM) will present Lloyd Larson’s cantata, “Behold the Star!” Sunday, December 15, 10-11am. LA MESA 5940 Kelton Avenue (619) 464-1519

Would you like to upgrade the features of your Yamaha Disklavier? Call 858-586-7000 x1 to reserve your seat. Saturday, December 7, 10am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

OUTDOORS

The Gaslamp’s Haunted History Take a scary stroll through the Gaslamp with historian Sandee Wilhoit, who will recount ghostly happenings of the past and present. Visit hotels, saloons, brothels, a long-ago funeral parlor, and end your tour inside the Gaslamp’s most-haunted edifice: the William Heath Davis House. Fridays, 5:30pm; through Friday, November 28, \$15. Gaslamp Museum at the William Heath Davis House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

History and Nature Walk Naturalist Mike Kelly leads an easy two-hour walk. Hike through Sycamore and Coast live oak tree groves, see the mistletoe and California holly, and visit the historic adobe ranch house. Bring water and sun pro-

tection. Meet at the kiosk and gate at the southwest corner of the ball fields. If the parking lots are full, proceed up to the ranch house and park there. 858-484-3219. Saturday, December 7, 9am; **free**. Canyonside Park & Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Jingle Paws Walk for Pets Festivities begin with a Blessing of the Animals; the walk follows. We invite you to stay for Santa’s Village. Saturday, December 7, 8am; \$25-\$55. Wells Park Center, 1153 E. Madison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Star Party Marvels Join in solar exploration as Mission Trails Regional Park’s resident star-gazer George Varga scopes in the Andromeda Galaxy (M31) and companion M32, Double Cluster in Perseus, Pleiades (Seven Sisters), and open clusters across the sky. Meet at far end of day use parking lot. Saturday, December 7, 5pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Jun’pero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Winter-Green World Delve into amazing sage and chaparral wildlands with your Mission Trails Regional Park trail guide for fun

facts about plants and animals that sustained Native Americans and delight modern observers. Saturday, December 7, 9:30am; Sunday, December 8, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Jun’pero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Campus Tours Explore the art, architecture, and history of the campus. Different from the prospective-student tours, these weekly Sunday tours are designed for members of the public who would like to experience the campus. Choose from a walking tour, bus tour, or architectural tour. Reservations required. Sundays, 2pm, **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Peace Bazaar Avoid the commercialization of the holidays by purchasing alternative gifts at the Peace Bazaar. Middle Eastern food is available for lunch. This year will feature entertainment by Trancendance, circus perform-

ers, and holiday carolers. Contact: 619-263-9301 or *info@prcsd.org*. Saturday, December 7, 10am; **free**. Mid City Gym

Jingle Shells Bay Sail Take in the holiday light-lined shores during a 45-minute scenic cruise around Mission Bay complete with warm beverages, snug blankets, holiday music, and more. Ticket price includes hot cocoa for little ones and beer or wine for those who wish to imbibe. Reservations: *paradise-surf@destinationhotels.com*. Saturday, December 7, 3:45pm; \$20-\$25. Paradise Point Resort and Spa, 1404 Vacation Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Mo Run The hairiest national 5K-race series for raising awareness and funds for men’s health through national charity, Movement. The timed race brings participants together and unifies them under The Moustache. Saturday, December 7, 7am; \$30-\$40. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Not Just Trivia Test your brains and your luck with an alternative to boring quiz nights. Featuring comedy and mini-games such as Let’s Make A Deal and Show and Tell, along with a final showdown in the

Categories round. 619-230-1968. Thursdays, 8:30pm; **free**. 21 and up. Jolt’n Joe’s, 379 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

San Diego Craft Championships The San Diego Associated Builders and Contractors Craft Championship competition tests the skills of seasoned apprentices and craft trainees who demonstrate their skills to win top honors. San Diego champions move on to the national competition to be held this year in Birmingham, Alabama. Admission includes lunch. RSVP required: *tracey@abcsd.org* or 858-513-4700. Saturday, December 7, 9am; **free**. Associated Builders and Contractors Apprenticeship Training, 13185 Kirkham Way. (POWAY)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Emei Qigong Practice “Master Wendy” leads a weekly Wuji Gong practice group. Saturdays, 10am, **free**. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Night Flight Catch pro flowboarders mid-air while enjoying drink

specials and adrenaline-fueled entertainment. Saturdays, 6pm, **free**. Wave House, 3125 Ocean Front Walk. (MISSION BEACH)

University Heights Two-Mile Fun Run Race starts and finishes at Sri Chinmoy Peace Garden, with random prize drawings. Sponsored by the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, Jyoti Bihanga Vegetarian Restaurant, and Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga Studios. 415-425-8094. Saturday, December 7, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. 2520 Adams Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Yoga Inversion Workshop “In this workshop we will safely explore the techniques and joys of being upside down. By working from the base upward we will utilize key alignment principles and activate core awareness in the body.” Free for members. Sunday, December 8, 1:30pm; **free**-\$30. 21 and up. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Yoga at Kate Sessions Park Vinyasa with a view! Outdoor yoga class at the top of the park. 858-380-7507. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, December 28, **free**. Kate Sessions Park, 5115 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Paul Willweber

Advent Worship Services: Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 7pm. Christmas Eve worship Dec. 24 at 6pm. Christmas Day worship Dec. 25 at 10am. Please join us for this celebration! New Year’s Eve service Dec. 31 at 7pm. www.princeofpeacesd.net Allied Gardens For information/ directions: (619)583-1436. ALLIED GARDENS 6801 Easton Court (619) 583-1436

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PACIFIC BEACH Candlelight, Angel Light

The Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires perform holiday music and classical selections. Eunice Williams, music director; Lorea Herald and Stewart Simon, accompanists. December 15, 4-5 p.m. PACIFIC BEACH 4761 Cass Street (858) 483-2300

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LA MESA Putting Our Houses in Order

A three-session “Lunchtime Advent Study” led by The Rev. Kaji Doua, will focus on ways of bringing joy to the season by “putting our houses in order.” Brown bag lunch if you wish. December 4, noon-1 p.m. LA MESA 5940 Kelton Avenue (619) 464-1519

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“Come To Bethlehem”

“Come To Bethlehem” is a collection of many Yuletide songs by our 60+ choir voices. Your families will love the animal manger in our courtyard. Tickets are free, and after Saturday’s concert a dinner will be available, priced at \$10.00 each for adults, \$5.00 each for children ages 4-10, and free for children three and under. December 13, 7:30- 8:30 p.m., Saturday, December 14, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. RANCHO BERNARDO 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway (858) 485-5840

RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sacra/ Profana: I Hear America Singing

Sacra/Profana presents the San Diego premiere of Andrea Clearfield’s “Dream Variations” for chorus, harp, flute, violin, and organ. Clearfield’s multi-movement masterpiece incorporates poems by Langston Hughes to provide a stirring reflection on the American dream. Also on the program is “Expecting The Main Things From You,” a three-movement work for chorus, percussion, string quartet, and organ, by New York’s Nico Muhly, and set to texts by Walt Whitman. Sunday, February 16, 4pm. RANCHO BERNARDO 17010 Pomerado Road (858) 487-0811

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY

Noel Nouvelet, an Advent concert

Noel Nouvelet: Love is Come Again will feature medieval and traditional music of Advent performed by the Goliards, with voices and period instruments. A free will offering will be collected. (619) 884-4723. Friday, December 13, 7pm. ESCONDIDO 2960 Canyon Road (760) 489-1200

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO Family Christmas Tea

The United Methodist Women and Children’s Ministry host a Family Christmas Tea. Tea and lunch will served by dads, uncles, brothers, and grandfathers. Entertainment: children, carol singing. Craft: gingerbread houses. Saturday, December 14, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (619) 297-4366. MISSION VALLEY 2111 Camino del Rio South (619) 297-4366

COLLEGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Candlelight, Angel Light

The Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires perform holiday music and classical selections. Eunice Williams, music director; Lorea Herald and Stewart Simon, accompanists. December 14, 2:00 p.m. COLLEGE AREA 4747 College Avenue (619) 287-4747

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LA MESA A Night of Song to Warm the Heart

This candle-lit Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols will feature , “Come, All Ye Faithful” through “Angels We Have Heard on High” and “Silent Night” with the music of the season filling the halls, an ancient yet ever new serenade to God. Readings from Genesis, Isaiah, Luke and John will complement the music, telling again the story of the Child of Bethlehem and the fulfillment of God’s promise to the world. December 24, 7- 8 p.m. LA MESA 5940 Kelton Avenue (619) 464-1519

ST. STEPHEN’S CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Sunday Night Live Gospel Artist Networking

M.A.N.D.A.T.E. Records, Inc. and Topic Media are hosting this artist networking opportunity mixed with musical performances from singers, duos, and solo artists from all over San Diego. Everyone is welcomed to come and share their gift of music with the local gospel community while learning helpful and useful tips from industry insiders. This networking and worship will be held every third Sunday of each month. December 15, 6-8 p.m. VALENCIA PARK 5825 Imperial Avenue (619) 262-2671

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO Pilgrimage to England and Scotland

Pastor Craig Brown will lead a pilgrimages to Christian England and Scotland in October 2014. Learn about the experience and how to sign up. Sunday, November 10, and Sunday, December 15, 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. MISSION VALLEY 2111 Camino del Rio South (619) 297-4366

CAMP PENDLETON Lupe DiFranco: Songs of Christmas

Lupe DiFranco will present the music of Christmas, an intimate concert of songs and carols in English, Spanish, and Tagalog to celebrate the season at Blinder Memorial Chapel. December 15, 6 p.m. OCEANSIDE Harbor Drive at I-5 (760) 725-5799

ST. JAMES BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH Praetorius In Dulci Jubilo

Michael Praetorius was the most influential, diverse, and prolific composer of his generation. During the early seventeenth-century his musical productivity became the basic repertoire for the Lutheran church in northern Germany. Friday, December 20, 7:30pm. LA JOLLA 743 Prospect Street (858) 459-3421

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ESCONDIDO Living Nativity in Escondido

A live performance celebrating the birth of Christ, including live animals and Christmas music, followed by free refreshments. December 20, 7 p.m. , December 21, 6 and 7 p.m. ESCONDIDO 643 West 13th Avenue (760) 745-0831

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annual Living Nativity

A visual depiction of why the church celebrates Christmas. Friday and Saturday December 20 and 21, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This two night event features carolers on Friday and on a children’s pageant on Saturday. SAN MARCOS 1020 Rose Ranch Road (760) 744-7667

NAS (NAVAL AIR STATION) NORTH ISLAND

Lupe DiFranco: Songs of Christmas

Lupe DiFranco presents the music of Christmas, an intimate concert of songs and carols in English, Spanish, and Tagalog to celebrate the season at the North Island Chapel. December 8, 3:30 p.m. CORONADO Alameda Boulevard at 3rd Street

OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH Christmas Dinner Show

Three-course pasta dinner, garden salad, dessert, complimentary wine/beer. Popular/classical, sacred/ secular music by Handel, John Rutter, Adams, John Jacob Niles, and Albert Hay Malotte. Plus Jerry Hermann and Mel Torme. Presented by the Classic Choir of Our Mother of Confidence Church. Sat., Dec. 14. Doors open at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, show at 8:00. Contact: (858) 736-4128 or email@glennd.net. UNIVERSITY CITY 3131 Governor Drive (858) 453-0222

USD: UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO Lessons and Carols

“Lessons and Carols: A Festival in Word and Song to Prepare for Christmas” is a celebration of the birth of Jesus through readings from the Old and New Testaments interspersed with beautiful music. A full choir and orchestra lead the performance that includes traditional hymns along with modern carols. Through word and song, the congregation is invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus in the context of its significance in salvation history. The service dates back well over 100 years and is followed around the world in a multitude of different places. The most famous celebration comes from the Chapel of

King’s College, Cambridge University, in England (celebrated each year from 1918 to the present day) although the first festival of its kind can be traced to Truro, Cornwall, England, in 1880.

The carols and hymns that accompany the readings are specially chosen for each year, along with some constant traditional favorites. Past festivals have included, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”, “Joy to the World”, “Angels We Have Heard on High”, “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming” and “What Child is This”, as well as the performance of selections from pieces such as Handel’s Messiah and such uplifting modern carols as “Do You Hear What I Hear?” which has served as the festival’s recessionary song. December 6, 7:30-9 p.m. USD 5998 Alcala Park (619) 260-4600

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH Christmas Joy, a Concert in Encinitas

Adult and children’s choirs, the JuBellation Ringers, and the Chimers Choir will perform. December 8, 4-6 p.m. ENCINITAS 925 Balour Drive (760) 753-1026

Steak and no mistake

“Well you know you can get half-size entrées for half off the normal price during happy hour.”

All I want is a happy-hour snack, before the witching hour of seven.

This is Friday night. Fifth and Laurel. Time’s running out.

Choice? For starters, I’m right outside that trendy Italian joint Cucina Urbana. I kind of tentatively stick my nose in, go down some stairs. Man! Packed with beautiful people. Head for the hostess.

“Yes, we have happy hour. No food. Only drinks. Sorry.”

So, up and across Laurel to Gourmet on Fifth. HH? Nuh-uh. Only doing three-course meals. “But you can go to Hexagone,” the guy says. “We are the same business as them. They have a very good happy hour.”

He says it with a rich French accent. “Eppy ow-eur.”

So, now I’m crossing Fifth and...Hexagone? “With a name referring to the six-sided shape of France,” the menu begins, “Hexagone offers a culinary tour...”

Oh, man. No way. But I swing in anyway to a cool arty interior. I have only one question for myself: How to make it without being skinned alive?

The place is abuzz. One older guy with a sonorous voice is sitting at the curved marble bar, talking about the “Chao Phrya River in Thailand, the Mother of Waters.” Someone else is explaining an app for investing in China; a couple of elegant ladies at a high, round gold-flecked table are speaking *en español* between sips from flutes of champagne.

First thought: *Flight! Skedaddle before you have to buy something.* Second thought: *Fight! Stay and duke it out. Brazen your way to the bargains.* So, I find a spot at another tall table in the corner. From here you can see the restaurant stretching around the corner at Laurel and Fifth. Walls have posters from music-hall days in Paris. Toulouse Lautrec and his buddies. And the sound system has music. Piaf, Greco, Montand,

all those sexy singers Carla has introduced me to. You’re also hearing French among waiters. You’re even catching customers saying “Merci, Patrick,” as they leave.

“Uh, do you have happy hour, like, food?” I ask the bartender.

“Of course,” he says and hands me the little happy-hour menu card.

‘Course, no time to screw around. Happy hour ends in ten. The good news is every HH food item is \$6, house wines go for \$5, beers \$3.50.

Big deal for me is the HH food list has 16 items.

Hmm... Tempted by the French onion soup, steamed clams, *moules marinières* (sailors’ mussels?), and frog legs “*provençales*.” There are some I don’t get. Like, I have to ask the bartender, David, what a “Rosette de Lyon” is.

“It’s a plate of cold-cut meats,” he says. “It has salami, a prosciutto — a thin-sliced, Parma ham — plus a pâté and a salad, and our sliced baguette from Bread and Cie. Good bread.”

Agree with him there. Also seeing items like a cheese plate, snails (“escargots Bourguignons”), a baked brie cheese-and-apple dish, and fried artichokes.

I go for the house white wine, then I can’t decide between the mussels and the steamed clams.

“How about 50/50?” says David.

Great idea.

What comes out is this plate of black-and-white shells in a brown lake of steamy liquid in a big white soup dish. I start picking the little guys out of their shells. They’re fine — although, actually, the clams ain’t really that interesting. The mussels, yes. They just seem to have more flavor. But, whatever, it’s grabbing the bread and soaking up the winey, briney sauce that’s the fun of this thing.

‘Course, in the end I have to spoil everything by giving in and ordering the snails, too.



What \$11 buys: 50/50 mix of mussels and clams, piece of bread, glass of house white

The escargots. There’s another six buckeroos down the drain, and you only get four snails. And they’re out of their shell and hiding in little white individual pots with a green parsley-ish garlic-and-herb sauce. And they’re quite chewy. I mean, hey, I’m sure that’s what they’re supposed to be, but I’ve just been chewing these other shell creatures, so it’s a little same-same. My fault.

