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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Psychologist loses license over meth

And a surgeon's scalpel is taken away
San Diego — The California Board of Psychology has suspended the license of Robert Edward Brizendine, PhD, for use of methamphetamine. He used it several times over a period of years, according to the hearing. In one case, a male dancer sold illegal drugs to the psychologist and took pictures of him using them. The psychologist paid the dancer \$8000 to keep silent.

And, Scripps Health hospitals denied Michael Michalski, M.D., staff membership and surgical privileges after it learned that Michalski had sexually harassed staff members at Sharp Grossmont hospital. The case went to the Fourth Appellate District, which agreed with the lower court's decision upholding Scripps' action.

Don Bauder

One honest thief

"Well, officer, I'm breaking and entering"
San Marcos — After officers witnessed a young man leap from a second-story window of a San Marcos home this summer, deputy Jason Allen asked him what he was doing. "He said, 'Uh, breaking and entering?'" The deputy recalled the moment for a judge in court on December 2.



PHOTOGRAPH BY EVA KNOTT

Caught in the act, Steven Donald Forsyth connected to another robbery.

The hearing was for Steven Donald Forsyth, 23, who was arrested on July 10 in the Via Vera Cruz neighborhood; he was later charged with burglary and grand theft. Deputy Allen said that cash and more than \$13,000 in stolen savings bonds were found on Forsyth when he was arrested.

The defendant was allegedly connected to the theft of an unusual sapphire-encrusted Rolex in Carmel Valley when an investigator ran his name through a database of pawnshop transactions. A woman testified that the glittery \$5000 watch was stolen from her home in March. The woman expressed dismay that the owner of the pawn shop wants her to pay \$1400 to recover her own watch.

"It's still there," she sighed.

Eva Knott

Hope they won't find us in the mountains

Back Country Voices aims to be heard, but not spied on

Julian — A crowd of about 30 gathered at the Julian Town Hall on December 4 for the second official meeting of the newly formed Back Country Voices, a group that sprung up in opposition to a plan that would turn most of Southern California into a federal testing ground for unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) of all sizes.



Back Country Voices Dave Patterson, Gabriela Rivera, and Bill Everett oppose drone testing in their neck of the woods.

"Our concerns are about safety, privacy, wildlife and, I think most importantly, quality of life," said local resident Kathleen Bennett when opening the meeting.

Ramona resident Dave Patterson, a long-time drone opponent via San Diego Veterans for Peace, spoke about large-scale drones manufactured by the local firm General Atomics currently being used along the U.S./Mexico border. According to Patterson, immigration officials have said that the drone surveillance is responsible for curbing "one percent, maybe two" of total illegal cross-border traffic.

Despite that limited effectiveness, Customs and Border Patrol officials have in recent years pushed for the purchase of more drones, a move that Patterson questions.

Gabriela Rivera, a staff attorney with the local American Civil Liberties Union office, observed, "It seems like all of the pieces are lining up for the introduction of routine aerial surveillance of the population. The problem is that laws related to privacy protection have been surpassed by technological advances."

Dave Rice

Harrowing tales of Lindbergh Field air traffic

Just what we want to hear for holiday travel
Lindbergh Field — The gleaming new terminals at San Diego's Lindbergh Field, seemingly the ultimate in 21st-century transportation technology, bely a troubled air-traffic control system prone to outages and human error that are, in the words of one anonymous pilot, "an accident waiting to happen."

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Tom Gildred believes his laundry is the "most innovative and environmentally responsible commercial healthcare laundry facility in the United States."

Gildred gets the award, but was he the innovator?

By Don Bauder

On June 13 of last year, Tom Gildred, chief executive officer of Emerald Textiles, got one of six San Diego "Entrepreneur

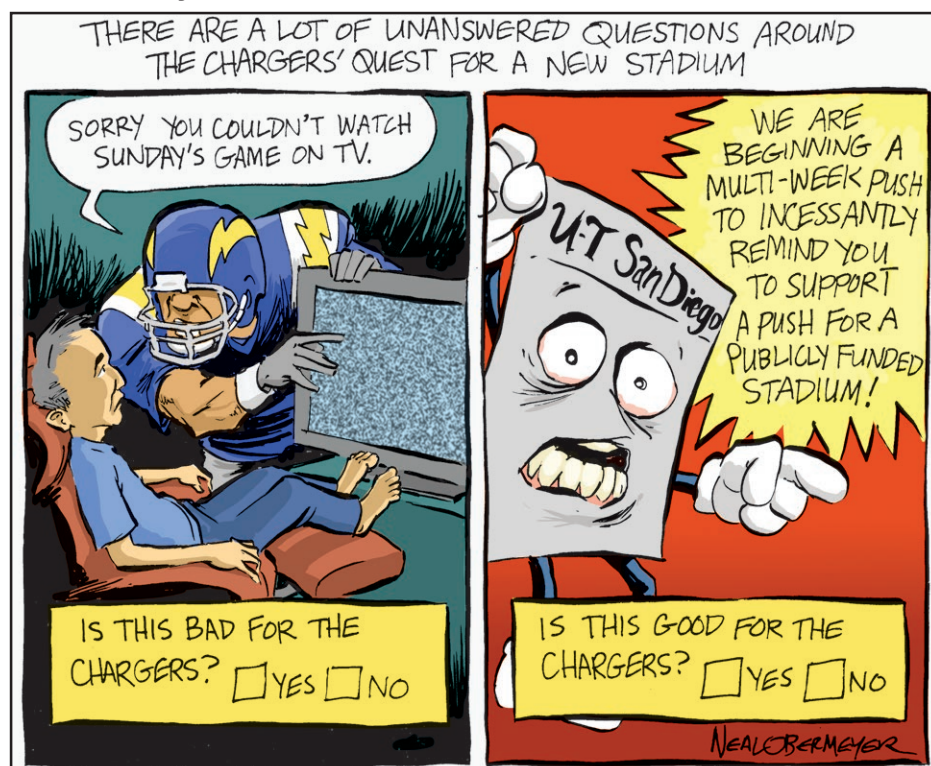
of the Year" awards from the accounting firm of Ernst & Young. The honor goes to executives "who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success

in such areas as innovation and personal commitment to their businesses and communities."

Emerald "operates the most innovative and envi-

ronmentally responsible commercial healthcare laundry facility in the United States," boasted a company news release, saying that in just two years, Emerald had corralled 70 percent of the hospital market in the county. This year, it claims it has 80 percent and is getting business in Los Angeles and Riverside counties and elsewhere.

Rave reviews piled up from fawning local media: "Gildred and his business partner, Bob Payne, decided to get into the health care laundry line after seeing what the current laundry

Neal Obermeyer

landscape was like, and realizing what could be done with new equipment,” enthused the *San Diego Business Journal*.

“With a background as an entrepreneur, [Gildred’s] interest was piqued, and two years ago he began looking into the healthcare linen business and didn’t like what he saw — heavy use of water, energy and chemicals; old, inefficient equipment,” gushed his hometown *Rancho Santa Fe Review*. Emerald started “with a blank piece of paper in March 2010 — no customers, no facility,” he told the publication.

The Gildred family has been prominent in San Diego since 1925. Tom Gildred is an official of the family-owned Gildred Companies, which is in real estate; he founded FMT Consultants and has been a director of Sharp HealthCare and the San Diego Museum of Art. His partner in Emerald, Bob Payne, is equally prominent: he has headed the Holiday Bowl and Super Bowl Task Force, and his name adorns the L. Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at San Diego State.

Gildred and Payne are San Diego luminaries. But — whoa, Nelly. Are they really the innovators who conceived the highly successful Emerald Textiles?

An October decision by the Fourth Appellate District of California tells a different story. The case is *Angelica Textile Services, Inc., vs. Jaye Park et al.* Before Emerald built its revolutionary plant, Angelica “controlled 90 percent of the hospital linen and laundry market in San Diego,” says the appellate court.

Jaye Park began work-

ing for Angelica in 1982. In 2008, Park, who had climbed to market vice president, went to Sharp HealthCare and Scripps Health and proposed that the two hospitals jointly run a new linen and laundry enterprise that would serve themselves and other Angelica customers. “Park prepared a business plan for the joint venture” that criticized Angelica’s “limited” and “aged facilities,” explains the appellate court.

In September of 2008, Sharp’s board decided not to pursue the venture, but “two members of the Sharp board, Tom Gildred and Bob Payne, became very interested in the opportunity to compete in the laundry service business in San Diego and began discussing with Park the possibility of starting an independent competing laundry service in the area,” says the appellate court.

“While still employed by Angelica, Park worked with Gildred and Payne throughout 2009 as the latter two organized a competing laundry business [Emerald],” explains the court.

And here’s the kicker: “*There is no dispute Gildred and Payne used the business plan Park had prepared in support of the proposed Sharp/Scripps joint venture in promoting their new enterprise, consulted with him, and used him in attempting to obtain financing.*” Indeed, Park went to a bank with photos showing that Angelica’s equipment was old. During 2009, while still working for Angelica,

Park arranged new contracts with Angelica’s San Diego customers, permitting them to break off with Angelica on 90 days’ notice.

So much for that “blank piece of paper” in 2010.

After more than two years of planning with Park, Emerald built the new \$20 million laundry in 2010 and Park quit Angelica to become chief operating officer at Emerald. Trouble is, explains the appellate court, while he was at Angelica, Park had signed a noncompetitive

agreement promising to devote his skill and attention to Angelica. He also promised that he would not “become interested, directly or indirectly, as a partner, officer, director, stockholder, advisor, employee, independent contractor or in any other form or capacity, in any other business similar to Company’s business.”

Not surprisingly, Angelica sued Park for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair competition, and interference with business relations. The case wound up being heard in two separate phases by two different superior court judges, Timothy Taylor and Joan Lewis. In essence, the trial court’s decision was that the charges such as breach of contract were tied to whether Park had stolen trade secrets, and a jury decided he had not. Thus, Angelica lost the whole suit.

Angelica appealed, although not challenging the jury’s decision. The company argued that the other charges, such as breach of fiduciary duty, should not have been tied to the trade-secrets theft question. The appellate court agreed, say-

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Bob Payne partnered with Gildred in the Emerald laundry venture.



Emerald’s chief operator Jaye Park helped start Emerald while working for competitor Angelica, who later sued him.

UNDER THE RADAR

Foodie’s acquittal Ex-San Diego city councilman and Democratic assemblyman **Ben Hueso**, suspected by California’s Fair Political Practices Commission of

chowing down gratis at a June 20, 2010, developer event, was let off the hook when he explained that the date was actually June 29 and he didn’t have time to grab any freebies. “Shea Properties paid for food at the press conference,” recounts a November 14 letter to Hueso from the commission. “You state that you did not eat anything at the event since you had to be at a meeting in your Council Office



Clinton didn’t inhale, and Hueso didn’t eat the free food at a developer-sponsored event.

at 1:30 p.m., while the press event, at which you were speaking, began at 12:30 p.m. and lasted for about one hour in a neighboring community. Copies of your calendar showing the relevant dates of activities on June 20, 2010, which was Father’s Day and spent with your children, and June 29, 2010, the date of the press release, were submitted with the explanation as well as the press release noting your speech. In light of this explanation, the Enforcement Division will not pursue the matter further.”

Legislative lounge lizard

December is the month for all kinds of partying, including political. In San Diego, the season kicked off last week with “Legislative Lounge,” at downtown’s U.S. Grant Hotel, a newly instituted function by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, led by ex-mayor **Jerry Sanders**.

“The event should be a fun awards ceremony to recognize some of the hardest working elected officials,” wrote Sanders in his Chamber website column, called “Out and About with Jerry.” Because he has been out of office for over a year, the Republican and local beer advocate can now freely lobby city officials without his good-old-boy style being

hindered by the city’s so-called revolving door ban on influence peddling. Democratic city councilman **Todd Gloria**, a faithful friend of the city’s hotel lobby who of late has preferred being called “interim mayor,” keynoted. Meanwhile, over at

Mission Valley’s Riverwalk Golf Club, local Democrats are holding their Holiday Party to Highlight Unity on December 15. “Mix and mingle with elected officials and candidates, including our featured guest speaker, San Diego Mayoral Candidate **David Alvarez**... Admission for \$40 will include heavy appetizers, a taco bar, and assorted desserts. A cash bar will also be available.”