So, what happens is as soon as I am outta there, I start thinking of all the things on that list I didn’t try. By the time I’m in Uptown again a few days later, I just have to call in. (And the good news is these guys have happy hour every day from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.)

This time it’s not so crowded. David’s still the guy here. I sit up to the bar, order a \$3.50 beer, and ask for that baked brie-and-apple app, plus the “Rosette de Lyon.” Six bucks each. The rosette’s salami and prosciutto and pâté are all good, but the real pleasure comes from that warm, oozy, sexy brie, held in by a light batter, and nice with a thin slice of Granny Smith apple. Good little salad comes with it, too. And, as usual, the baguette of bread fills out all the

nooks and crannies.

But here’s the kicker: Now I’ve gotta come back again... This lady comes in. Has just arrived from New York. Wants a bite, not the whole full-meal thing, but more than these HH apps will do, filling-up-wise.

“Well you know you can get half-size entrées for half off



The snails, hiding in little white individual pots with a green parsley-ish garlic-and-herb sauce

the normal price during happy hour,” says David. “Like, the steak frites would be \$10 instead of \$20. Or the sea bass in a Mediterranean sauce would be \$13 instead of \$26...”

Ayee! Wish I’d realized that. Coulda had that steak instead of two HH apps!

But coming back won’t be no problem. This intimate bar, the tulip-shape chandelier shades, the music, the conversation about anything in the world, languages flying around... The place grows on you. Even though it’s too easy to spend way more than you ever meant to.

Next time, keep it simple: steak and no mistake, heh-heh. ■

(@SDReader_EdBed)

The Place: Hexagone French Cuisine, 495 Laurel Street, corner Laurel and Fifth Avenue, 619-236-0467
Happy Hour Prices: All items \$6, including onion soup, steamed clams, moules marinières, frog legs provençales, Rosette de Lyon (cold-cuts plate); cheese plate, snails (“escargots Bourguignons”), baked brie and apple; fried artichokes; also, half-size, half-price items from main menu; e.g. coq au vin, \$10 instead of \$20; steak frites (\$10/\$20); sea bass in a Mediterranean sauce (\$13/\$26)
Hours: 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m., daily
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Fried clams and lobster rolls at Bite of Boston

The fact that the Boston Red Sox won the World Series has almost zero bearing on San Diego's restaurant scene. Almost zero.

So many New England sports fans live in San Diego — particularly in Pacific Beach — that they get their own restaurant. Bite of Boston, which has three locations in and around town, serves self-proclaimed New England food. Not inaccurately, that means clam chowder, lobster rolls, subs, and fried seafood. The PB branch has a big chunk of prime Mission Boulevard real estate, which they've decorated with New England sports memorabilia.

The most iconic dishes on the menu would be the lobster rolls, and maybe the chowder. Capital-

izing on sports success, the restaurant runs a "World Series" lobster roll special: \$15.95 for a sandwich, soda, and a bowl of clam chowder. As lobster rolls go, BoB's is pretty good; definitely the restaurant's strong suit in terms of New England-y snacks. That's a grip of loot for a few ounces of lobster meat, lightly dressed and piled on a toasted hotdog bun, but the superiority of clawed lobster over almost all other foods carries the sandwich. The chowder remains credible, mostly because the restaurant resists the Californian urge to adulterate what should be an austere preparation. Loaded with oyster crackers, it's milky, briny, and not much else besides. Chowder doesn't keep well over heat, and Bite of Boston's was on its way to the sad point where the soup breaks down from

prolonged cooking.

They may get less public recognition, but fried soft-shell clams are much more of a regular food along coastal New England than the lobster roll, since the latter is comparatively expensive. BoB puts the parenthetical "(with bellies)" on the menu to indicate that their clams (\$16.95) are fried whole, with the bivalves' stomachs still attached.

Some people quail at the idea of eating half-digested clam food, which is ostensibly filtered muck,

but the earthy oceanic flavor can be tremendous, and it's not much grosser than eating, say, a truffle. Get over yourselves already! Unfortunately, shipping a clam across the country takes its toll and the withered mollusks at BoB aren't as plump and juicy as they should be. Still, they're breaded and fried properly, and the basic flavor is there. Served with a huge portion of fries, tartar sauce, and some vinegary cole slaw, they do the trick.

If anything, that's the takeaway for Bite of

Boston: it'll do. It has its gimmick on lock, but is that enough to stake a claim to anyone's heart? Most signs point to "no."

by Ian Pike

Sunny Donuts and the incoming Dunkin's

Dunkin' Donuts' imminent arrival in

San Diego is understandably big news; perhaps even more so now that the company has officially returned to California with the opening of a store in Barstow! San Diego's glut of East Coast transplants' mouths water at the thought of loops from the ancestral homeland. Here's a list of acceptable synonyms for the popular donut chain, just to keep everyone up to date:

Dunkin's Dunk's Dunkie's Du-Do's (pro-



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nounced DOO-doze) Double D

It's only a matter of time before we're hearing, "Lemme just run over to Double D and grab a coffee" on our streets again. The chain pulled out of California slowly throughout the '90s. The last store closed in San Jose, and the company had fled SD well before that, but it left behind a ghost. A ghost named Sunny Donuts.

Anyone excited about the return of Dunkin' should *really* think about popping into a Sunny Donuts store. When Dunkin's went away, the old franchise owners retained the properties and started their own brand 25 years ago. Four stores remain: 601 Broadway, Chula Vista; 724 Highland Avenue, National City; 4199 Spring Street, La Mesa; and 9330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

Rather than redecorate, Sunny's owners figured that brand loyalty would pay the bills. They changed *nothing*. Walking into a Sunny Donuts is like stepping into a Dunkin's from 1990. The plastic menu boards list, in familiar pink and orange type, the products available at Dunkin' Donuts the last time the company operated in California, in the days before Dunkaccino and Coffee Coolatta confused an otherwise austere coffee-and-donuts menu. Even the individual labels for the donuts and Munchkins are left over from a long-forgotten era, as are the round, swivelling bar stools set before the counter. Only the prices have changed with the times. They also don't take credit cards.

In all fairness, there are a few key differences. Dunkin' Donuts doesn't have *aguas frescas*, for example. But the similarities far outnumber the minor alterations.

From a personal standpoint, walking into Sunny Donuts was powerfully nostalgic for me. I knew the basic story of how Dunkin's had become Sunny, but the experience of stepping into such a time capsule, as I recently did, sent me back to the "it's time to

make the donuts" era, and begging my father for a "tractor tire" (French crullers that look like the rear wheels from a John Deere) when he got his coffee. I daresay I misted up a little as I ordered coffee and a glazed donut at Sunny, such was the impact of nostalgia.

When Dunkin' Donuts opens up in San Diego in 2014, it won't be the same company that pulled out of our market decades ago. Sure, they will still offer the same basic donuts, but much has changed. Today's Dunkin' Donuts sell *lattes*, for Pete's sake! Sunny Donuts, on the other hand, is Dunkin's as it was and always will be. If you're stoked on Dunkin's return, do yourself a favor and check out Sunny first. You just might find what you didn't know you sought.

by Ian Pike

Adobada: an introduction

While glistening towers of *adobada* are ubiquitous in the streets of Tijuana, San Diego's bouquet of badass 'bada is limited.

Adobada ("marinated") is better known beyond borderland as *al pastor* ("shepherd style"), a nod to its roots with lamb shawarma, which was brought to Mexico City by Lebanese immigrants over 100 years ago.

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guese cuisine that combines pureed red chili and cider vinegar with seasonings such as oregano, garlic, cumin, citrus juice, salt, and any number of *abuelitas'* secrets.

Ground achiote (or annatto) lends vague notes of pepper and nutmeg and, moreover, works with paprika to give *adobada* its various shades of red.

The marinated pork is then stacked about two feet high on a *trompo* ("spinning top"), crowned with a pineapple and onion, and manually rotated until crisp.

The result is a true *bruja's* brew.

The natural antibacterial properties of vinegar, garlic, and paprika help preserve the meatstack as it is singed and trimmed with a long blade over the next several days.

Pineapple juices ooze over the perspiring flesh-tower,

tenderizing it with an enzyme called bromelain.

Paprika also enables rolling beads of lard to permeate the meat, impregnating each bite with sizzling, flavorful fat.

At its mightiest, the *adobada* taco finds well-crisped shavings cut directly from the pork-column onto a small, fresh-pressed corn tortilla and topped with diced onion, cilantro, and lime.

At its flimsiest, *adobada* is trimmed before its time, lacking in basting, and heated to order on the plancha. Adding insult to injury, the tortilla may even be premade, stale, and under-heated.

So, off we go, my fellow swinehounds, to explore everything from the 5 peso (40 cent) taco on the streets of TJ to the elusive *adobada* alcoves of sunny SD.

by Chad Deal

Is this O.B.'s best food deal?

Chilly night in O.B. Just hopped off the 35 at Cable and Santa Monica. Walking down toward the ocean, no particular place to go. The feeling kinda wraps around you as soon as you get off the bus. For starters, people actually say "Hello" here. They seem to have time. Then, every second person seems to have a dog or three trotting along beside them that need to stop at every lamppost.

So, I follow the tide of people heading downhill along Newport Avenue till, right after the "Last Days" tattoo parlor, I come to this café-looking place with tables on the sidewalk and a kind of high-stool counter facing the street.

Huh. I look up. "Newport Quick Stop Liquor," the sign reads.

I look down. Sidewalk sandwich board: "Combos of the Week: Philly steak or honey mustard ham, \$5.99, with fries and 21-oz drink."

The ham sounds fine, but the cheese-steak sandwich

sounds like the bomb. Hot, sloppy and gut-warming on a chill night like this, if they make it right.

I head in. It's a high-ceilinged place with racks of beer, wine, whiskey, and the usual chip 'n' dip schlock you'd find in any liquor store.

But further back, a counter with a giant menu above says we've arrived at the "Newport Mexican Grill." Menu's full of burritos (starting at \$2.29 for the bean and cheese) through carne asada tacos (also \$2.29) to meat dishes such as ribs, teriyaki chicken, and meatloaf with no prices attached. Guess it depends what you have them with. The carne asada plate with rice and beans is \$6.99. That seems to be the top price.

But a customer standing at a rack of chafing dishes is looking at signs pasted in front. Man. They sound too good to be true. "Small plate: two meats, two sides, \$4.99 plus tax. Medium plate: 3 meats, two sides, \$6.99. Large plate:

four meats, two sides, \$8.99."

The meats I'm seeing include oriental BBQ ribs, meatloaf, rotisserie chicken, lasagna, and red snapper (though fish costs \$1 extra). Sides include mac 'n' cheese, rice, peach cobbler, and lots of others.

"I'll take the small, ribs and fried chicken," says the guy, Jake. I miss what sides he asks for, but what he gets has his polystyrene box bulging. Five buckeroos!

Long story short, I end up going for that Philly steak sandwich and fries, plus the 21-ounce fountain drink (a fruit mix). The sandwich takes ten minutes, but, man, it is huge. Has to be nine inches long and loaded. The meat tastes nice and savory, and it's helped along by a slurry of sautéed mushrooms, onions, green peppers, and melted cheese.

It's good, eating it out here at the stool counter facing Newport. Maybe because it's so chilly out here, the hot, meat-soaked bread tastes terrific. Plenty of stick fries, too, and the "small" drink never seems

to run out.

I see Jake's gone to the sidewalk tables. He's tearing into his ribs. Sends a thumbs-up to me.

Problem: Someone comes out with a bowl of way-colorful fruit and granola. "Açaí" he says. Ooh. Looks luscious.

That leads me back to the other sign on the sidewalk. "Pitaya," it reads, "the body-cleansing super fruit." So açaí has competition. It shows this bulbous red fruit with, like, forked green tongues sprouting out all around its sides. It has "hi fiber, low sugar, low carb, anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidants, vitamins C and B, active enzymes, omegas, magnesium." It comes from right next door — northern Mexico.

Oh, yeah! I remember. Dragon fruit. Those bulbous red things that stick out off cactus paddles in the Sonoran desert.

Who can resist? I go back to Sal, the guy behind the counter, and order up a bowl. If it does all those things, this is an investment.

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bowls are pretty much the same, except for the fruit. The 16 oz. is \$4.99, the 32 oz. is \$6.75. I get the 16.

I guess you get to the real pitaya once you've chewed and slurped your way down through all the delicious granola, banana, blueberries, strawbs, coconut flakes, whatever. Sound showers. It's dark red, it tastes like raspberries and blackberries, and it goes down a refreshing, filling treat.

But, bottom line, what gets me is how much food Jake and I got for what we paid. These guys really deliver bang for the buck. And they've created a nice street scene with their streetside bar and tables. From a liquor store.

by Ed Bedford

All Things BBQ: Lil' Alex BBQ

Another entry in the barbecue-without-a-smoker category is Lil' Alex BBQ (4020 Bonita Road, Chula Vista), a self-described "mesquite wood grill" where the meats get their smokiness from a smoky grill instead of the authentic barbecue pit. It's a more recent entry in the local barbecue scene. The restaurant's sign has a picture of a smiling little dude wearing a bib; supposedly lil' Alex himself, somebody's kid. Cute story.

Lil' Alex is an "order at the counter" style joint, much like BBQ House and others, which is the *de facto* service for local 'cue. If it's quiet, someone will bring the food. Otherwise, expect to get up and walk across the dining room. The cashier hands guests buzzers that go off when the food's ready. That's a cool idea, albeit an unnecessary one.

Barbecue is slow stuff. Whether smoked in an open pit or in an eco-friendly oven, there's no rushing the process. The cuts of meat used in barbecue tend to be tough and sinewy: pork shoulders and spare ribs, briskets and Boston butts. Rife with connective tissue, those meats need to be cooked at great length and low temperature, more than 12 hours in many cases, in order to break down the tough tissue. When done properly, fibrous collagen melts down to silky gelatin and excess fat renders from the meat. That's why good 'cue is so tender. Many BBQ restaurants struggle to keep the tricky cooking schedules that barbecue demands. They

get behind and try to fly the orders, which leaves the meat tough and unappealing. Meat clings to bones, bits of connective tissue remain behind, even the bites of meat don't have the right succulence. The signs of rush-job 'cue are obvious.

Lil' Alex BBQ gets it right in that regard. The ribs, both pork and beef, give up tender mouthfuls of meat with barely any resistance. About \$20 buys a whole rack of "baby back" ribs or five beef ribs. Smaller portions are available. Thick coats of sauce, blistered over the hot grill, coat the ribs with a thick, sticky, sweet, tangy shell. The crust that forms under the grill's influence is a complicated, fatty, crispy delight.

Totally different in taste, the restaurant's tri-tip comes in thin slices, almost shaved, with thick sauce ladled over the top. \$13.95 for a plate with two sides. It resembles a fine roast beef, tender and moist, instead of the brash and smoky tri-tips that some places favor. It may not have the bold flavor of crazy Southern BBQ, but the texture demands respect.

In barbecue, patience is a virtue. The fact that somewhere like Lil' Alex can make good enough 'cue without orthodox equipment proves that the time invested may be of greater importance than the methodology.

by Ian Pike

Jacques in zee Box?

As a kid, I used to joke, "I like French food. Especially Jacques in zee Box." Trust me, it had the lunchroom in stitches.

But I may have been on to something if a recent taste test conducted at Jack in the Box's Kearny Mesa headquarters is any indication.

The fast-food giant paid locals, including me, between \$25 and \$35 to sample a potential new "European-style" chicken sandwich that is being considered for the menu.

The proposed sandwich had grilled chicken and pepperoni on a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, and mozzarella cheese. It was topped with a garlicky dressing that was described as "pesto" but had hardly any of the green color associated with that condiment.

Testers ate the sandwiches at computer stations and typed their responses on keyboards

that were covered in plastic like my Greek neighbor's couch. Last thing you want is drippy, garlicky non-green pesto dressing ruining electronics that were state-of-the-art in 1996.

The sandwich — which I suggested they call the "Euro Jack" or "Le Jacques" — was spicier than the typical chicken sandwich, thanks to the pepperoni. The chicken was a single breast pounded down into an oval shape, instead of being shaped by mixing various chicken parts in a vat.

The brioche bun was soft yet firm enough to hold together despite the dressing, lettuce, tomato, and Swiss cheese.

My main suggestion: The chicken patty would be better if it were breaded, not grilled.

Testers got two versions of the same sandwich. I kept asking the woman in charge if she realized she was giving me the same sandwich.

"There are subtle differences," she said.

Very subtle. Maybe the second sandwich had more garlic in the dressing.

One of the final questions asked was how much I'd pay for either version of the sandwich were it for sale at Jack in the Box. I wrote, "Two bucks, because I don't like to spend more than five there, and most of my money goes to two-for-99-cents tacos."

by Anonymous



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File under "Genuine."

When you think of Christmas, a concert by L.A. punk band X probably isn't what comes to mind. Regardless, the band has been performing an annual holiday show in San Diego for several years. How did this strange pairing come about?

'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' 'Santa's Coming to Town,' crap like that," Doe tells the *Reader*. "We played those for about four or five years, and then, after this [past] year, we got together and said, 'By the way, has anybody commented on whether they liked or

regular set and try to throw in some songs we didn't play the last time."

This arrangement seems to serve X fans well, as the band's set lists draw heavily from their classic first four albums. It's a collection that blurs the lines between punk, country, and rockabilly all under the umbrella of Exene Cervenka's poetic lyrics — a cocktail that the American record-buying public may not have been ready to absorb in the early '80s. Doe cites acts such as Elvis Costello, Blondie, and the Pretenders that were able to break through during this era but has his own thoughts on why his band never did.

"We'll always be a little bit too brash...a little too fast and loud," Doe says. "X will always have credibility because we are still *a lot* outside of the mainstream."

A paradox, perhaps, but one that still lands teenagers with an ear for honest rock and roll front and center at X shows, an experience that resonates with Doe.

"I saw Chuck Berry in '72, when I still lived in Maryland," Doe explains, "and he blew my mind. Maybe he wasn't as great as he was in 1959, but he still blew my mind. I was 18 or 19. Not to say that we're like Chuck Berry, but if there's something that has stood the test of time and is a 'real thing,' yeah, I think there's a premium on things that are genuine and not just virtual. That's where we

fall — in the genuine category, and I think we're all real happy about that."

X plays "A Family X-mas" at the Belly Up with the Blasters on Sunday, December 8.

— Dryw Keltz

Fear of music.

"I don't need a hotel room to remind me," Brad Shultz says. "Being that I was raised in Section 8 housing, four boys crammed into one tiny room the size of what most people would consider an office space, I keep that pretty

fresh in my mind." Shultz plays guitar in Cage the Elephant. He's on the phone from his home in Nashville to talk about the strategy behind the making of their new CD *Melophobia*, a process described as stepping off the path created by their 2008 breakout single "Ain't No Rest for the Wicked." We talk about Eddie Vedder, who slept in a truck to stay close to his roots, or Kurt Cobain, who often stayed in a sleazebag hotel rather than his Aberdeen mansion. Shultz chuckles softly. "There was nothing physical that I had to do to take me back to that place."

"Melophobia" means fear of music. "But we're not really afraid," Shultz says in his Kentucky drawl. "We just wanted

to get honest with our music. I don't know the exact words, but there's a pressure put on a band with early success through a lot of avenues — critics, or even your own mind. Whatever they may be, those pressures can create a fear of making music." The repair? "For this record,

backstage to the medical tent and the doctor said it wasn't an allergy. It was a clogged salivary gland — the same thing as a kidney stone. You could see it under his tongue. We went back to the hotel room. He got tired of messing with it, so he just squeezed it out himself."

Cage the Elephant will appear at 91X's Wrex the Halls on Sunday, December 8, at Valley View Casino Center.

— Dave Good



Cage the Elephant man? singer Matt Schultz once got a pre-gig swollen head while eating a San Diego fish taco.

it was really about getting past that. If I had to convince myself that it was a good song, I'd trash it. I had to love every element of every song this time."

I first saw the band in a Street Scene appearance here in 2009. I remember Shultz's brother Matt, the singer, exploding off the stage and into the crowd. Brad followed with his guitar. "I remember that show. Oh, man," he says, "didn't the power go out?" It did — twice. "We had a good time. We really enjoyed that festival," he says, even though Matt's head was swollen.

"We were eating at a seafood place. Matt took one bite of a fish taco and his face swelled up huge. We thought it was a fish allergy. We took him

Old new media. "The open-source movement and creative-commons licensing have been central to my ongoing learning and creative practice," says computer-music grad student, educator, and do-it-yourself instrument designer Brendan Gaffney. Open-source software and creative-commons licenses offer alternative approaches to intellectual property that differ from a traditional capitalistic model in that often no money is exchanged.

"I'm always happy to share code, designs, work, and methods with other enthusiasts and educators, as I owe a great deal of my own work and passion for creation to the sharing of these materials by others," explains Gaffney on the heels of his UCSD concert entitled *100 years of MIDI*. (MIDI stands for musical instrument digital interface.)

One of the instruments he designed is called the Novo

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the inside track blurt

"I don't know. It kind of seemed like an opportunity, and we thought, *This will be cool. It would be nice to have some money around Christmas-*

disliked these songs?" And all the band members said, 'No. No one has said anything about us doing those songs.' Nobody said, 'Oh, I liked your version



John Doe's X quits the holiday schtick for its trad punkabilly fare.

time...what the hell, let's do this!" X bass player/singer John Doe explains with a laugh.

"The funny thing is, at first we would work up three or four holiday songs, like

of 'Run Run Rudolf' or 'That one sucked.' Nobody said *anything* about them. 'So, why the hell are we doing these songs, then? Let's just *not* do them.' So, we didn't. We just play our

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Sublimette, which works like a music box, reading the surface of cylindrical sleeves turning the information into musical notes. The sleeves were fabricated using a 3D printer, which can create semicomplex objects one layer at a time. Another interface Gaffney created is called the cusPi, which involves a Raspberry Pi microcontroller, the open-source visual programming language Pure Data,

largely based on his involvement with Fab Lab San Diego, where like-minded innovators, engineers, and entrepreneurs meet, design, and share knowledge and equipment every Saturday. When I paid a visit, Gaffney was giving a rundown on how to make printed circuit boards while demonstrations of other equipment, including 3D printers, were also taking place. Although Gaffney utilizes and instructs others on how to use the latest technologies, he admits that he longs for “older new media.”

“I use a Macintosh SE, built



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Gaffney's down with the latest tech but longs for “older new media,” like the Mac SE.

and a custom joystick.

“Everything will be set up for people to try and play, and I’ll have all the documentation on how people can do it themselves,” says Gaffney of his inventions, which will be on display at San Diego’s first Mini Maker Faire on December 7 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Gaffney’s connection to the local “Maker” movement is

in 1987, as one of my primary computers in performance...the first computer I used growing up. [It] still has my drawings in KidPix from my childhood. It also happens to be very good at creating simple MIDI interfaces, and the serial ports can plug straight into MIDI systems without converters. It has capabilities we ditched with modern computing, and

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it brings my own and others’ creative history back into the fold.”

— Bobby Bray

The hooks. Steve West has been spinning alternative hits in San Diego since 1983. He was there when 91X created its “cutting edge of rock” format, which showed that bands such as the B-52s, Devo, and Love and Rockets could deliver fat ratings.

West champions the idea that the local market could support a “classic alternative” format, which would basically sound like his *Resurrection Sunday* show all week long.

No station has taken West up on his idea to exclusively broadcast classic alternative. But several local stations have signed on with the contention that the new-wave era artists who put 91X on the map in the ’80s still matter in San Diego.

FM94/9 (the primary com-

petitor of 91X), KPRI, soft-rock station KyXy, and even one-time oldies station the Walrus (105.7) have all increasingly turned away from their respective formats to include ’80s hits by bands such as Modern English, Simple Minds, the Cure, INXS, and U2 throughout the day.

“[KyXy] did a survey,” says a local radio insider. “They found that ’80s music is huge in San Diego.... Alternative is bigger in San Diego than anywhere else. Even L.A.”

Meanwhile, FM94/9 listeners may have noticed that station’s commitment to three songs in particular. A peek at the 94/9 website on November 25 showed that it played

“Royals” by Lorde, “Hurricane” by Ms Mr, and “Demons” by Imagine Dragons every two hours.

“Somebody is panicking,” says a competing broadcaster about the 94/9 song rotation.



Champion of the ’80s Steve West resurrects new wave on Sundays.

“It says there is someone who is desperate to keep his job by showing his boss he is only playing the big hits, and he will play them into the ground.”

A DJ at a different station says, “If they are playing a song seven or eight times a day, they

are probably getting favors from the record label.”

“Absolutely not,” says Jeremy Pritchard, music director at FM94/9. He says there is no consideration from record labels or promoters. He says he plays those songs so much because his research shows they are popular right now and that his playlist reflects what his listeners want.

“We are backed up by our own research. I have numbers to back me up.” Pritchard says his station relies on an outside company to send in test results about which songs work and he responds accordingly. “I send them the [song] hooks and they send me the numbers.”

— Ken Leighton

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This Week In Music

Thursday 5

It took buds Pete Yorn and J.D. King, both accomplished singer-songwriters, ten years to make a record together, but when they did, as the **Olms**, it came pretty quick. The pair reportedly sneezed out hit single "Twice as Nice" in about 20 minutes. The self-titled debut dropped this summer and found its way to #4 on *Billboard's* Heatseeker thingy, garnering critical acclaim from adult-contempo rock writers for its "summer of '66 vibe" and "simple, catchy pop-rock" iFormula. If that doesn't grab ya, an "olm" is a blind lizard, also known as a mudpuppy. The retro-duo plug in at Casbah after Minibar main man **Simon Petty**. iKidding aside, this is a talented lot, and for fans of the brand, the show should be a spine-tingler.... Best of the rest: Austin-based Americana quintet **My Jerusalem's** out to tout their latest, *Preacher*, a brooding minor-key kicker best listened to on sunset drives or the dark of a bar, like, say, Soda Bar...traveling troubadour **Will Hoge** visits the Griffin behind his best yet (according to roots-music authority *No Depression*), *Never Give In*, "a heartfelt, full blast trip with not a dud in the bunch." Heartland rockers **Red Wanting Blue** open the show...and Bay Area jazz cats **Charlie Hunter** (guitar) and **Scott Amendola** (drums) deliver their new disc, the "fiercely grooving" *Pucker*, to the Loft at UCSD.



THE OLMS AT CASBAH

band Points North) joins **Great White Zeppelin** and **Back 2 Black** to fill a covers bill at Brick by Brick...Up and coming locals **Soft Lions** (with members of Boy King and New Kinetics) play an EP release at Soda Bar. **Idyll Wild** and **Spaceships** land first...and Ken Club has a real horror show as

NYC's "demonic electronic" industrial band **Bile** headlines sets by **Rabid Whole**, **Squirrely Arts**, and **They Feed at Night**.

Saturday 7

Casbah and Daydream Nation host another Vinyl Junkies afternoon of quaffing and record-swapping to the tunes of special guest DJ David J (Bauhaus, Love & Rockets). And then on Saturday night, it's San Clemente stoner-rock quartet **Fu Manchu**, Sabbath-soaked Los Angelenos **Moab**, and loud-ass locals **Lord Howler** rattling cavities at the Middletown mainstay.... Looking for something less visceral, more intellectual, well, you are in luck, as the Northwest's heady best, the **Intel-**



FU MANCHU AT CASBAH

ligence (ex-A Frames), will be serving up their latest in the Red record *Everybody's Got It Easy But Me*, the grumpy garage band's "most lyrically direct and musically exploratory album to date," according to the experts at *Pitchfork*, which scored the disc a respectable 7.5. I like it to the tune of an 8.0 because Lars Finberg's lyrics always crack me/pick me up. Give a listen

to "(They Found Me in the Back of) the Galaxy" and then get yourself a ticket, cuz with **Cold Beat** and **Frights** opening the show, this one's sure to fill the Void.... Miss the door to that, just down

Friday 6

From Austin, Texas, garage-blues singer-guitarist **Black Joe Lewis** and his energetic big band (no longer called the Honeybears, btw) deliver *Electric Slave* to House of Blues on Friday night. The rock 'n' soul sextet's latest features organ grind and brass blasts under Lewis's fuzzed-out axe and hell-raising howl. Hit the interweb for a taste of BJL's "Skulldiggin'" or "The Hipster," and be at the ready to "shake yo ass." With Missouri's funk-punk trio **Radkey** opening the show, this one's going to bring down the House.... Else: Rush tribute **Fred Barchetta** (that's proggy SanFran



BLACK JOE LEWIS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

the street at Soda Bar, radio-ready indie-pop duo **Ms Mr** ("Hurricane") "+ special guests" play a 91X showcase for 91 cents...and over at Tower Bar, **Jason Lee & the R.I.P.tides**, **Zombie Surf Camp**, and **Dinosaur Ghost** fill a surf-rock bill under the City Heights spire.... Utter mentionables: NYC rapper **Jay Z** brings his *Magna Carta Holy Grail* to the Valley View Casinorena...local guitar great **Mike Keneally** slings his thing at the Loft...while across campus, indie-folkie Katie Crutchfield, aka **Waxahatchee**, plays Ché Café behind this year's well-received *Cerulean Salt*, her first with a fully fleshed band.

Sunday 8

L.A. roots-punk perennials **X** and the **Blasters** split "A Family X-mas" bill at Belly Up in Solana Beach.

Dryw Keltz got John Doe on the phone in advance of this one, so flip or click to *Blurt* for the dope direct from the horse's mouth.... Canadian indie statesman **Hayden**'s at Soda Bar behind this year's crit hit *Us Alone*. It's the songsmith's seventh effort and first for Arts & Crafts. On *Us Alone*, Hayden has refined/redefined his grunge-country m.o. into a *Gold Rush* panning that turns up some real pretty nuggets. Like-minded local **Nothingful** opens the show.... Tig Notaro's a real funny lady who hosts a real funny podcast called **Professor Blastoff** with sidekicks Kyle Dunnigan and David Huntsberger. The trio visits all-ages venue the Irenic in North Park to riff on "science, philosophy, and the meta-physical" Guatemalan singer-songwriter-guitarist and Latin Grammy winner **Gaby Moreno** joins **David Garza** and **Irene Diaz** at the Griffin in Bay Park for some *pop con queso*...while just over in the Sports Arena area, Valley View Casino Center hosts 91X's *Wrex the Halls*, featuring **Queens of the Stone Age**, with **Monkeys**, **Elephants**, and **Vampires**.



X AT BELLY UP

Tuesday 10

San Joe death-metal mainstays **Exhumed** deliver the motoric *Necrocracy* to Casbah on Tuesday. The motoric gore quartet has lost little of its sick fascinations in its 20+ years but discovered a thrashy knack for motoric melody, prompting *Pop Matters* to declare, "Necrocracy is fun to listen to... playful, while also feeling legitimately demented."

Legitimately motoric is more like it. From Richmond, VA, hardcore crossovers **Iron Reagan** set it up. Not so much?...90s radio staples **Third Eye Blind** ("Semi-Charmed Life") find their way into House of

Blues for the downtown venue's 20th Anniversary dealio...*Billboard*-climbing Brooklyn band **American Authors** appears at the Loft...and **Ed Kowalczyk** (yes, the follicularly challenged guy in the band Live) will be at Belly Up behind his brand-new solo set *The Flood and the Mercy*.

Wednesday 11

Humpnight-at-a-glance: named for the greatest American athlete to ever play two sports, Bo Jackson, Echo Park's scuzzed-up power-pop four-piece **Rainbow Jackson** drops in on Soda Bar after **Deadly Birds** and **Heavy Guilt**...and Casbah hosts a fundraiser for local indie flick *It's Gonna Blow*, with Rob Crow's supergroup covering San



RAINBOW JACKSON AT SODA BAR

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Thursday, 8:30pm — Black

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Thursday, 8pm — The Olms and Pete Yorn.
Friday, 8pm — Cadillac Tramp.
Saturday, 11am — Vinyl Junkies Record Swap with David J. \$3.
Saturday, 9pm — Fu Manchu and Moab.
Sunday, 9pm — Escondido and Derren Raser.
Tuesday, 9pm — Exhumed and Iron Reagan.