A Missouri union outfit called “Jobs with Justice” has taken political partying to another level: “Join us for our annual ‘Holiday Party with an Attitude,’ where workers vote for what person or organization wreaked the most havoc on Missouri working families this year. Last year’s winners were Representative **Darrell Issa** (CA) in Kansas City and the Missouri Restaurant Association in St. Louis.” Issa will get better treatment

closer to home Saturday, December 14, when the San Diego County Federation of Republican Women stages its “Convention & Holiday Party.” The event features a “Fashion Show & Shopping,” along with speeches by Issa and GOP icon **Joe Arpaio**, the hard-line sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona. The event will be held at Mission Valley’s Town and Country Hotel, owned by local Republican kingpin **Terry Brown**, admission is just \$45.

Taxing dinner with Lorena and the two Brians

There are no free dinners, except for San Diego politicians. That’s the word contained in a lobbying disclosure report filed by the County of San Diego last month.

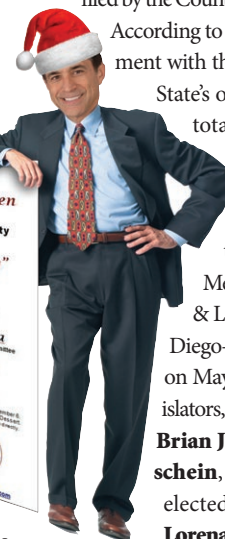
According to a recently amended statement with the California Secretary of State’s office, the county spent a total of \$104,007 on lobbying expenses during the second quarter of this year: \$54,961 was paid to Sacramento’s Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello, Gross & Leoni; \$30,110 went to San Diego-based Carpi & Clay. And on May 29, three San Diego legislators, Republican assemblymen **Brian Jones** and **Brian Maisenschein**, along with their newly elected Democratic colleague, **Lorena Gonzalez**, got treated to a free spread worth \$79 each at Sacramento’s posh Esquire Grille

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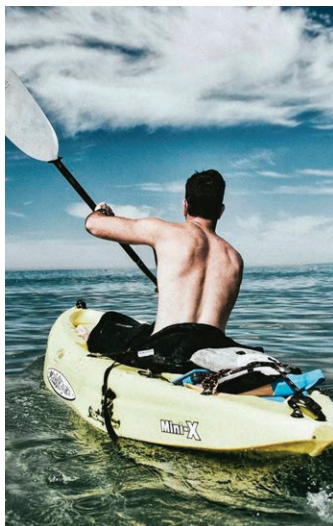
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San Diego’s Republican women love Darrell Issa, especially when he wears his Santa hat.



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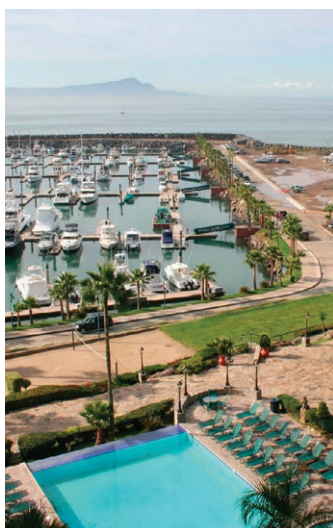


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Sloppy Work

I was quite surprised to read the article, “Border Patrol Combats Crowd of 100,” (News Ticker, December 5) and find typing and grammar error after error.

Do you know about spell check and other tools for proper writing? Wow; what sloppy work and poorly structured sentences. You guys are a joke!

Ricardo Jose Fiske
Escondido

To Find the Bite

I would like to suggest that Ian Pike give the address of the restaurant that he is reviewing. It would be helpful to know where it is located.

He did a review on Bite of Boston (“Fried Clams and Lobster Rolls at Bite of Boston,” December 5), and the only thing he said is that it is on Mission Boulevard in Pacific Beach.

He also did a review of Dunkin’ Donuts (“Sunny Donuts and the Incoming Dunkin’s,” December 5) and he gave four addresses of where I could find a Dunkin’ Donuts. But noth-

ing on where I could find Bite of Boston.

In the future, please give the address when you review a restaurant.

Mel Weisenberg
via voicemail

Donut Flaks

In the December 5 issue of the Reader it talks about a donut shop down there on Broadway in Chula Vista (“Sunny Donuts and the Incoming Dunkin’s”).

There’s a man who goes in there twice a week to buy donuts to take to AA meetings. He says usually there’s nobody in there and he can get waited on properly. He said that on Friday when he went in there, there were eight people in line in front of him.

I told him that the place had been written up in the Reader, and he said, “Well that explains it.”

They are good donuts. But it just goes to show you that people really do read the Reader!

Charlie
Chula Vista

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In the article about a great president who was killed (“The Kennedy Assassination’s Last Insider,” November 21), there is a coupon for a gun from California Police Equipment. “We sell to the public!”

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Ron
El Cajon

Abhorrent to Me

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IMPERIAL BEACH

Surfer survives near-death experience

Not breathing, no pulse...gets to "making conversation" in ER

Lifeguards in Imperial Beach used an electronic defibrillator to revive a 65-year-old bodyboarder on November 30 who lost consciousness while surfing with friends.

The victim was not breathing and had no pulse when lifeguards started CPR and used the electronic defibrillator, according to Imperial Beach authorities. Only "one shock" from the defibrillator was necessary for the man's heart to start beating and for him to start breathing on his own, authorities said.

He was reported as well enough to be "making conversation" in the ER department of Scripps Mercy Hospital in Chula Vista.

Lifeguards Art Ayala, Hans Kohler, Brittany Hansen as well as Sgt. Jason Lindquist received awards from the city.

VINCENT FARNSWORTH

CHULA VISTA

Big Spenders

More shady business in Sweetwater district?

When Arne Duncan visited Sweetwater's Castle Park Middle School in September, the school, and the district, went on a spending spree they couldn't afford.

In August, when the *Reader* inquired about preparations for Duncan's visit, district spokesperson Manny Rubio denied to the public and the media that any money was spent.

The *Reader* made yet another push for the requested expenditure information on October 15. The clerk of the board wrote this response: "There were items purchased for the school to use, but not specifically for Mr. Duncan's visit."

Continued attempts to obtain emails between the principal of Castle Park Middle School, Robert Bleisch, district superintendent Ed Brand, and district CFO Albert Alt were thwarted — until a source provided emails that reveal the truth.

Principal Bleisch wrote to Brand on July 25, 2013, "We just got word that Tyler, Arne Duncan's staff, will be visiting CPM [Castle Park Middle] on 8/8 @ 10:00. The purpose of the visit is to check out the facilities. As a result I plan to invest ASB [Associated Student Body] money ASAP to upgrade the cafeteria prior to this visit (\$5,000 for new stage, \$5,000 for new blinds, \$5,000 college banners.)"



Principal Robert Bleisch warms the new stage for Arne Duncan's entrance.

Bleisch's email goes on to ask Brand for support in getting: a fresh coat of paint in the cafeteria, 4-6 fans installed in cafeteria, and "college T-shirts" for students and staff.

On July 26, Brand responded to Bleisch's plea with an email to chief financial officer Alt, facilities manager Thomas Calhoun, and a cc to Bleisch: "Let's make it a reality."

As days go by, the exhortations for money for the Duncan event turn more worrisome. Data-gathering, which is a nationwide concern now in relation to Common Core Standards — appears to become a bargaining chip for money.

Data-gathering has recently emerged as a primary concern for opponents of Common Core Standards and Common Core assess-

ments. Federal laws governing privacy for student data were weakened in 2011. Across the nation, parents have expressed concern that student data will be shared with third parties.

Castle Park Middle School is a Chula Vista Promise Neighborhood school. Promise Neighborhoods are funded by the Department of Education and claim to offer "cradle to career" services. South Bay Community Services is the organization that oversees and distributes the \$60 million government investment in Chula Vista.

On August 2, principal Bleisch wrote to Alt: "By the way, FYI-SBCS [Promise Neighborhood/South Bay Community Services] is prepared to give my school a good chunk of change (over \$100K of PN money allocated last year for staff that was not used.) The catch is that they are kinda using the data-sharing agreement as leverage.) They promised to expedite this money transfer as soon as we deliver on the data agreement."

SUSAN LUZZARO

OTAY MESA

Conservation becoming a dirty word?

Fairy shrimp likely to close a Sweetwater Reservoir trail

More than 150 bicyclists, hikers, and equestrians heard less than good news on December 3, as the general manager of the Sweetwater Authority explained that a popular trail may be closed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Sweetwater must follow the law, so I have to prepare you for trail closure," said general manager Jim Smyth, his voice cracking as he said it.

The South Side trail wraps along the southeast edge of the reservoir. Though it's on water authority-owned land, the county has an agreement that allows the park to use the trails around the Sweetwater Reservoir.

Fish & Wildlife recently notified the water authority that fairy shrimp, an endangered species, have made a home in mud puddles caused by tire ruts along the trail.

"The message being sent to us is that conservation equals the loss of recreational facilities," said Jason Showalter, a commit-



Dwayne Severn and the map of the Sweetwater County Park and Reservoir

tee chairman with the San Diego Mountain Biking Association. "Conservation means keeping people out of recreation areas — conservation is becoming a dirty word."

MARTY GRAHAM

COMMENTS

The habitat for the fairy shrimp was created by trucks driving through mud creating pools. The same thing happened in Del Mar with off road trucks and ATV's. Studies have shown that the shrimp thrive in pools of muddy water that are disturbed often. The disturbance of the water churns up nutrients and oxygen on which the shrimp feed. So that shows that it is best to let trail users continue to use the trails. Trail users are seeing huge reductions in trail access in San Diego. Fish & Wildlife have closed trails in Del Mar, Sycamore Canyon, Mission Trails, Etc. All of these are so called "Mitigation" lands.

AARON MARTIN

Clearly the shrimp are just as happy in one mud puddle as another.

DAVE WADE

TIJUANA

Don't trust this coyote

Tijuana extortionist captured in the Zona Norte

José Manuel Rodríguez Lozano, 25, was detained recently in Tijuana's Zona Norte as a presumed member of a group of kidnappers that had been terrorizing people trying to cross the border.

According to Tijuana's daily *Frontera*, Rodríguez received 5000 pesos (about \$400)

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for each migrant he ensnared. Once the group had more than one border-crosser, they were taken to the mountains of Tecate, where they were told they could cross, but it would cost them between \$7000 and \$8500.

After they reached the mountains, the rest of the kidnappers arrived, armed, and robbed the victims of what they had and kept them as prisoners, soliciting money from relatives for their release.

T.B. BEAUDEAU

ENCINITAS

Christmas tree has its own address...seriously

Lights blew out all the circuits in '94

Encinitas local Louie Ortiz with his volunteer crew, Bob Joval and Surfer Mike, came together on December 2, as Louie has for the past 19 years, to string the lights on the city's tallest living Christmas tree.

Louie got the idea while sitting on the beach in 1994, looking up at the pine that stands just under 100 feet tall. He approached the homeowner, who gave him the okay to try to light up the tree. When they plugged it in the first year, it blew out all the circuits.

The tree has its own address — 406 4th Street — because, years ago, the group had to install a separate meter for the tree.

KEN HARRISON

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK

Payback time

Residents win against city

For many residents of Golden Hill and South Park, the fight to dissolve their maintenance assessment district was long, hard, and expensive. In 2011, more than four years after filing a complaint against the city, the residents were victorious. The maintenance assessment district was soon after invalidated.

On November 25, California's Court of Appeals ruled that the city will have to reimburse the residents for legal fees incurred during the drawn-out legal battle. The decision can be seen as a defeat for the city and the City Attorney's Office, which has spent countless hours fighting the lawsuit.

In fact, the city continues to refund the money collected as part of the assessment.

The issue of legal costs goes back a few years. The 2011 judgment failed to address the issue of legal expenses. So, in January 2012, residents filed a new motion, demanding the city reimburse them for any and all legal expenses. The city objected, stating that the residents, in their pursuit of dissolving

the assessment district, had failed to request that those fees be paid.