Che Cafe:
Friday, 7pm — Everytime I Die, letlive, Code Orange Kids.
Saturday, 7pm — Swearin' and Waxahatchee.

Coyote Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 6pm — The Mighty Aimless.
Friday, 6pm — The Brokers Band.
Saturday, 6pm — Not Katie.
Sunday, 6pm — Shelle Blue Band.

Crush:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Greg Foreman.
Friday, 9pm — Battista.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Write this down: Dinosaur Bones is a band to watch. Stick a little memo on your record collection (or wherever you store music). One day, you will be glad you did. Listen to *Shaky Dream*, their newest release, and you will hear a band that is working through all of the problems of songwriting and craftsmanship that every band has to solve. Their most obvious influencers (Muse, Oasis) are still far too close to the surface. But don't be fooled — Dinosaur Bones is a work in progress on the launch pad to a sound and an ethic all of their own. And one day, they will Modest Mouse us all with a sledgehammer out of nowhere like "Ocean Breathes Salty" and

concertgoers will say, *Who are these guys? And where did they come from?*

The answer is Toronto. The alt-rock quintet started there in 2008 and booked gigs based on the launch of a self-released self-titled EP. They sold copies out of the van and at merch tables like any other road band, but somehow the EP made it up the ladder to satellite radio. That attention got them a deal on an indie record label and the usual showcases at South by Southwest and so on. So far, no big breakout success yet, but it's coming, if only they can stand the test of time and the price of gas enough to keep touring.

Dinosaur Bones songs have as much emotional distance written into them as do four friends sitting around a restaurant table with their eyes glued to smartphones. And, there's an emotional anxiety about DB's music that I don't think anyone has done all that well



DINOSAUR BONES

since Jimi Hendrix. This is precisely the kind of band you'd hear on the big stage at a Street Scene — that is, if we still had Street Scene. Lazulis and Grizzly Business also perform.

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Saturday, 8pm — Kitten with a Whip.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Black Market III.

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Friday, 8:30pm — Jacques Lesure Organ Trio.
Saturday, 8pm — Aga Zaryan Trio: Nina & Abbey tribute.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:
Friday, 9pm — Hickies & Dryhumps.

Wednesday, 8pm — The Tighten Up.

Epicentre:
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Griffin:
Thursday, 8pm — Red Wanting

Blue and Will Hoge.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Dead Winter Carpenters. \$12.
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Thursday, 8:30pm — Dantes Boneyard and Dying To Wake.

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1/2 Matthew Sweet
1/3 Pato Banton
1/4 Tower of Power
1/5 The PettyBreakers performing Damn The Torpedos

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EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

13 Black Sabbath
By Andrew Hamlin

They wouldn't shell out for Bill Ward. That's one obscurity. He's the drummer for Sabbath, dunder-heads, pull out the purse. Only excuse I can think of is Tony Iommi thought maybe he was down for the eternal count and wanted to get back with Ozzy before punching the cancer clock.

Apart from that one obscenity, though...whew. You'd never guess it had been however many

years. Crucial, because the essential Sabbath precepts don't ever change (unto the sun burning out anyway), it's only a question of their devotion to those precepts. They must tackle alienation, doubt, the fear generated by fear and doubt; they must percolate all of these concepts into dread. Plodding dread.

So, Iommi sounds off as riff-thick and pulled-note-pulsing as ever before, Ozzy sounds great since he gets to rest between takes, the fake Bill Ward plods so you frankly can't tell the difference...and Geezer Butler, the quiet one, is back in and back on lyrics. Back on classic Sabbath lyrics. "Loner" with his head down, shuffling his feet ("Communication's an impossibility") could be any Sabbath fan or any prospective Sabbath fan. It took Ozzy, though, to bite off the last two syllables of "He don't look happy" to sound too much like "hippie." Viva teamwork!



Riff-thick and pulled-note-pulsing

Music Reviews from Our Readers

The 1975 — second time around
By Meghan Roos

"And this is how it starts..." Ambient, synth-heavy, and loaded with pop hooks, the music of Manchester, England's latest breakouts, the 1975, met a friendly crowd at the Belly Up just three months after selling out the Casbah.

While performances of experimental tracks such as "M.O.N.E.Y." and the catchy "Head.Cars.Bend-ing" reminded this

concertgoer of the 1975's diverse range of musical styles, several of the band's fan favorites were included on the set list as well, including "Settle Down," "Robbers," and recent radio hit "Chocolate."

Closing the night with "You" in one of the final performances of their second 2013 U.S. tour, the 1975 were just as strong in their sign-off as they were at the first guitar strum. Though only a few months have passed since the release of their debut record, the 1975's onstage perseverance and artistic vision indicate that this is one group San Diego will likely see again — soon.



Manchester's latest breakouts

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Saturday, 7pm — Mercury Street Blues. Free.

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Thursday, 9pm — Non-Issue.
Friday, 9pm — Pharmacy, Hocus, Social Spit. \$5.
Saturday, 9pm — Creepy Creeps.

Sky Box Sports Grill:

Saturday, 2pm — Punk & Powerslam Tour. \$20.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 9pm — My Jerusalem. \$8.
Friday, 8pm — Soft Lions, Idyll Wild, Spaceships.
Saturday, 9pm — MS MR.
Sunday, 9pm — Hayden.
Monday, 8pm — Dinosaur

Bones. \$8.
Tuesday, 8pm — Shy Girls and Body Parts.
Wednesday, 8pm — Deadly Birds, Rainbow Jackson, Heavy Guilt.

Soma:

Friday, 7:30pm — Blood on the Dancefloor, Farewell My Love.
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Saturday, 9pm — 5th Annual San Diego Roots Clash. \$10.

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Wednesday, 8:30pm — '90s Dance Night.

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Friday, 9pm — Black Hondo, DJ Unite.

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Wednesday, 9pm — West Coast Wednesdays. Free.

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Friday, 7:30pm — Fitz & the Tantrums, Chvrches. \$29.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Jay-Z. \$40-\$140.
Sunday, 5:30pm — 91X Wrex the Halls. \$19-\$59.

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Winstons:

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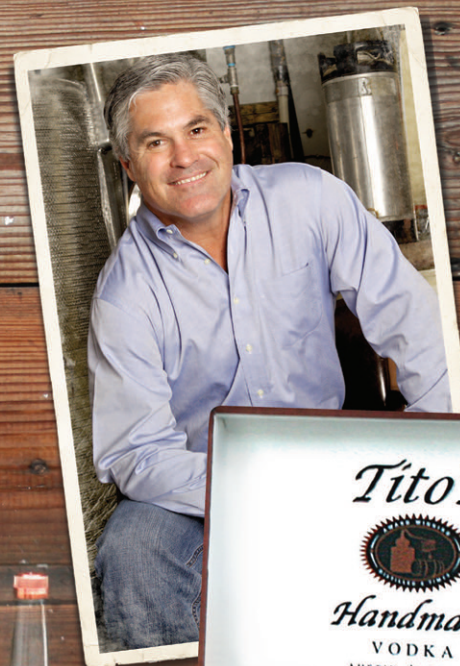
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TUESDAY, 12.10

SCHITZOPHONICS
SAINT DIEGO,
WEST BEAST

FRIDAY, 12.13

**BASTARD SONS OF
JOHNNY CASH**
THE MACANANYS

MONDAY, 12.16

**ST. CLOUD
SLEEPERS**
NORTHAMERICANS,
SUNDIVER

TUESDAY, 1.7

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SAN DIEGO
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December 14 — Jeff Campbell.
January 3 — The Lovebirds.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
December 13 — Moxie.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
December 31 — Clay Colton Band.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777.
December 12 — Man From Tuesday.
December 13 — Sure Fire Soul Ensemble.
December 14 — Taste Machine.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
December 14 — The Lexicons.
December 20 — Nihilist.
December 21 — Kingsland.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
December 12 — The Gore Horsemen.
December 13 — Ivan & Alyosha.
December 14 — Burning of Rome, Le Mutant, Gloomday.
December 18 — Tiny Telephones.
December 20 — TV Ghost and Holograms.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
December 12 — Story So Far, Stick To Your Guns, Such Gold.
December 13 — Slightly Stoopid, Perro Bravo, Law.
December 14 — Trivium, DevilDriver, After the Burial.
December 15 — Adestria, Kingdom of Giants, Dayseeker.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-696-9436.
December 12 — Bass Tribe.
December 13 — Ash Fenner, Jetpack Mojo, Disco Pimps.
December 14 — De Novo Blvd

and Hott Mess.
December 16 — '80s Gothic Night.
December 18 — '90s Dance Night.
December 19 — Bass Tribe.
December 20 — IsleSide and Disco Pimps.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
December 21 — 99th Floor Yuletide with the Loons.

Whistle Stop Bar: 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.
December 19 — Kill Quanti, Astro Jump, Swambi.

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ALLIED GARDENS

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

ALPINE

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

BALBOA PARK

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

BANKERS HILL

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

BAY PARK

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

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

CARLSBAD

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

BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Green Flash Supper Club

Nowadays, just about every brewery uses their tasting space to hold special events, and since moving into a much larger facility in 2011, **Green Flash Brewing Company** (6550 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa) is among the most innovative of the event-planning class.

One of the best examples is the company's Supper Club dinners, wherein the crew at Green Flash invites the culinary staff from popular restaurants to cook in their tasting room.

The mission is simple: to create five courses that show off the style and cuisine of the guest eatery and pair up nicely

with Green Flash beers. I have left both the Supper Club dinners I've attended feeling not only full but impressed by the length the events and tasting room staff went to stand out in a town awash in beer-pairing dinners.

For starters, the food is on point. Green Flash's tasting-room manager and certified cicerone Dave Adams works closely with each restaurant, often selecting the venue. It's more than a quick tasting — the guy spends serious time going through dish development to make sure the right beer is selected, and it shows.

Green Flash brewmaster Chuck Silva is a foodie with a penchant for cooking and pairing. He not only stands by but helps explain the marrying methodologies involved.

The dinners in which I partook involved chef/proprietor Hanis Cavin of North Park's **Carnitas' Snack Shack** and executive chef Mike Kessler of **Craft & Commerce** in Little Italy. Both are hot properties, particularly among fans of artisanal products, and both showed well. Cavin stayed true to himself, putting forth three dishes incorporating pork, but departed admirably with vegetarian offerings — a mushroom risotto and shortbread with lemon curd and nasturtium flower marmalade. The latter

went well with Green Flash's **Great American Beer Festival** award-winning Trippel, thanks to the beer's flowery Belgian yeast character and



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the fact it has a maltier profile than most tripels. On the entrée front, the pairing was straightforward — Green Flash Double Stout served in the glass and used as the main ingredient in a rich, chocolaty braising liquid for pork shanks.

Craft & Commerce composed a comparable menu with arguably more harmonious pairings.

Most memorable was the dessert. I'm guessing most of the diners probably had no idea how well blue cheese goes with barley wine, but after having C&C's buttery fig and Stilton-adorned Eccles cake in the same gulp as Green Flash's Candela Rye Barleywine (a collaboration with **Cigar City Brewing**), they're likely never to forget. Also highly successful was a curry-laden Peruvian-style sweet corn cake cut beautifully by a session IPA brewed exclusively with Citra hops.

Green Flash's next Supper Club dinner will take place on December 16. This time around, the menu will be presented by an interesting trio —

Pizza Port owner (and proven mobile cook) Vince Marsaglia, Samantha Parker from **Flying Pig Pub & Kitchen** in Oceanside, and **Toronado** chef Nate Soroko. ■

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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

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

Bridges Bar & Grill: *Monday-Saturday*, Open-7pm: \$3 Bud Light, domestic pints, well cocktails, house wines; \$4 craft pints, import pints; \$5 premium craft pints; \$2 off specialty cocktails. *Sunday*, Open-close: \$3 Bud Light, domestic pints, well cocktails, house wines; \$4 craft pints, import

pints; \$5 premium craft pints; \$2 off specialty cocktails.

CORONADO

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

Leroy's Kitchen + Lounge: *Monday-Tuesday, Sunday*, 4-6pm: \$4 craft drafts, \$2 off craft cocktails, \$5 wells & glasses of select wine. *Wednesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm & 10pm-midnight: \$4 craft drafts, \$2 off craft cocktails, \$5 wells & glasses of select wine.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

La Gran Tapa: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cask wines & sangrias. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

House of Blues: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Magnolia Tap & Kitchen: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$4 Local Drafts, \$4 Wells, \$6 Wine + Specialty Cocktails.

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: \$3.25 domestic drafts, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3.50 well drinks. *Saturday-*

Sunday, 10am-8pm: \$3.25 domestic drafts, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3.50 well drinks.

Sevilla: *Daily*, Open-7pm: \$4 well drinks, domestic and draft beer, house red and white wine. Tapas, flatbread and platter specials.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Time Out Sports Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Discounted Appetizers, \$3 Domestic Beer, \$4.50 Craft Beer, \$4 Wells, \$3.50 House Wine, \$2 Jello Shots. *Saturday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: Discounted Appetizers, \$3 Domestic Beer, \$4.50 Craft Beer, \$4 Wells, \$3.50 House Wine, \$2 Jello Shots. 8:30-10:30pm: \$3.50 House Wine, \$4 Wells, \$5 Shots, \$8 Jumbo Pretzel + Beer, \$3 Carne Asada Tacos (w/ \$10 purchase).

Tivoli Bar & Grill: *Daily*, noon-7pm, 10pm-midnight (excluding Padre game days): \$3 wells, domestic drafts; \$10 domestic pitchers.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: (Except during Padres games or special events) Drink specials. Signature pizza samples.

Café Chloe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 to \$6 beer, wine. \$4 house salad, cheeses; \$5 tart flambé, soup. \$6 custard, fromage plate.

Dragon's Den: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wines. *Saturday*, 11pm-close: \$1 off all drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wines.

Monkey Paw: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

EASTLAKE

Chili's: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 3pm-close: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1-\$2 off liquor.

Double D's on Broadway: *Daily*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 6-10am, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: *Tuesday*, 3-6pm: Taco Tuesday, \$2.50 Fish Tacos. *Wednesday*, 3-6pm: Sliding scale casks; \$3 at 3pm, \$4 at 4pm, etc... *Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 shots all day.

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Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.*

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Monday, 11:30am-close: Happy Hour all night, drink specials. Tuesday, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. \$1 off all featured tacos. Wednesday, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. 1/2-off wine bottles. Thursday, 3:30-7pm: \$2 off specialty drinks. Friday, Sunday, 3:30-7pm: Drink specials. Saturday, 11:30am-7pm: Drink specials.*

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Tuesday, 4-6pm: happy hour specials. Wednesday-Sunday, 4-6pm: happy hour specials; sushi happy hour: 1/2 off select rolls.*

GOLDEN HILL

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

The Boathouse: *Daily, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos and sangria. \$6 ceviche, fish tacos; \$5 nachos, spicy wings, shrimp cocktail, chicken strips/fries; \$4 jalapeño poppers.*

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.*

Martinis Above Fourth: *Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm. Everything discounted! \$6 Svedka Martinis, \$2*

off any food/drink item \$10 or less \$3 off any food/drink item over \$10.