On November 25, the Fourth District Court of Appeals gave the residents their final victory, ordering that residents are entitled to fees. According to an unpublished ruling, "the court is ordered to consider the Association's attorney fees motion consistent with the conclusions reached in this opinion. The City is ordered to bear appellants' costs on appeal."

DORIAN HARGROVE

OCEAN BEACH

It's not about the shrubs I'll cut 'em again!

Ocean Beach resident Vince Adame and his lawyer Frank Gormlie, who also publishes the *OB Rag* community news website, drew a crowd of news media on December 3. The day before, district attorney Bonnie Dumanis's office agreed to drop felony vandalism charges against Adame for his involvement in a tree-trimming incident several months ago.

The crowd gathered outside one of a handful of properties Adame owns on the 5000 block of Niagara Avenue, known by locals as "Surf Check Alley" for its view of the ocean. Adjacent to the parking lot is a small strip of land that's also owned by the city, which Adame says he has periodically trimmed back

in order to prevent the homeless from taking shelter in the bushes.

"They'll be back in a year and a half," said Adame about the trees' growth rate, "and we'll be back down there trimming them again in a year and a half."

Adame has indeed drawn the ire of many



Vince Adame, at the business end of Surf Check Alley

in the community, as he has lodged complaints against the handful of annual festivals that convert the pier parking lot into a concert venue. And Adame has taken an abrasive tone in his dealings with the city and police over the presence of a police trailer in the parking lot.

"For years, I've been trying to move that trailer that's blocking the view," said Adame. "This [attempted prosecution] is about getting back at me," he continued, naming two officers he believed were responsible for the charges.

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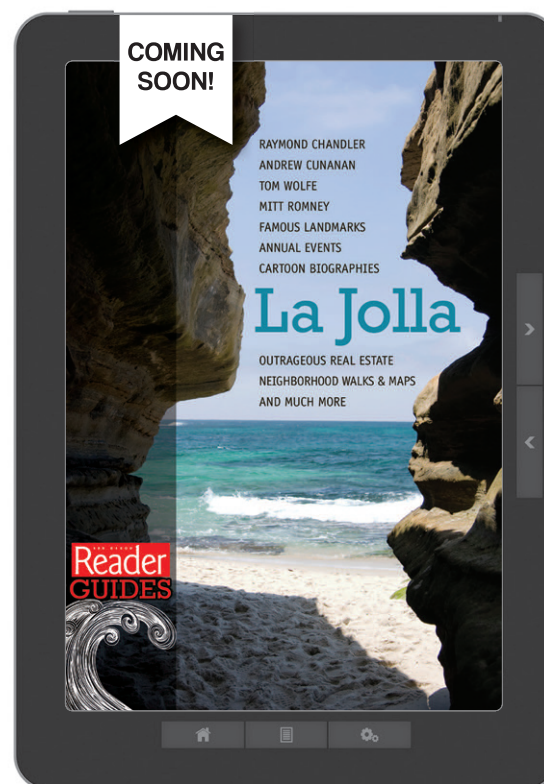
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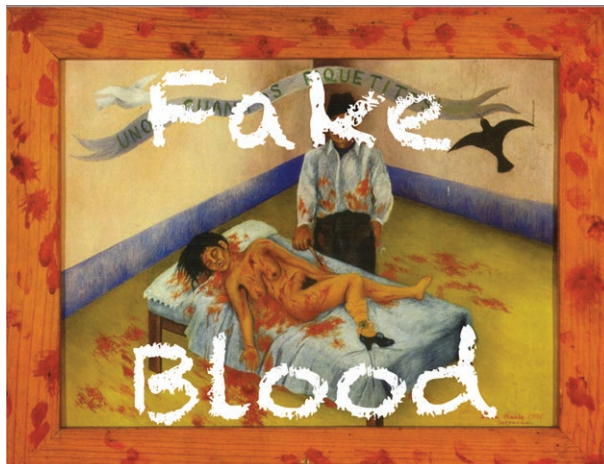


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Vandals deface Chinese-made copies of Frida Kahlo paintings in the Complete Frida Kahlo exhibit at Liberty Station

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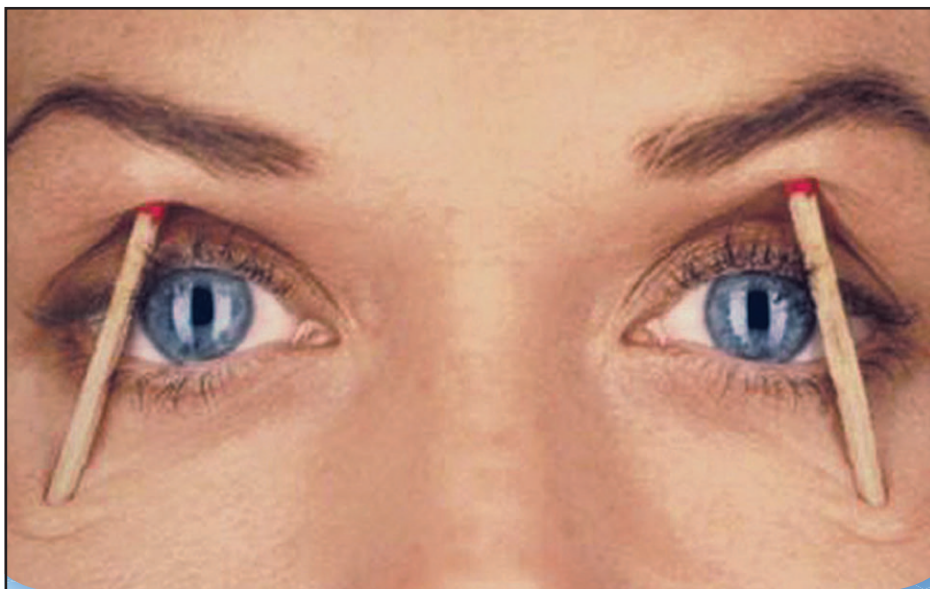
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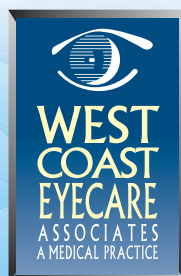
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

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Flyboarding — "Wow, they've had a 2012 World Cup. This is a real sport!"