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

Elbow Room: *Monday-Friday, 3pm-7pm: \$1-off all drinks, drafts, bottles, Chico's Fish Taco \$1.75, Garlic Cheese Bread \$1.95, Loaded Tater Tots \$4.95, Jalapeño Poppers \$4.95, TJ Street Taco Pork \$1.50, Mac & Cheese \$4.95, Elbowroom Kettle Chips \$2.95, Sweet & Spicy Meatballs \$4.95, Onion Rings \$4.95, Nachos \$4.95, Potato Skins \$4.95, Cheeseburger & Fries \$4.95. Saturday, 10am-6pm: Well Drinks \$2.50, Any Draft Beer \$2.50, Happy Hour menu. Sunday, 9am-6pm: Well Drinks \$2.50, Any Draft Beer \$2.50, Happy Hour menu.*

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: *Daily, 4pm to 7pm- \$3 draft pint, \$4.25 premium well, \$3.00 Famous Bourbon Slushies. Happy Hour specials all for \$5.00 each: Chicken & Waffles, Frito Pie, Shakin Bacon Tater Tots, Jambalaya & Red Beans, Spicy Shrimp, Proud Mary's Southern, Mac & Cheese, Chicken a Fried Asparagus, Fried Pickles, Shrimp & Crab Bon-Bons, Fried Pickles, & Chili*

KENSINGTON

The Kensington Club: *Daily, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.*

LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: *Daily, 3-6:30pm: \$5 micro-craft drafts, \$3 Pacifico, \$5 mules, mojitos, margaritas; \$3 off specialty cocktails, \$5 house wine, \$4 wells. Food specials.*

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3.25 mug or Bud Lite draft, \$3.50 house wine glass, \$4.50 margarita,*

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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.

Mr. G's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, Noon-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$3 Domestic Pints, \$3 Premium Pints.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

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.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Desi's Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$1 off everything.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 select house beer, select domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine. \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: *Monday*, 4-10pm: Buy One Get One 1/2 Off Drinks *Tuesday*, 4-10pm: \$1 Tacos, \$4 Corona & Dos XX, \$5 Patron Shots *Wednesday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Vodka Rockstars *Thursday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jack & Coke *Friday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Fireball *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jager Bombs *Sunday*, 4-10pm: \$1 Off All Beers Draft, Bottles & Tall Cans Starts at 10am During Football Season

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

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday*, 4-7pm: \$3 pints, \$5 Redbull vodkas.

Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$6 Jager shot and a bottle of beer. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: \$3 Jameson shots, \$6 all 22oz drafts. \$2.50 tacos all day and night. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$3 Jameson, \$5 Skyy Redbull vodka. *Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off drinks for locals (must have proof of 92109 residency).

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2-7pm: 50¢ off beer, wells, and calls.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, wells, \$1 off other drinks. Snack specials.

MISSION VALLEY

Dave & Buster's: *Monday-Thursday*, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers. *Friday*, 4:30-7pm: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers. *Sunday*, 10pm-close: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers.

In Cahoots: *Tuesday*, 5pm-1:30am: \$3 drink specials. *Wednesday*, 5pm-1:30am: \$2.50 drink specials. *Thursday*, 5-9pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, well drinks, margaritas, and select bottled beer. \$5.95 steak with baked potato & draft beer. *Friday*, 5pm-1:30am: \$3.50 Dos Equis, \$5 Fireballs. *Saturday*, 6pm-1:30am: \$3 Bud Lights. *Sunday*, 6pm-1:30am: \$2 any drink.

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.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls. \$1 off Heineken.

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.

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grew from that idea and has become a popular event. These aren't staged readings, with little advance preparation. Local actors rehearse a story as they would a script. They emphasize style and meaning. At the same time, however, all is subordinate to the word. As in the old days of radio, regular attendees often close their eyes and listen. Each reading clusters around a theme. *Giving Season* is the group's annual holiday program. Worth a try.
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And into the oven

The only enjoyable part of *Out of the Furnace* was untangling its plot loopholes on the car ride home.

An ex-con (Christian Bale) with the word “fishy” tattooed across his forehead takes a road trip to Appalachia in search of a brother (Casey Affleck) who’s gone missing. Unbeknownst to our avenging adventurer, the first door he knocks on is not only the correct and suitably deglamorized Hollywood meth den — who needs GPS

when there’s a grievously manipulative screenplay to chart the course? — but his kinfolk’s assailant (Woody Harrelson) is conveniently placed in the waiting room and firing up a glass pipe.

The otherwise preoccupied snoop, eager to get the information needed and split the scene, not only refuses to sample the goods in front of the salesclerk, he forgetfully leaves the mini Ziploc containing the crystal at point of purchase.

More red flags than a mile of mailboxes, you say? Not only is Bale

allowed to bail, the vendor is cool enough to stop his overly suspicious customer at the door and return the forsaken bag of rock. That’s pretty fine customer service, but aren’t we forgetting the free gram for first-time patients?

We begin on the eve of the Obama election, and even Affleck’s best friends can’t help but notice that he’d be better off unleashing his anger in

Iraq than on the streets of their small Pennsylvania town. Bale stays home to fight another war, this one in the county jail, where he’s briefly imprisoned for killing two people. Though he was drunk at the wheel, the collision was technically the victim’s fault.

While in prison, gal pal Zoe Saldana ditches Bale for local cop Forest Whitaker. This allows the film to add two more high-profile names to the poster. Beyond that, each actor is assigned one impressive show of range before being relegated to the bench.

Affleck goes at his returning vet character with characteristic mealy-eyed rage. Add another dash of social



Out of the Furnace: Beware the man with a mullet

commentary concerning the government’s abandoning of America’s returning vets, and it’s off to a career in bare-knuckle boxing for our wounded warrior.

It’s about the time that Scott Cooper (director and co-writer with Brad Ingelsby) chose to juxtapose the shooting and gutting of a deer with Affleck preparing for a fight that I began regretting my decision not to pay the \$3 surcharge for protective headgear.

Add to this the most ludicrous use of cellphone technology as plot motivator to date, and before it’s over, you’ll want to stick your head in an oven.

Cooper’s long-anticipated followup to *Crazy Heart* wasn’t worth the wait. What so well suited his temperament in air-conditioned bars and bowling alleys fails to translate to a gray valley of belching concrete smokestacks. And with a cast of this magnitude, he deemed it best to keep

the camera in as close as possible so as not to miss so much as a gesture of their brilliance.

The only thing that separates this high-ticket exploitation yarn from another Christmas contender is the number of Oscar-winners and hopefuls whose names flash onscreen during the trailer. Skip this logic-barren load and keep the *Homefront* box office burning.

— Scott Marks



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JESUS CHRIST. AT THE MOVIES?
Spoilers ahead, folks.

I need to see *Gravity* again before I can really go after my co-critic for his dismissal of a film that actually manages to dramatize the Christian notion of being “born again” without preaching (or even mentioning) Jesus. I mean, yeah, it’s not exactly subtle: Hey, look, George Clooney lays down his life so that Sandra Bullock can live. And right after she gets into the airlock, she sheds her suit and goes fetal. But why does everything have to be subtle? There’s a difference between manifest and pedantic.

It’s a fine visual: astronaut Bullock, delivered from the endless dark and cold of space (as fine an image of death as ever there was), frees herself of the airless, wrinkly bulk that limits her movements (as fine an image of Saint Paul’s “put off the old man, which is corrupt” as you could ask for), and curls her smooth and weightless self into the posture of one who is just beginning to live.

The journey back to new life (Earth) still stretches out before her, perilous and uncertain. There are a hundred ways that things can still go awry. But she has been delivered from certain death and has a chance to work out her salvation in fear and trembling. If the great virtue of film is its power to convey meaning through images, well... But as I say, I need to see this one again before we really lock horns on it.

But you know what film I did see again? *The Counselor*. If anything, I liked it better the second time. Odd bits whose point I couldn’t work out the first time became clear. Why does the Counselor (Michael Fassbender) encounter and wander through a protest/memorial upon leaving the Mexican café at night? Because the protesters, who have lost innocent loved ones to drug violence, are doing the only thing they can: stand-

ing together and bearing witness to injustice. But although Fassbender has lost an innocent loved one, he cannot stand with them because he has shared in the injustice. It’s a lovely illustration of the way sin isolates a person from the human community.

My experience with Cormac McCarthy as a writer is limited to the movies: *No Country for Old Men* (for which he wrote the source novel) and *The Counselor* (for which he wrote the screenplay). I don’t know if he believes in God and redemption, but I think he believes in sin and damnation — if that makes sense. And he seems to subscribe to a vision of the universe in which there ought to be a God, whether or not there actually is. I think it shows in his treatment of religion.

Consider middleman Brad Pitt’s statement that he could leave the drug business anytime he wants. “I could go to a monastery: scrub the stairs, wash the toilets,” he assures us. Why doesn’t he? “Women.” (His weakness. Naturally, it proves his undoing.) Interesting that he chooses a monastery as his place away from the criminal life, instead of, say, a beach on some tropical island with a drink in his hand. Also interesting that he mentions cleaning toilets — this is after he’s told Fassbender, “I’ve seen it all. It’s all shit.” (A major theme in the film.) If it’s all shit, why would you even consider cleaning toilets in a monastery? Because, just maybe, there’s something there that isn’t shit. Something that transcends all the shit we make and do and eventually become.

Or consider Fassbender’s constant appeal to Jesus when he realizes that everything has gone horribly wrong. “Jesus,” he says to Pitt. “Jesus.” Of course, in the context of the film, he’s just cursing. But it also reads as a prayer. Because no one else can save him at that point.

Most interesting of all: Cameron Diaz’s confessional scene. She wants to mess with the priest, pour the poison of her sexual debauchery in his ear without asking for or receiving forgiveness — because she thinks it would be fun and maybe a little bit hot. But the priest will have nothing to do with her. “There would be no point,” he says flatly. When she persists, cooing, “You just have to listen,” he stands up and leaves the confessional. This Catholic priest is the only person she interacts with who escapes unscathed. (Even her accountant at the end hears more than he wants to hear.) Only the man who sees beyond the shit of this world can hope to escape its corrupting power. ■

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

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12 Years a Slave — Hollywood continues to pay reparations for *Gone with the Wind* with this elegiac adaptation of Solomon Northrup’s autobiographical saga of a free black man forced into bondage for a dozen years. They might just as well have named it *The Passion of the Slave*. Chiwetel Ejiofor suffers well under the immutable tongue and whip-lashings of Paul Giamatti, Paul Dano, and Michael Fassbender, all playing scenery-consuming variations on animalistic crackers we’ve come to despise in much better surroundings. (Say what you will, your money would be better spent renting *Mandingo* and *Beloved*.) In its own saintly manner, it’s as exploitative as anything critics accused *Django Unchained* of being, minus Tarantino’s eye for idiosyn-

crasy and sense of humor. After correctly likening the film’s torture porn quotient to that of a *Saw* sequel, a colleague asked, “Who would want to see this movie?” Answer: Every voting member of the Academy. Steve McQueen (*Shame*) directed. 2013. — S.M. ★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

All Is Lost — Viewers of a certain age may remember Robert Redford as one of the great handsome men of cinema. The sun-kissed skin, the wind-tousled hair, the little-boy smile that let you know he couldn’t lose. Like the title says, all is lost. Disaster rouses an solo yachtsman from comfortable sleep: a drifting shipping container has punched a hole in his boat. Skillful efforts at repair and recovery eventually give way to a grueling struggle to simply survive. The sun blisters, the wind ravages, the face twists and sags. The metaphor — we’re all on a journey, people — is kept mostly in the background, but the lack of dialogue and singular focus make it impossible to miss. (Just about the only time writer-director J.C. Chandor takes the camera off Redford is to give us gradually deepening shots from below the life raft: first minnows, then a school of fish, then predators, and finally, sharks.) 2013. — M.L. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Best Man Holiday — An agreeable R-rated rom-com turns into a high-handed sentimental tear-jerker before piously wasting away. It’s time we sue Universal for false advertising. The breezy trailer for Malcolm Lee’s follow-up to his 1999 hit, *The Best Man*, promises “All the sex, all the secrets, all the surprises,” and none of the sickness. The cancer that’s hinted at in reel two begins to metastasize at the 60-minute mark; the audience I saw it with was visibly shaken. Shoulders convulsed as dozens wept, their waves of boo-hoos occasionally drowning out patches of dialogue. Why would anyone willingly submit to this type of abuse? Didn’t we suffer enough with *12 Years a Slave*? Effortless performances by Taye Diggs and Terrence Howard buoy the first hour (and provide several big laughs), but as soon as the coughed-up blood hits the handkerchief, you had best hit the exit door. With Morris Chestnut, Nia Long, and Monica Calhoun. 2013. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Bettie Page Reveals All — Bettie Page — born into poverty, unwanted by her mother, and molested by her father — came within one-quarter point of being her high-school Valedictorian, an honor that carried with it a four-year college scholarship. Instead, she wound up in a

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brief, bad marriage — her first of several — survived an oral gang rape, and eventually got discovered by the camera clubs. They saw something in her besides the nudity — some spark, some indomitable sense of fun — and it wasn't long before she was the darling of the pinup world. She made even bondage look like a lark. But while youth fades, its traumas do not. Director Mark Mori has plenty of Page-flavored eye-candy to offer, but beyond that, the visuals are drudgery. Ditto the talking heads. What moves things is the audio from Page herself, aged but very much alive, good-naturedly narrating the frequently unhappy proceedings. 2012. — M.L. ★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Blue Is the Warmest Color — A sleepy-eyed 15-year-old schoolgirl (Adèle Exarchopoulos) begins a torrid love affair with an older, wild-eyed artist (Léa Seydoux) that could possibly end in infidelity. As if three hours weren't enough to tell this paper-thin story, we won't know what happens to the couple until part two arrives. This year's Palm d'Or winner at Cannes leaves one wondering what Abdellatif Kechiche was doing with his other palm while directing this syrupy soft-core porn for teenagers who look old enough to break the NC-17 barrier. Not unlike Spielberg, every ten minutes or so, when the dialogue gets to be too much, Kechiche throws in a climax. Were

the references to Sartre and Pabst in the comic book from which this was adapted, or is it a vain attempt on the part of the screenwriters to whitewash the audience into thinking there's depth and passion to be found beneath all the close-up tribbing? The one star reflects the power of Exarchopoulos's almighty performance. 2013. — S.M. ★

The Book Thief — Filmed version of the popular Young Adult novel about a pretty blonde orphan girl (a cherubic Sophie Nelisse) who gets taken in by poor, decent German folk just as World War II gets underway. Papa (a hunched Geoffrey Rush) hides a Jew in the basement because the Jew's father once saved his life; Mama (a haggard Emily Watson) scowls but does what's right. There's a lesson here somewhere about the importance of words and stories, but it's overshadowed by the shadow of death. Or rather, the smooth, snarky, British-accented voice of Death, who drops in to inform us that "Of course, no one could serve the Fuhrer as loyally as I," among other grammar-school profundities. In a YA novel, Death may have sounded like a sophisticated narrator. Here, he mostly ruins otherwise serviceable scenes by telling us what we're already seeing, and gives the lie to a story about survival and endurance. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Broken Circle Breakdown — "He's a romantic atheist, she's a religious realist." How's that for an incentive-filled tagline? Working from a play by Johan

Heldenbergh and Mieke Dobbels, the last thing Belgian director Felix Van Groeningen and writing partner Carl Joos wanted was to transform the story of a bluegrass singer (Johan Heldenbergh) and his excessively-inked cowgirl wife (Veerle Baetens) dealing with the loss of their child into a disease-of-the-week sudser. On the surface, it presents everything I've come to detest in movies — issues of childhood mortality, the subsequent grieving process, a dead animal motif, and a lengthy third act sermon, this one on the virtues of stem cell research. But when wrapped in song, sans the pretty pink bow of sentimentality, the result is a compelling, intensely moving musical melodrama that will leave you feeling encouraged, not bereaved. With Nell Cattrysse and George W. Bush as himself. 2012. — S.M. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)