The first Flyboard video I saw was a game-changer. There was a man in a wet suit, slowly emerging from the ocean. His head, now shoulders, now torso, grow out of the water. And then — BOOM! — the man shoots straight up at race-course speed.

He's wearing Iron Man boots, but instead of supernova light beams shooting out from the soles of his boots, there are impossibly powerful torrents of water shooting out from the soles of his boots. The man zooms 10, 20, 30 feet above the sea, then makes a figure eight, Iron Man shoes still blowing water, and dives back into the ocean. Time passes. He pops up over there, like a porpoise, just like a porpoise, zooms vertical again, three, four stories high.

Wow.

This is flyboarding, a sport, and more to the point, equipment, invented by Frenchman Franky Zapata in the spring of 2011. Since then, flyboarding has spread worldwide. Its YouTube video had 2.4 million views in 15 days. In October 2012, there was a Flyboard World Cup in Qatar. Another one in 2013, this time with competitors from 21 countries, including such beach-friendly nations as Poland and Estonia.

It's just beginning. When you're talking sports, and the lust people have to watch sports, the prospect of a new sport taking off, if you're on the ground floor, is the prospect of huge money.

Meet the ground floor: Jeffrey Blaine, 38, married, father of two boys, works in online marketing and advertising for the Victoria Conservatory of Music. He is the proprietor of *Flyboard Magazine*. Blaine took his first fly-

board ride in July 2013, began publishing *Flyboard Magazine* on August 1. Three months later he's in Qatar covering the Flyboard World Cup. I reached Blaine at his home in Victoria, BC. Follows is part of what he said.

"I had seen a video of flyboarding and been blown away by it. I thought, *Wow, they've had a 2012 World Cup. This is a real sport.*

"I went online and couldn't find anything to read about it as a sport. I would find the odd article that said, 'Here's Franky Zapata's crazy new invention.' It was very fragmented... so, I gathered up enough content until I felt confident I could launch on August 1.

"It's not like I turned it on and had a million unique views. It was the embracing and support from the flyboard community that told me I had done the right thing. They were really ready for this, really appreciative of this, and really wanted to support it."

Trip to Qatar: "I'm getting great support from Zapata Racing. They said, 'If you can get yourself over here, the rest is taken care of.' So, with a little bit of angel investment from family, I got my plane ticket together. I brought my cousin, who's a filmmaker. He had the gear and the knowhow. We went to Qatar and shot and interviewed.

"It's incredibly exciting. Certainly, coming back from the World Cup, I'm as excited as I could possibly be. The level of flying I saw [was] extreme. Certainly when you're 50 feet in the air doing double backflips and flying at crazy speeds, it can be extreme.

"But, also, it's a sport the general public can play. It can be the most gentle, fun, watersport to try. Water skiing and wakeboarding put a bit of wear and tear on the body. Flyboarding? A certified instructor can take care of you, gently raise you out of the water a few feet, you get your balance, you have a couple of fun falls from just a foot off the water — it's just a splash, it's nothing. And the next thing you know you're up four or five feet and you're hovering around, and you're starting to get the gist of it and you're having a blast. It feels very exhilarating, but it's very low risk.

"I think that has a ton of appeal and that's what's going to allow this sport to really, really grow. This sport is absolutely ready to blow up.

"Right now, I'm the lone wolf. It's not going to stay that way — I know that. Flyboard is starting to get on people's radar. The landscape is going to change over the next few years, but I've positioned myself, at least within the community. I've been here from the beginning."

Putting out the magazine: "I am honestly doing every single thing. That's the beauty of online. Barrier to entry is low. Nobody actually knows how many people are behind it. It's me running the show."

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by Dave Rice

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The home, built on 2.4 acres in 2002, has six bedrooms, eight baths, and 9337 square feet of living space. It sits at a



The 1250-square-foot pool features "hand-carved Italian stone lion head fountains."

slight elevation above the exclusive Del Mar Country Club and overlooks holes four and five of the club's golf course, as

well as one of the course's lakes.

"The slate roof and stone [driveway] pavers enhance the French

Country architecture of this remarkable estate," boasts the property's listing description. Pass through the solid walnut

front door, and intricate European design details are immediately evident, including the "substantial multi-layered crown mouldings and Versailles patterned oak hardwood floors" in the entry foyer and throughout the house. The walnut-paneled library houses one of four marble fireplaces inside the residence.

Other indoor amenities include a gym off the master bedroom, a wine-storage room with a 5000-bottle capacity, and a great room outfitted with a theater area with a secondary sitting area with a bar. The great room opens to the chef's kitchen, with "Brazilian sea foam green granite" counters, antique-finished cabinetry, and Thermador appliances.

Outside, lawns surround the home, while the

formal gardens include a European-style rose garden and a separate "Zen/meditation garden" that houses "rare and unique species, waterfalls, and a soothing Koi pond."

The backyard has several entertaining options, including a patio with seating around a large outdoor fireplace and decking around the pool and spa on the property's lower level. The 1250-square-foot pool features a raised back wall mounted with three "hand-carved Italian stone lion head fountains" as well as six bronze medallion fountains that empty into the pool.

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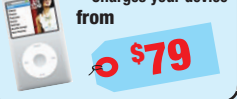
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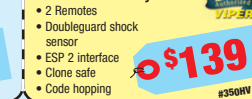
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"This year, I'm giving the kids the gift of raptors," said Patrick. Lord, help me, I thought he said Rapture. But, no: we have several sons who are nature enthusiasts, and Patrick had just stumbled across West Coast Sky Falconry (619-722-0092; skyfalconry.com) in Alpine.

"We are one of four falconry schools in the United States," said co-owner Denise Disharoon. "We offer the rare opportunity for the public to have an intimate interaction with a bird of prey. We offer two classes: the basic falconry class (one hour, \$70 per participant, \$35 per observer) and the hawk walk (90 minutes, \$140 per participant, \$70 per observer). We offer the basic class year-round, with summer sessions at Torrey Pines Glider Port, but the hawk walk is only in fall, winter, and spring, here on the side of Mount Viejas. That's because we don't fly our birds when it's over 80 degrees. (This also explains the class's early-morning start-time.) The hawk walk features amazing views and longer flights with the birds in a more natural environment."