Captain Phillips — If you can get past the bombastic score and the wavering, seasick camera and what is perhaps the hackiest, laziest opening-scene conversation of the year, you might find something remarkable in Captain Phillips: a quietly scathing critique of American exceptionalism, wrapped in a story of American survival. Captain Richard Phillips (beloved everyman Tom Hanks), whose cargo ship is boarded by Somali pirates bent on obtaining a ransom, is the victim throughout. But consider those bad guys. One of them winds up with broken glass in his foot because (a) the crew proves resourceful in their efforts to slow him down and (b) *he has no shoes*. Eventually, the lovely long shots of mas-

sive Navy gunships trailing behind a tiny lifeboat that is trying to reach the shore start to sink in. On the one hand, we're fighting to preserve civilization and the rule of law. On the other, they're fighting for survival. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Counselor — "I've seen it all, counselor," intones worldly-wise dealmaker Brad Pitt. "It's all shit." This is very close to the point of *The Counselor*. Pretty shit, pricey shit, exciting shit, lovable shit, even enduring shit — but still shit. The counterargument, to the extent that one is offered, is so brief and blunt that it barely registers. Novelist Cormac McCarthy (*No Country for Old Men*) takes his first shot at screenwriting, hanging meditations on his preoccupations — sex, death, violence, and maybe God — on the story hook of a bad-boy lawyer who tries to take the easy way out of his financial troubles by facilitating a drug deal. Whereupon he discovers that he's more boy than bad, and that there is not, in fact, any such thing as the easy way out. People tend to speak in pronouncements — "You don't know someone until you know what he wants" — and the story sometimes feels like its serving the dialogue. But it's pretty fine dialogue. (How do you make an audience listen to a poetic monologue on grief and death? Deliver said monologue to a desperate protagonist who wants so very badly to hear something else, the something he hopes will come after the monologue.) Cameron Diaz gets the role of a lifetime as a well-preserved specimen bent on self-preservation. With Michael Fassbender, Javier Bardem, Penelope

Cruz. Directed by Ridley Scott. 2013. ★★ (READING GASLAMP; ULTRA-STAR CHULA VISTA)

Dallas Buyers Club — Matthew McConaughey plays a bag-of-bones, good ol' boy piece of sex-added trailer trash who has the misfortune to bang the wrong (female) intravenous drug-user (HIV+) in the wrong way (sans condom) in the wrong place (darkest Texas) at the wrong time (the panicked, unmedicated '80s). Suddenly, he's cast out among those he hates, and overdosing on the only medicine out there (AZT), which nearly kills him. (The bastards at Big Pharma and the FDA, eager to cash in on the AIDS panic, are running human trials.) Eventually, he heads south of the border to visit a disgraced doctor who knows what's good for him. And what's good for Ron is good for his fellow sufferers, including Rayon, a junkie trans woman played with mesmerizing commitment by Jared Leto. So our hero starts peddling meds and making bank, and learns to love along the way. Naturally, the authorities object. With Jennifer Garner. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Delivery Man — Ken Scott's Canadian comedy *Starbuck* made enough money stateside to earn him a seat in the director's chair for this subtitle-free rehash. Who better than beefy Vince Vaughn to star as a professional sperm donor who falls victim to a class action lawsuit brought against him by hundreds of the children he anonymously fathered? Scott's idea of playing to an American audience is hydroponic jokes and simplified see-saw compositions — one character screen left, one character screen right, and all that space. I cannot tell a lie; 20 minutes in, I used my 'Get out of Multiplex Jail Free' card and bailed. I'm all for remaking bad films; just don't compound the awfulness in the process. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Ender's Game — Brilliant young tactician Ender Wiggin is called upon to defend earth from nasty foreign invaders — and you know what they say about what makes the the best defense. Not for nothing does space commander Harrison Ford say that "What we need is a Julius Caesar, a Napoleon." But while Asa Butterfield conveys Wiggin's complicated, chilly interior with a brave disdain for mere likability, Ford stumbles as his equally complicated and possibly chillier mentor/advocate/father-figure. All growls and glares and gravel, he's more general than god. Still, the film makes a fine transition from the classroom to the battlefield — interestingly, it's the classroom that involves actual bodies in motion, while the battlefield is all holodecks and drones. And except for a sloppy climactic confrontation, it manages to manifest its concerns with clarity and force. Director Gavin Hood has an eye for a battle scene, and keeps the action clean and clear no matter what the scale of the conflict. With Hailee Steinfeld, Abigail Breslin. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Frozen — Like the Broadway-bound Ice Capades holding its first out-of-town tryout that it's destined to become, *Frozen* is a glacially stiff, perpetually unamusing animated musical with a talk-singing score that will leave one pining for the lifeless soundtrack to *The Princess and the Frog*. Chris Buck (*Tarzan*) and *Wreck-It Ralph* co-author Jennifer Lee shared the directing duties. Come for the feature, leave after the five-star featurette. Lauren MacMullan's *Get A Horse*, the new vintage Mickey Mouse short that opens the show, is a whirlwind animated history lesson

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Film Forum: American Animal Matt D'Elia's whirlwind debut is a manic, wildly experimental tale of a hipster's dark night of the soul. Jimmy (Brendan Fletcher), a mysteriously ill young man with a penchant for waxing philosophical loses further touch with reality when his best friend and roommate announces he is leaving for a new job. Over the course of a night of drinks, drugs and women, the two men engage in a humorous battle of wills. **Monday, December 9, 6:30pm**

Friday Talking Pictures: The Muslims Are Coming Comedians Negin Farsad and Dean Obeidallah lead an all-star Muslim comedy team performing in big cities, small towns, liberal enclaves, conservative hotbeds, rural, and everything in between. Guest-speaker Professor Rebecca Romani will lead the post-film discussion. **Friday, December 13, 6:30pm**

Film Forum: Beginners Guide to Endings Raucous, bawdy farce of fathers, sons and fallout from the past. A twist of fate at the reading of their father's will causes three brothers to question their mortality. Harvey Keitel, J.K. Simmons, and Scott Caan star in this surreal

Canadian quirk set in Niagara Falls. **Monday, December 16, 6:30pm**

Friday Talking Pictures: The Taqwacores Yusef, a first-generation Pakistani engineering student, moves off his university campus with a group of Muslim punks who introduce him to Taqwacore — a hardcore, Muslim punk rock scene. Guest-speaker Professor Rebecca Romani will lead the post-film discussion. **Friday, December 20, 6:30pm**

Film Forum: Bringing Up Bobby Meet Olive: mother, breadwinner, felon. Famke Janssen's debut is a compassionate, relentlessly wacky road show starring Milla Jovovich as a nomadic European con-artist trying to escape her murky past and build a better future for her ten-year-old son. They charm their way from one adventure to another, but Olive's criminal past is always in danger of catching up. **Monday, December 23, 6:30pm**

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Film Forum: Prince Avalanche An existential road movie with a touch of the supernatural. This odd-couple romp features Paul Rudd and Emile Hirsch as two highway workers who spend the summer away from their city lives. The isolated landscape becomes a place of misadventure as the men find themselves at odds with each other and the women they left behind. **Wednesday, December 11, 6:00pm**

Film Forum: Chicken with Plums Poetic rumination of thwarted love. Set in Tehran in 1958, a violinist extraordinaire unable to replace his broken violin takes to his bed to await death. Mixing animation, surreal fantasy sequences, flashbacks, stylized scenes from his past, present, and future, and a visit from the Angel of Death, a bittersweet love story unfolds. (French with English subtitles.) **Monday, December 16, 1:00pm**

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The Butterfly's Dream: San Diego

Screening Followed by Q&A panel with the actress and the composer. *The Butterfly's Dream* (Turkish: Kelebeğin Rüyası) is a 2013 Turkish drama written and directed by Yilmaz Erdoğan. The film has been selected as the Turkish entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 86th Academy Awards. The film centers on two young poets in the 1940s of Turkey who make a bet on a pretty girl — whichever poem the girl likes will win, and the other will step aside. The poets, however, have to deal with other problems such as disease, poverty, compulsory work in the mines and the Second World War in the meantime. **Friday, December 13, 7:00pm**

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Reel Books: The Perks of Being a Wallflower Watch the 2012 adaptation of Stephen Chbosky's teen novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* on the big screen, then stay to discuss the film and book. **Friday, December 6, 1:00pm**

POV Documentary: Listening Is an Act of Love StoryCorps is NPR's innovative oral-history project based on founder Dave Isay's fundamental belief: "We can learn so much about the people all around us — even about the people we already know — just by taking the time to have a conversation." This first-ever animated special from StoryCorps features six stories about sitting together and asking life's important questions. **Saturday, December 7, 12:00pm**



The Way In In this 2011 feature film, Martin Sheen plays Tom, a man who travels to France to pick up the remains of his son, who was killed

at the start of walking a 500-mile Camino to Santiago, Spain. Tom decides to continue his son's pilgrimage, and on the way he discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose." **Wednesday, December 11, 5:30pm**

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Film Forum: The Company You Keep

Reflection on the corruption of '60's idealism and the cost of dissent. A public-interest lawyer and single father (Robert Redford) has his tranquil world turned upside down when a brash young reporter (Shia LeBeouf) exposes his true identity as a former anti-war radical fugitive wanted for murder. Cast includes Brit Marling, Susan Sarandon, Stanley Tucci, Julie Christie, and Nick Nolte. **Sunday, December 8, 2:00pm**

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Film Forum: The Willow Tree Blind since childhood, a tormented university professor has his sight restored by a miracle operation. The dazzling new world of sight and color floods him with ecstasy, but also plunges him into a labyrinth of confusions and temptations. Eager to claim his lost life but unable to take the next step, he is inflamed with possibility and paralyzed with egoism. Farsi with English subtitles. **Wednesday, December 18, 7:00pm**

that pays loving tribute to everything from ‘20s ‘rubber hose’ cartooning to contemporary 3D CGI. In six minutes, Ms. MacMullan, the first woman ever to direct a Disney picture, presents a virtuosic study in depth and motion: you’ll want to duck from all the flying debris once the merry-go-round breaks down. It’s easily the best short to come out of Burbank since Uncle Walt left us. 2013. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Go for Sisters — Director John Sayles (remember *Lone Star*?) understands that characters are crucial. He has given us a couple of good ones in Bernice and Fontayne (Lisa Gay Hamilton and Yolanda Ross, both relishing the opportunity), former high school besties reunited in middle age when Bernice is assigned as Fontayne’s parole officer after a drug sentence. And he offers a decent setup: a black woman (Bernice) hiring a Hispanic ex-cop to take her into Mexico to search for the Chinese smugglers who are holding her son (and sending pieces of him via messenger). But once the wheels are set in motion, the whole thing somehow fails to go anywhere. It’s okay to make the real story one of estranged friends warily approaching reconciliation. It’s not okay to make the cover story — the one with the smugglers and the ex-cop and the mutilated son — dull as dirt and burdened with disquisitions on the plight of the immigrant. With Edward James Olmos. 2013. — M.L. ★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Gravity — An illustrated existential crisis. Or, a survival story in which nearly every exterior event carries interior significance. Either way, it’s gripping. The story is simple: an astronaut (a smooth-faced Sandra Bullock), cut loose from her spiritual moorings by a freak accident, is cut loose from her physical moorings by another freak accident. Now, just a hair’s breadth from the cold embrace of the Big Nothing, she must struggle to find her way back to life. Also, earth. Director Alfonso Cuarón isn’t shy about deploying Christian tropes — her journey back to life begins only after fellow astronaut George Clooney lays down his life for her and tells her how to be saved — to the point where it’s fair to ask whether they’re tropes at all. The camera does an enormous amount of the work here — now watching Bullock as she spins helplessly through space, now holding steady on her while the universe turns with her at its center, now slipping inside her helmet to watch the whirling maelstrom from her untethered point of view. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Homefront — In the middle of a holiday moviegoing season fraught with yarns of slavery, childhood mortality, cancer, senility, and an AIDS panacea as a cash cow, it’s amazing how refreshing a cheesy exploitation film can sound. Taking sole screenwriting credit, Sylvester Stallone lumps together shreds of his past glories to form a formulaic (if effective) revenge thrill ride. Jason Statham stars as Rambo with a daughter, a passive-until-pushed ex-NYC cop living in backwoods Louisiana with a price placed on his head by an imprisoned mobster. Playing what could be an older cousin of his *Spring Breakers*’ character Alien, James Franco amuses the crowd as a ferocious meth chef, with a down-and-dirty Kate Bosworth perfect in the role of analeptic-addled sister and Academy Award-winning Winona Ryder as his crack whore galpal. This time around, the otherwise inefficacious Gary Fleder (*Kiss the Girls*, *Runaway Jury*) earned his director’s check. With Clancy Brown and Frank Grillo. 2013. —

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Rarely do I get so completely engrossed in a television show that I search for clues about the mythology on the internet. More rarely do I sleep in a line all night to get a seat at the Comic-Con panel. This is the outrageous lure of *Lost*, six seasons of a well-crafted cast, a mind-boggling mythology, and an incredibly captivating pilot episode.

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S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

— Katniss Everdeen won her murder tournament in *The Hunger Games*. Now she has to deal with the aftermath. Once again, the best reason for seeing a Hunger Games movie is star Jennifer Lawrence, whose protean, Old Hollywood visage brings to mind the line about how They Had Faces Then. And once again, the second best reason is the just-committed-enough supporting cast: Stanley Tucci as



Day of the Dead

JASON NICHOL

Vault-dweller and horror geek

When I saw the Divimax release of George Romero’s *Day of the Dead* on the shelf, I knew that it was something special. More than simply an enhanced widescreen version of the film, this fold-out two-disc set is chock-full of interviews, behind-the-scenes footage, commentary track, tons of miscellaneous stuff, and even a bloody notebook right from the desk of Dr. “Frankenstein” Logan himself. So much gory goodness; this is the best version I’ve seen so far of my favorite Romero film.

A succubus sets her sights on humble farmer Marc (William Shatner) but gets more than she bargains for when he hits her with a little *amo* (Esperanto for “love”). Incubus is a rare gem, beautifully shot in black-and-white and spoken entirely in the Esperanto language; it’s a surreal tale of soul-stealing sex demons out for souls of the pure. Starring William Shatner!

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The extinct BCI released a trilogy of Mexican horror movies — *La Momia Aztec*, *La Maldición de la Momia Azteca*, and *La Momia Azteca Contra El Robot Humano* — that follows the story of Popoca, an Aztec warrior who falls in love with an Aztec maiden, and both are entombed for this. Centuries later, the Aztec mummy is awakened by an archaeological party and main villain Dr. Krupp/the Bat. The collection has lots of extras that make it a real jewel of Mexican movie releases.

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playmaking, but the series still stumbles over its brutal, bloody centerpiece. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa

— The emphasis of *Bad Grandpa* is not so much on the daredevil stunts that made household names of Johnny Knoxville and the Jackass brand. Nor is there, apart from decorating the wall of a small town eatery with a duodenal Dali, much of the traditional dependence on doody humor. Instead, borrowing a page from

the Allen Funt-meets-Borat Sagdiyev playbook, series director Jeff Tremaine and his crew set about candidly capturing people caught in the act of embarrassing themselves. And no one knows better how to estrange strangers than the boys at Dickhouse Productions. As the Pillsbury Doughgrandchild left in the care of the titular codger, Jackson Nicoll earns the title of World’s Youngest Jackass. Almost as many misses as their are hits (and a trailer that let slip too many punchlines) keeps this wide of the mark set by the fracturing franchise. I guess that means only 3 theatrical viewings as opposed to the customary seven. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Last Vegas — A wealthy stag finally settles on a trophy bride, and three lifelong friends join him in Vegas for a senescent bachelor party. *The Hangover* with Depends. Michael Douglas tries, Kevin Kline succeeds, De Niro can barely summon the strength needed to hold a permanent scowl, and Morgan Freeman — engulfing the crowd with an endless stream of incontinence jokes — deserves better, like narrating a penguin picture. Whoever dreamed that the union of director Jon Turteltaub (*Phenomenon*, *National Treasure*) and screenwriter Dan Fogelman (*Cars*, *The Guilt Trip*) would produce one, let alone a dozen or so intentional laughs? (For fans of inadvertent amusement, there’s Bobby D’s bewildered “WOW! POOF!” breakdown.) One look at lounge chanteuse Diana (Mary Steenburgen, in effect playing a ripened version of *Melvin and Howard*’s Lynda Dumar), and you’ll understand why the four oldsters are instantly infatuated. You really can’t go wrong with this rare example of a film both good and bad enough to recommend. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Lee Daniels’ The Butler — Lee Daniels’ schmaltzy abridgement of the Civil Rights movement. Cecil Gaines (Forest Whitaker), an African-American man born into a family of sharecroppers and schooled in the art of “knowing he’s black,” spends 34 years of his life in domestic servitude under seven presidents. While Cecil dignifiedly fights to change the system from within, his politically active son Louis (David Oyelowo) turns left on Forrest Gump Dr., bearing witness to everything from the Freedom Writers to the Black Panthers. Screenwriter Danny Strong (*Game Change*) spoons on the sugar, transforming the story of real-life White House maitre d’hôtel Eugene Allen into a sprawling, sometimes pandering saga that never slackens in spite of several flat-out weird casting choices and a myriad of historical happenstance. Cinematographer Andrew Dunn’s filmy lens can only shave so many lumens, and instead of the warm sense of period, the baked harshness and blaring color design add a touch of gauzy nostalgia. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (READING CARMEL MOUNTAIN; READING TOWN SQUARE)

Narco Cultura — Edgar Quintero lives in Los Angeles and writes songs about Mexican drug dealers, painting them as badass outlaws. Richi Soto is a crime-scene investigator in Juárez, a city that saw over 3600 murders in 2012. (In 2006, that number was 320. Then the drug wars came to town.) Director Saul Schwarz tells both their stories in his attempt to paint a portrait of Mexican drug culture, and if the back-and-forth feels heavy-handed at times, well, it’s heavy material. And the back-and-forth isn’t always so back-and-forth: Quintero is invited to hang with the gangsters, and Soto

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hears the drug ballads at a family party. Unflinching, brutal, fascinating, and horrifying, this documentary includes enough narrative intrigue for four or five features, starting with the luxury grave-maker at the film's end. 2013. — M.L. ★★ ★ (AMC PALM PROMENADE)

Nebraska — Will Forte plays along with his demented dad Bruce Dern's false notion that Dern has won first prize in the Publisher's Clearinghouse sweepstakes and joins the old man on a road trip from Montana to Nebraska to claim the million dollars. The subject matter should appeal to the *On Golden Pond* crowd; meanwhile, director Alexander Payne banks on outmoded black-and-white cinematography to reel in the hipsters. Payne is not a skilled enough filmmaker to manage the neat trick of simultaneously embracing and ridiculing his depthless midwesterners, and much of the film is colored by condescension. Worth seeing, if only as a reminder of both Dern's ability to command a character and, more importantly, his long absence from feature parts, an absence we can probably blame on Hollywood ageism. Awards voters had best pencil in June Squibb, whose hammy one-note performance as Dern's fusspot spouse is bound to be to their liking. With Bob Odenkirk and Stacey Keach. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Oldboy — Spike Lee's remake of Chan-wook Park's celebrated tale of a man who is mysteriously imprisoned and then just as mysteriously released has plenty of spattered brain matter and sadistic gut-punches. What it lacks is the original's creepy heart. The villain of this piece needs to be Lecter-level compelling; rarely seen, yet unforgettable, simultaneously attractive and repulsive. Sharlto Copley renders him as just another freak of the week with a master plan. The love interest needs to be a broken doll in need of tender ministrations; Elizabeth Olsen gives us a crusading angel with issues. At least star Josh Brolin is effective: a bull of a man, first rampant, then tormented, then vengeful. Lee, for his part, shows that he knows his way around a montage, and screenwriter Mark Protosevich hits upon an interesting twist for the story's... difficult ending. With an oddly cast Michael Imperioli and a weary Samuel L. Jackson. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)



Narco Cultura: Bad guy music

Out of the Furnace — Reviewed this issue. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Philomena — A snooty journalist (Steve Coogan), remiss when it comes to covering human interest stories, rides shotgun on a road trip with a bemused mother (Judi Dench) in search of the son who, decades earlier, was taken from her and sold for adoption by corrupt Irish Catholic nuns. Coogan tries his hand at serious drama for the first time here, and the enormously talented writer-comedian — unable to put aside the mugging and under-his-breath one-liners — frequently steers this fact-based, remorse-laden-enough-as-it-is jaunt in the direction of another gooey Guilt Trip. Director Stephen Frears signed it, but this picture is clearly a case of actress as auteur. Dench's illocutionary skill constitutes a classic exemplar of an actress grounding her character in the context of real-life human existence. The woman is incapable of delivering one false gesture. Spoiler alert: the seemingly adventitious autographed 8x10 of Jane Russell nailed to the Sister's wall will find its explanation in reel five. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Punk Singer — Like the subject it represents, documentarian Sini Anderson's cheerily rough-around-the-edges fanzine account of Kathleen Hanna, the

punk-rock visionary with the Valley Girl accent, is focused, engaging, vastly profane, and paced at a lightning clip. The undisclosed reason for Hanna's sudden departure in 2005 as lead singer of the influential band Bikini Kill is the impetus behind the film. With a wide variety of fuzzy VHS home videos to choose from, Anderson starts at childhood — dad made his embarrassment public and mom, a sadistic nurse, let her daughter hit the deck in a game of “trust me, I'll catch you” — and takes us through a whirlwind history of third-wave feminists. The first to introduce the concept of unisex mosh pits, Hanna was also the one who provided Kurt Cobain with the title “Smells Like Teen Spirit.” 2013. — S.M. ★★ ★ (DIGITAL GYM)

Rush — Ron Howard, bloodied by the flopping of *Cinderella Man* but apparently unbowed, returns to the based-on-a-true-story sports movie. Here, he's gone to exotic, fleshy '70s Europe and the world of Formula One, where every race carries with it a 20 percent chance of death. Beautiful, brash British bad-boy James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth) is pitted against his analytical, awkward Austrian automaton arch-rival Niki Lauda (Daniel Bruhl). Neither is very appealing, which makes their rivalry more interesting but less compelling. While Hunt's grand flirtation with the Reaper is understandable, It's never quite clear why Lauda races — at one point, he says he'd do something else if he could. So naturally, he's the one who suffers, even if he might be the better racer. The whole thing looks great; sadly, Howard can't help but make his characters spell things out for anyone who's missed the point. Not very European. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)

Silent Night, Deadly Night (1984)

— When people talk about how bad movies were in the 80s, what they really mean is how awesome movies were in the 80s. A brilliant commentary on the emasculation of Santa Claus, who has seen all his terrifying judgment stripped away by the Coca-Cola corporation. Viz. France's “Father Spanker,” or Austria's Krampus. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Smokey Joe's Café — The longest running revue in Broadway history comes to the big screen in a live theatrical

performance: 39 classics from Leiber and Stoller, including “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” “Spanish Harlem,” and oh yeah, “Fools Fall in Love.” (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Smurfs 2 — Columbia's synopsis: “The evil wizard Gargamel creates a couple of mischievous Smurf-like creatures called the Naughties that he hopes will let him harness the all-powerful, magical Smurf-essence. But when he discovers that only a real Smurf can give him what he wants, and only a secret spell that Smurfette knows can turn the Naughties into real Smurfs, Gargamel kidnaps Smurfette and brings her to Paris, where he has been winning the adoration of millions as the world's greatest sorcerer. It's up to Papa, Clumsy, Grouchy, and Vanity to return to our world, reunite with their human friends Patrick and Grace Winslow, and rescue her! Will Smurfette, who has always felt different from the other Smurfs, find a new connection with the Naughties Vexy and Hackus or will the Smurfs convince her that their love for her is True Blue?” OMG! What do you think? 2013. (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

Thor: The Dark World — If you're here to watch the struggle between handsome Asgardian hammerman Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and his wounded, wicked brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston), you're in luck. There's plenty of it, and it's easily the best thing about this (frequently pretty) mess of a movie. (Anthony Hopkins even rouses himself from his late-career torpor to deliver some authoritarian frisson as Big Daddy Odin.) You're also in luck if you've ever wanted to mash up *Iron Man 3*, *Prometheus*, *Star Trek*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Avengers*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, and *Star Wars*. But do you really want battle scenes that mix swords, laser guns, regular guns, transporter beams, anti-matter grenades, and magical hammers? For that matter, do you really want a film that veers from wacky farce to rom-com to sci-fi to horror to family drama to action-adventure with all the grace of a toddler armed with a TV remote? 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to

Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber's extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood's besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don't believe what's happening to me,/ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton's fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV's *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams's *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there's a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993. — D.S. ★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

Tlatelolco, Summer of '68 — Some phrases don't really require translation: “Un tiempo donde su amor era prohibido. Un tiempo donde todo era prohibido.” Sexual upheaval and social upheaval go hand in hand! (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

The Wolverine — Credit director James Mangold and three screenwriters for trying something new with the superhero genre. Instead of a global threat that threatens the globe, the beclawed Logan must solve a *Big Sleep*-style mystery set in Japan. There's even a cleverish play on the world-weary detective: our nearly immortal hero is so world-weary that he flirts with death (embodied by his dead lover Jean Grey). There's even some talk of what makes life meaningful! But remember how *The Big Sleep* was ridiculously overstuffed, needlessly complicated, and redundantly repetitive to the point of near-silliness? Yeah, here too. And star Hugh Jackman, while he does get many chances to display his remarkable physique, doesn't get much to compare with Bogey's dialogue. Also disappointing: Japan seems valued more for its scenery and costumes than anything having to do with its character. Oh, well — we'll always have action scenes. With Tao Okamoto, Rila Fukushima. 2013. — M.L. ★ (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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Frozen 3D (PG) Fri-Sun. (2:15) 5:20, 8:30; **The Book Thief** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (2:00) 5:20, 8:30; **The Hunger Games: Catching Fire** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (2:00) 5:20, 8:30

DOWNTOWN

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A Miracle in Spanish Harlem (PG) Fri-Sun. 4:30, 7:00; **Silent Night, Deadly Night (1984)** (R) Fri. 10:00p.m.; **Smokey Joe's Café** (Not Rated) Sun. (12:30p.m.)

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
12 Years a Slave (R) Fri-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20; **Captain Phillips** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:20, 1:45); **Delivery Man** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; **Free Birds** (PG) Fri-Sun. (10:30, 12:30); **Frozen** (PG) Fri-Sun. (10:35, 11:25, 1:40, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Gravity** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. 8:05, 10:20; **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (2:35) 5:20; **Out of the Furnace** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 7:55, 10:25; **Philomena** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; **The Book Thief** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:10; **The Hunger Games: Catching Fire** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:00, 12:15, 2:20, 3:30) 5:45, 7:10, 9:00, 10:15; **The Royal Opera House: Les Vepres Siciliennes** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun.; **Thor: The Dark World** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:55, 1:30) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45 Sun. (10:55) 7:20, 9:45

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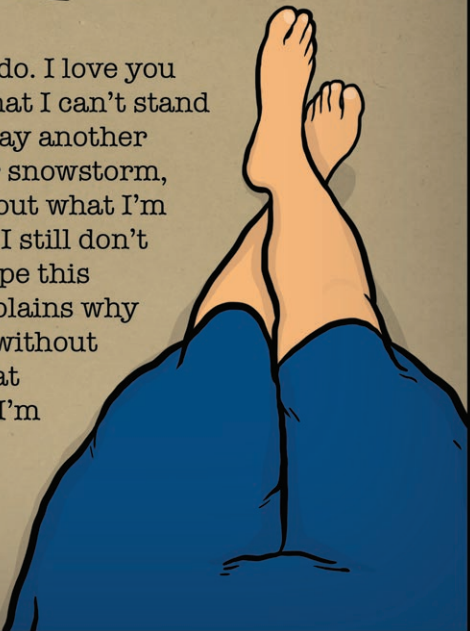
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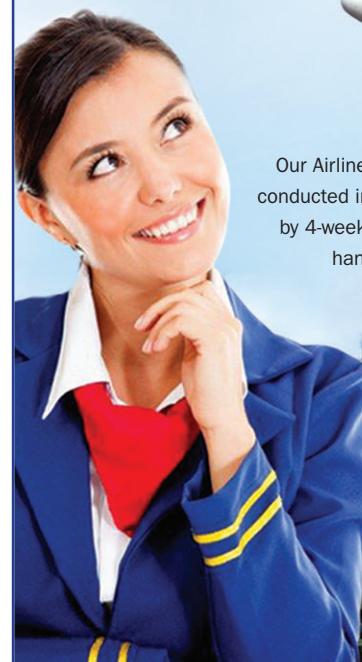
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OCEANSIDE

Always look right

Motorcycle crashes, rider survives

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, a motorcyclist traveling south on the Coast Highway in Oceanside hit a Toyota Sequoia, slid about ten yards, and ended up under a GMC Sierra parked in the Cream of the Crop parking lot located just south of Vista Way in Oceanside.

The Toyota, driven by a woman named Jessica, was also traveling south and was about to make a right-hand turn into the parking lot.

"I had my blinker on," said Jessica. "He hit me so hard, I didn't think it could have been a motorcycle."

The motorcycle then slid into the lot and ended up under the back of the GMC driven by a man named Chris.

Chris got out of his SUV to find the rider lying on the ground beside his motorcycle, which was wedged under the back of the truck.

Because the motorcyclist was transported to the hospital with injuries, Oceanside police officer M. Bussey was unable to pro-

vide his identity.

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DEL MAR

Where to find nice people

Thousands attend Good Guys car show

The largest custom-car show in Southern California, the Good Guys Fall Nationals, attracted thousands of car enthusiasts to the Del Mar Fairgrounds November 22-24.



This VW bug camper conversion, winner of the "Just Cuz It's Neat" award, was one of the most photographed cars in the show.

Over at the show area, Jim Sartor from San Marcos showed off his immaculate 1950 Ford Crestliner. He said, according to the various Ford clubs, there are only 87 running Crestliners in the country. I asked how much money he's put into the car's restoration. After a long pause, he shook his head, begrudgingly smiled, and said, "Sixty thousand, but half of that is in the motor."

He said he thinks it's worth it because he enjoys the car shows and the camaraderie

with the other car folks. "They're just very nice people." Jim attends up to 30 local car shows a year, sometimes three in a day.

Inside Bing Crosby Hall were 20 classic woodies, displayed as the ultimate all-American vehicle. However, one of the most photographed cars of the show was a VW bug with a camper conversion. It received the "Just Cuz It's Neat" award.

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SOLANA BEACH

Local pastor at the White House

Thought it was a joke, but it was the "real deal"

Late Sunday night, November 10, Solana Beach Presbyterian Church's senior minister, Mike McClenahan, decided to check his email. He clicked on correspondence that claimed to be from the White House. It requested his presence at a November 13 meeting in the West Wing, with the president.

In March, McClenahan called for a church task force to study the issue of immigration reform; to look at the law, how it affects the Hispanic members of his church family, and what the Scriptures say about the issue.

When he heard the immigration stories

of those in his congregation and of the Hispanic community near his church, he says, "I became an accidental advocate of immigration reform." On Wednesday, November



Solana Beach Presbyterian pastor Mike McClenahan (seated third from left, far side of room) at an immigration-reform meeting with the president and vice president

13, McClenahan, along with seven other immigration-reform proponents, had a one-and-a-half-hour meeting at the White House with President Obama, Vice President Biden, and senior advisor Valerie Jarrett. McClenahan said he had no idea what to say at the meeting. He was told to simply share the story of his congregation.

McClenahan states he supports the current proposed immigration-reform legislation, which includes border protection, and a long pathway to citizenship. "It is not amnesty. It's the same plan proposed by President Bush," he said.

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LEAD STORY

— A few still-primitive cultures celebrate such female adornments as the stacking of metal neck rings and the inserting of saucer-size disks into pierced earlobes. For “civilized” society, there is the annual Paris Fashion Week in September, when renowned designers outfit brave, otherwise-gorgeous models in grotesque clothing. Among the ensembles witnessed by a *New York Times* critic this year: a hat resembling steroid-enhanced stalks of peas; a shoe appearing to sprout twig-studs; “a flexible cage covered in doughnuts of black satin”; and a pillow clutch with (for some reason) its own porthole.

Recurring Themes

— News of the Weird first reported successful “stool implants” among family members in 2007 (to cure infections such as *C. difficile* by introducing the donor’s “good” microbes to overcome an imbalance of “bad” bacteria in a relative’s intestine). In 2012, however, two University of California, Davis, neurosurgeons extended the cutting-edge treatment for three patients with a highly malignant brain tumor unresponsive to treatment. The doctors tried infusing bowel bacteria directly into the tumor, but the patients died, nonetheless. Although the patients had given fully informed con-

sent, the school in August 2013 pressured Drs. J. Paul Muizelaar and Rudolph Schrot to resign for having violated internal and FDA procedures.