Most people, she says, start with the basic lesson. "It includes a talk on raptor biology and conservation, plus the art of falconry and its history."

"People have been harvesting and hunting with hawks for over 10,000 years," added co-owner Kirk Sellinger. "Hawks have learned to tolerate our presence, and we've developed a symbiotic working relationship with them. We hunt and survive better together. I can put the bird on a tall perch and then go flush the bushes. The prey runs out — say, a pheasant or a jackrabbit — and the bird grabs it and kills it. Then I do what is called 'stepping the bird off.' I'll tear open the chest cavity of the prey and let the hawk eat the heart, the lungs, the liver — all the parts that I don't want. The hawk gets full, and I get the rest to take home for jackrabbit stew."

But, notes Sellinger, "it's always the bird's choice to continue the partnership. They can fly, and they don't need you to hunt. The term 'gentleman' comes from falconry — it means a man who can handle a female falcon. If you're not a gentleman to the bird, it will leave you."

Of course, the basic falconry class is a bit

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more...basic. "We glove everyone up with a gauntlet," says Sellinger. "Then we give you a tutorial on how to call the hawk to the glove and how to cast the hawk off from the glove. Everyone gets an opportunity to see a bird in flight. We also show how to throw the

lure — it's a big piece of leather tied to a string, and it simulates prey. We use it to train for hunting. There will also be time for pictures."

Disharoon and Sellinger have five hawks in their vertical-barred mew. "They're captive-bred working birds; that's the sort we have to have for our educational permit. But birds can also be harvested from the wild, and it actually has a positive impact on the population."

"Our birds are Harris hawks," says Disharoon, "which are pretty unique in the raptor world. They're the only mainland communal hunting raptor. They live and hunt in packs, much like wolves. This makes them great at reading body language."

"They're better for interacting with," adds Sellinger. "They're calmer and easier to handle."

If you should happen to fall in love with falconry after your experience at West Coast Falconry, it's possible to delve further in. But be prepared to invest some time and money.

"You need to have a two-year apprenticeship with a general-level or master-level falconer," explains Sellinger. "And since

there are only 3500 falconers left in the United States, and they can have only three apprentices at a time, finding a sponsor is often the hard part. The sponsors are all different, but they'll teach you how to handle the bird, how to build the hawk house, and what equipment you need to get. The initial equipment cost will probably run \$1000 to \$2000. Plus, there's a written test. If you're interested, you can visit the California Hawking Club at calhawkingclub.org and click on the 'Apprentice' tab."

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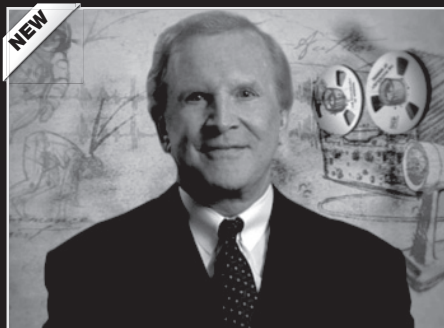
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GRAFFITI ARTIST ARMOR PAINTED THIS MURAL AT SILO IN THE EAST VILLAGE.

There's no feeling equal to tagging

"Graffiti is a billboard for gangs," Jose Lopez says while shielding his eyes from the morning sun. We are standing on the back porch of his City Heights bungalow looking out over the canyon below. Perched atop a hill, directly across from us, a graffiti-covered fence is discernible. Lopez shakes his head in disgust. He points a finger and says, "That [graffiti] means something. It's up for commercial purposes. If it says ESD, that stands for East San Diego [a local gang.] The number stands for the territory. The message after that is what they can supply. It tells the people who can read it what they have available, whether it is drugs or prostitution."

The tagging aggravates Lopez more than usual

because two days earlier he and a crew of other volunteers spent the day painting over graffiti in the same area.

Lopez serves as president and founder of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, a sub-

"You can't just throw anything up and get respect from other people. It had to be good."

neighborhood within City Heights established in 1997. The association's main goal is to keep their portion of City Heights crime-free. Getting rid of graffiti is a top priority. Lopez applied for and received a grant from the City of San Diego called

"Paint the Blight-Out Program," totaling \$6500. The money was used to purchase buckets of paint, rollers, and brushes to eliminate the vandalism and to paint utility boxes in Fox Canyon.

Before the grant, and prior to Fox Canyon becoming a sub-community of City Heights, Lopez describes his neighborhood as a sketchy one.

"We had gang houses that ran prostitution and narcotic rings. Now, [the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association] makes it a point of knocking gang members' houses down. We have deemed 42 neighborhood homes nuisances," Lopez says with satisfaction.

I follow behind him as he walks the length of



"These poor trees," Gonzalez says, "but everything in the yard is fair game."

his porch and opens his back door. We step inside a powder-blue kitchen. Shutting the door behind us, Lopez locks multiple padlocks. To the right, a row of gold-flecked goblets hang neatly in a row above his sink. Underneath the crown moulding and above a door leading to the master bedroom, a plexiglas-

enclosed shelf houses a boxy TV that serves as a surveillance unit.

"I installed that after being robbed," he tells me.

Lopez has motion-detector floodlights equipped with cameras hung around the perimeter of his house. Directly across the street from his modest home, he had the

city install a street light that he paid the monthly \$21 fee to operate until recently when the city began picking up the tab.

Lopez walks into the living room and sits down on an antique wooden chair to strap on a pair of heavy black boots.

"A neighbor called me this morning about some graffiti on Euclid. I need to take photos and send them to Officer Roman," the police officer that works with Jose's Fox Canyon neighborhood on graffiti abatement. "I can give you a tour of the neighborhood," Lopez offers.

In the driveway, Lopez unlocks the doors to a shiny black BMW and then walks a few more feet to unlock the chain-link fence that surrounds his property. He backs the car out of the driveway before getting out again to lock the gate behind us.

We drive up Lantana Drive, turn left on Dwight Street, and then right on Euclid. A few minutes later we pull over in front of a liquor store. Swatches of mismatched paint cover the exterior of the store. A spot on the wall next to a vend-

ing machine is tagged in black spray-paint. The vending machine has been decorated with spray-paint as well. Lopez gets out and photographs the vandalism. Minutes later he gets back in the car. Lopez pulls over on Winona Avenue. He parks his car in a dirt lot at the mouth of the canyon we viewed from his back porch.