— It is well known that hospitals charge for medical supplies far in excess of what the products would cost at drugstores, but an August *New York Times* investigation of “saline drips” vividly demonstrated the disconnect. Though Medicare reimburses \$1.07 for a 1-liter plastic bag of saltwater (supplied by a subsidiary of Morton Salt), White Plains (N.Y.) Hospital charged patients’ insurance companies like Aetna \$91 per bag. Other hospitals decline to charge per bag, listing only “IV therapy” of, for example, \$787 for hooking up the drip.

— From the world’s cosmetic-surgery capital (South Korea, where one woman in five has had at least one procedure) comes the “Smile Lipt” offered by Aone Plastic Surgery in the city of Yongin, designed to produce a permanent smile (associated with success). The Smile Lipt turns downward-drooping lip corners upward, to allow a persistent smile resembling that of Batman’s nemesis, The Joker.

— Among the more repugnant paraphilias covered in News of the Weird is toilet-peeping — men who set up underneath the seats in public outhouses (sometimes wearing a raincoat) and wait for a user to answer nature’s call. In August, Kenneth

Enlow, 52, pleaded guilty after a woman found him the month before in a privy in White Water Park in Tulsa County, Okla., “standing with his head and shoulders out of the hole...covered in feces,” according to a deputy. Enlow’s initial explanation was that his girlfriend had knocked him unconscious with a tire iron and dumped him there.

Updates

— At Hong Kong’s traditional “Hungry Ghost” festival in August, in which people burn fake money on top of ancestors’ graves to support their after-life styles, a weaker economy and inflation seem to have upped the ante for the gifts. An August *Wall Street Journal* dispatch noted that the denominations of burnable “currency” sold in stores have appreciated, including one “valued” at one trillion Hong Kong dollars (US\$130 billion). (Some festival-goers asked, sensibly, about how the ancestor could expect change from such a bill if he needed to make a small afterlife purchase.)

— The family of the great Native American Olympic athlete and Oklahoma native Jim Thorpe (1888–1953) was so disappointed that the then-governor of Oklahoma would not properly honor Thorpe on his death that one faction of his family moved the body to Pennsylvania, where he had no discernible ties but where municipal officials

eagerly offered to name a town after him. Since then, Jim Thorpe, Pa. (current population, 4,800), has withstood legal challenges seeking to return the body to Oklahoma, including a recent federal court decision upholding the entire town as a Native American “museum.” One grandson said that Thorpe spoke to him at a sweat lodge in Texas in 2010, telling him to leave the body in Jim Thorpe, with “no more pain created in my name.”

— Anthony Alayne appeared in News of the Weird in 2003 for turning his Hinckley, England, home into a replica of the command center of *Star Trek*’s starship *Enterprise* (including transporter control, warp core drive, infinity mirror, etc.). When he later tried to sell it, he learned that, somehow, potential buyers failed to value the house as much as Alayne imagined. In September 2013, Alayne was back in the news as Leicester Crown Court sentenced him to 34 months in prison for viewing child pornography — a diversion that he blamed on years of depression following marital difficulties and of course the brutal real estate market.

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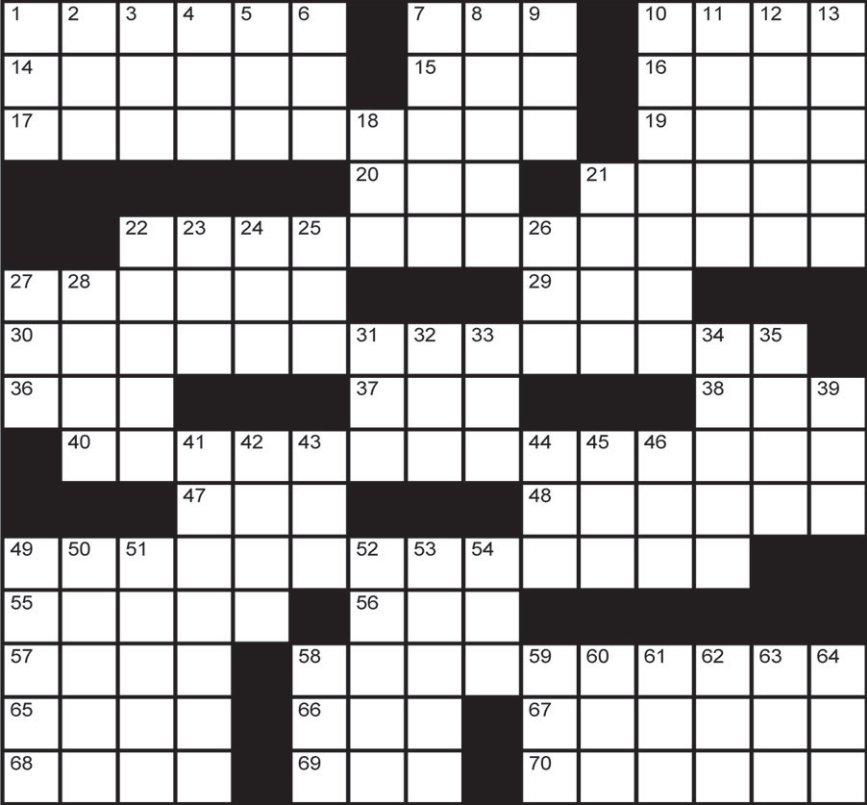
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Across

1. Medicine cabinet items
7. Quick swim
10. Stereo knob
14. Commensurate (with)
15. Lab eggs
16. As far as
17. Hey, pun lovers! This is an actual Chinese restaurant in Chicago!
19. In a day, say
20. Jeff Zucker took it over in 2013
21. Flip ____ (decide by chance)
22. Hey, pun lovers! This is an actual Southern food joint in Austin!
27. Pacific sultanate
29. Soccer or hockey follower
30. Hey, pun lovers! This is an actual burger place in Melbourne, Australia!
36. A, in Alsace
37. Company with a "Running Man" symbol
38. Players who spend most of their time on the bench, in brief
40. Hey, pun lovers! This is an actual hot dog stand in Nashville!
47. "Either you do it ____ will!"
48. How some kids spend the summer
49. Hey, pun lovers! This is an actual ice cream parlor in Gilbert, Arizona!
55. Abacus pieces
56. Young chap
57. Second word in many limericks
58. Hey, pun lovers! This is an actual seafood restaurant in Victoria, Australia!

65. Pine (for)

66. Seemingly forever
67. Quite soon
68. "____ she blows!"
69. Size up
70. Party people
- Down**
1. Theater ticket word
2. "It's ____-brainer!"
3. Son of a Beatle who has played with the Who
4. Decide (to)
5. Fan sound
6. ____ Lanka
7. "Runnin' ____ Dream" (1989 Tom Petty hit)
8. Joint czar with Peter I
9. Salary
10. "Boardwalk Empire" actor Steve
11. "That's ____ excuse!"
12. Impassive
13. One of the Corleones
18. It may be elem.
21. The love of Juan's life?
22. Drew in
23. "Your point being ...?"
24. ____ Speedwagon
25. "What's the ____?"
26. "Unbelievable" band
27. ____-ray Disc
28. Pasta, in product names
31. Scottish cap
32. It follows boo, woo or yoo
33. Seasonal helper
34. Writers Ferber and O'Brien
35. Carpentry leveler

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39. Equinox mo.
41. Small antlered animal
42. Blunders
43. Subsidy
44. Jokester
45. Neighbor of Sudan: Abbr.
46. Outer: Prefix
49. WWII ship sinker
50. 1999 Oscar winner for "Shakespeare in Love"
51. Vladimir's villa
52. Boy's name that means "the king"
53. Hall of Fame quarterback Bobby
54. Oscar-winning role for Forest
58. ATM charge
59. Pester
60. Antelope with a beard
61. Science guy Bill
62. Actors Harris and Helms
63. Yoga class surface
64. Yiddish laments

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- **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8.**
- **Henry Romero, San Diego, 8.**
- **Cheryl Knoble, San Diego, 5.**
- **Gabriel Torres, Chula Vista, 3.**
- **Jack Winans, San Diego, 1.**



The Film Reviews of Duncan Shepherd

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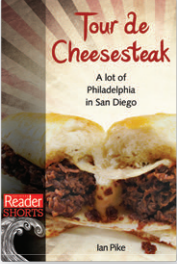
For 38 years, Duncan Shepherd served as the film critic for The San Diego *Reader*. The Five-Star Reviews collects those relatively few films that merited his highest indicator of priority, from 1924's *The Last Laugh* to 2009's *A Serious Man*.



Complete Guide to San Diego Breweries

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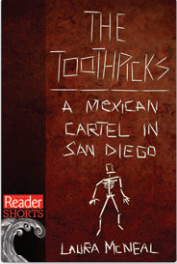
There is no place like San Diego when it comes to craft beer — nearly 80 operating breweries and roughly 40 in the planning stages. Whether you're looking for a brewery restaurant, lush beer garden, brewpub, or tasting room, all of San Diego's options are here.



Tour de Cheesesteak

99¢

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

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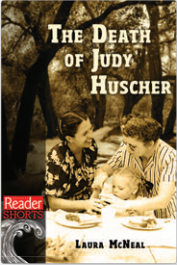
This is the chilling story of a kidnapping and ransom drop that led to the arrest of two Mexican cartel leaders currently on trial for brutal murders in San Diego. It started when Eddy Tostado gave the architect who was remodeling his patio the gate code. The architect shared the code with a member of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



The Last Meeting of the Dove Club

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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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RULES OF THE GAME

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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

EASY:

	4		5	9				
			7					3
8		7	4		3	6	2	
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			5	2			4	

HARD:

8							7	
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	7	2	3					
	9	8		3				
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- 4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our **new** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

MEDIUM:

			5	7			2	
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5			9					3
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	7			4	3			

EVIL:

5	7	2						
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			5		9			1
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

6	1	3	5	2	8	7	9	4
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7	3	6	2	5	1	9	4	8
2	9	8	1	4	7	5	6	3
5	4	7	3	6	2	1	8	9
3	6	1	9	8	5	4	7	2

HARD:

2	7	3	4	9	6	8	1	5
5	6	1	2	8	3	9	4	7
4	8	9	5	7	1	6	3	2
6	5	8	7	1	2	3	9	4
3	9	2	8	6	4	5	7	1
7	1	4	9	3	5	2	8	6
9	3	6	1	5	7	4	2	8
8	2	7	6	4	9	1	5	3
1	4	5	3	2	8	7	6	9

MEDIUM:

9	2	7	8	6	1	4	3	5
5	8	4	3	2	7	9	6	1
3	6	1	9	5	4	7	2	8
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1	5	6	2	4	3	8	7	9
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8	9	2	1	3	6	5	4	7

EVIL:

3	4	7	9	1	8	6	2	5
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 - Wang Tang, San Diego, 8.
 - Hideko Teske, San Diego, 8.
 - Ana Woodward, Winchester, 8.

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Epola619: Sunset at Balboa Park



valentina_deneken89: Birch Aquarium



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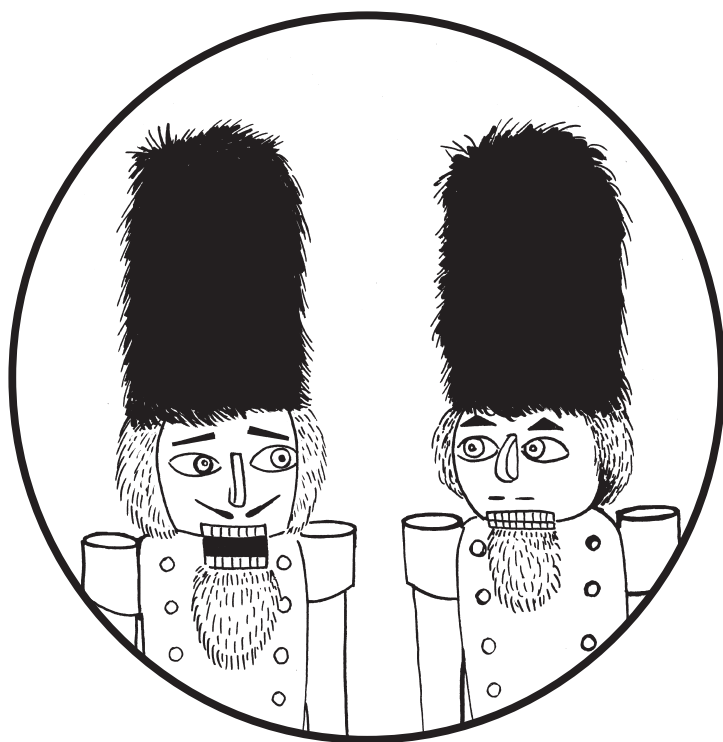
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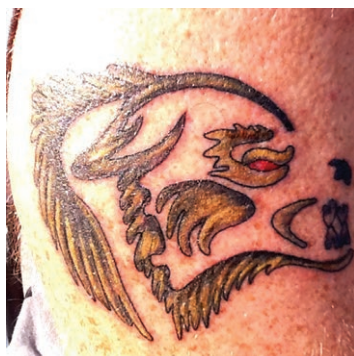
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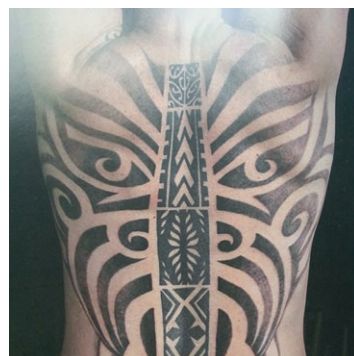
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doco: My tattoo is a portrait of my mom...taken late '50s era. I got the portrait portion of the tattoo in 2003 and it was after my mom passed away in 2009 that I had the writing added. It reads in Portuguese "Siempre em meu coracao...minha mae" which translates to "always in my heart...my mother." Chris Reynolds was the tattoo artist for my portrait and I am very happy with how the tattoo of my beautiful mom turned out. My friend Jeff did the written part of the tattoo. This is a very special tattoo and is a tribute to my mom, whom I miss very much. I am 44 years old and I work with dogs... boarding kennel and also volunteer at an animal rescue organization. Doreen Correia



rwolfhouse: My wolf in living color. From the Spiders Web in Idaho Falls. I'm retired and live in S.D.



mrjangee: My name is Greg Little, & I've been a flight attendant for 27 yrs. I became a stewardess so I could travel the world & surf. I quickly fell in love with all of the South Pacific islands. The culture, the surf, the people, music, and art. I have spent almost 30 yrs traveling these islands, & have brought back loads of art work. My tatau artist is Trevor Marshall. He is from the south island of New Zealand & now resides in Seabrook, New Hampshire. There are 4 islands represented on my back. New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa, & Fiji. I'm 48 as of today 11/16/13. I'm a native San Diego boy. Thx.....

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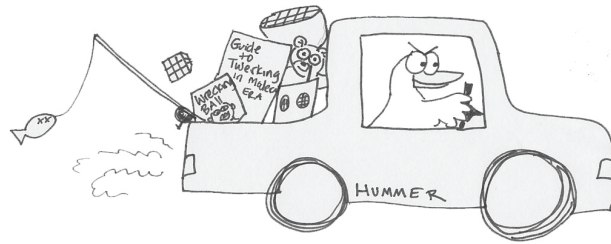
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She's lived in the same house her whole life—located in a Toronto neighborhood near Little Italy. She speaks English and French fluently, and it was her childhood dream to become a police officer. After a few spontaneous shoots with us, however, she's now got her sights set on modeling regularly. She has a favorite movie for every genre, which includes Juno, Titanic, The Sixth Sense and Silence of the Lambs. When she's not working at our Toronto Flea Market, you can find her hanging out with friends, shopping and eating pizza—her favorite food. She says that the best thing about working at American Apparel is that she can look around the store and pick out everything she wants in advance. She loves all of American Apparel's winter items because, "they're warm, comfortable and make your body look amazing." She's pictured here wearing the Cropped Fisherman Pullover, Easy Jeans and the Flannel Cap.

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