A concrete wall borders Chollas Creek. It's covered in graffiti.

"We come out here regularly to paint over this but they always paint over it again right after. It's like we're doing them a favor, like they find glory in it because they have a blank canvas to paint on," Lopez says.

Lopez wants the city to put a two-lane, 24-hour, street light-illuminated road through the canyon.

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“We believe that environment lends itself to crime. All sorts of illegal activity happens down here, but they won’t put a street in. They say [the canyon] is an environmental jewel. Look at this...this is an environmental jewel?”

Lopez motions to a spot of graffiti that has a bright red line through it, and adds, “What happens is, this here is East San Diego claiming the area. If someone comes over and writes a line through it and writes another graffiti, that’s a sign of a turf war. When there is a turf war, they don’t sit down like Mr. Barack Obama and the president of Syria. They aren’t going to talk diplomacy; no, they are going to do a drive-by shooting.”

Lopez explains that when he spots graffiti he can’t paint over it right away. He follows procedure, sending photos to Officer Roman, who then enters the artwork into the system. If a graffiti arrest is made, they can potentially track



Even the Writerz Blok skate park is painted.

the vandal’s tag back to photos in the system and indict the tagger for other work found in the neighborhood.

In 2011, the City of San Diego’s Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee announced the implementation of the Graffiti Tracker Program, a web-based system that aids in identifying graffiti vandals.

Photographs of graffiti are entered into

a database, enabling law enforcement to keep track of vandals. Signatures and other identifying features are repeated by taggers. Information is kept in a database that police and prosecutors can pull from to determine a tagger’s patterns or geographic areas.

In 2011, 82,482 incidents were entered into Graffiti Tracker by local jurisdictions. That year, the greatest number of incidents were entered

by the City of San Diego (22,563), followed by Vista (15,124), Escondido (7863), Oceanside (5811), and National City (5025). Sheriff’s contract cities and the unincorporated areas entered a total of 28,035 other incidents.

The City of San Diego estimates that over \$1 million each year is spent on eliminating graffiti. That total doesn’t include the amount spent by public agencies, utility companies, and citizens

to remove graffiti from their properties. Nationwide, the American public spends nearly \$12 billion each year on graffiti removal and education.

In 2011, taggers were ordered to pay more than \$783,000 in cleanup costs to the City of San Diego.

Graffiti saved my life

Armor, a local graffiti artist, was one of the unlucky taggers who paid a hefty fee and did jail time for a graffiti arrest. In 2010, Imperial Beach police officers arrested and charged Armor (then 22) with 218 counts of vandalism. Officers pulled him over for a DUI and found sketch pads and drawings signed with the name “Slow” in his vehicle. From the moniker in the sketch books, officers were able to link him to graffiti around town. He pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$87,000 in restitution. Armor was sentenced to a year in Otay Mesa’s George Bailey Detention Facility. He served six months.

I meet Armor at

Café Virtuoso in Barrio Logan, near his East Village apartment. He’s 25 but could pass for a high-school student. Clean-shaven and unassuming, he wears a white T-shirt evocative of the stark backgrounds taggers crave. Armor looks like the kind of guy you wouldn’t mind your daughter dating. “I saw this guy wearing a shirt that said ‘Graffiti Saved My Life,’” he says between sips of coffee. “For me, that’s true. Graffiti did save my life. It gave me something to focus on.”

“I attempted suicide when I was 15. I was in and out of mental hospitals at that age. One of my doctors sent me to a hospital in Utah for mentally unstable youth. I went into orientation housing with a guy from Chicago who was a graffiti artist. He taught me everything there is to know.”

Armor discovered that art — albeit illegal — helped him escape from the reality of his situation. He found solace in creating. “At that point in



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my life I was struggling a lot. I had a lot of bad experiences that were hard for me to deal with at that young age. Graffiti kept my mind at a place where I had a goal. I needed something to be extreme. I needed something to be overwhelming to keep me on track and keep me away from worse things," Armor tells me.

When Armor recollects his early days as a graffiti artist, there is a lift in his voice. He transforms from a shy introvert into a confident young man. "There is no feeling equal to [tagging]. For me, it was the best thing, because there were all these factors. I had to perform if I wanted respect. You can't just throw anything up and get respect from other people. It had to be good. I had to take my time. I had to have clean, calm lines."

Armor did that all while worrying about being busted by the cops or being attacked in the rough neighborhoods he painted in. He soon picked up the ironic nickname Slow, thanks to a nearly supernatural ability he had of escaping approaching police officers. The moniker was given to him by another tagger. They were spray-painting the side of a building when his friend spotted police officers drawing near.

"He turned to warn me, and I was already running down the street."

After that, Armor started signing all his work with the name Slow, a signature that later led to his apprehension. He has since changed that name to Armor.

Unlike many other taggers, Armor didn't paint with a crew. For the most part, he was a solo

artist. Because of that, he had a few harrowing encounters. He recounts startling moments of being beaten, stabbed, and having a gun pulled on him while painting.

"I was near 13th and Elm Street [in Imperial Beach] in an alley way that had sheet wall fences. It's an area where people used to paint a lot. I didn't realize that it was purely gang territory. That's the downside of being a solo artist: you don't have someone to tell you these things. I painted a wall and that was a big mistake. [A group of four guys] came behind me, grabbed me, took me to the ground, and stomped my head out. They just kept beating me. I took one shot to the face and it split my lip. My head started buzzing and I knew if I didn't get out of there I might never get up. My adrenaline hit me fast. I popped up and got away. I don't even know how," Armor recalls.

When Armor talks about his arrest two years ago, he still grimaces over the idea that all his previous art work is gone.

"I had pictures of my work but the [police officers] took all my cameras and my sketch books. They did it again when I got out of Bailey. I was getting ready for an art show and they took all my sketch books. The gang unit was sent after me and they took everything, hundreds of hours of work. They assume you're going to spend your whole life in jail. They are more concerned with putting you back in than giving you a chance to rehabilitate," Armor says in frustration.

"He's Mexican and an artist, people trusted him."

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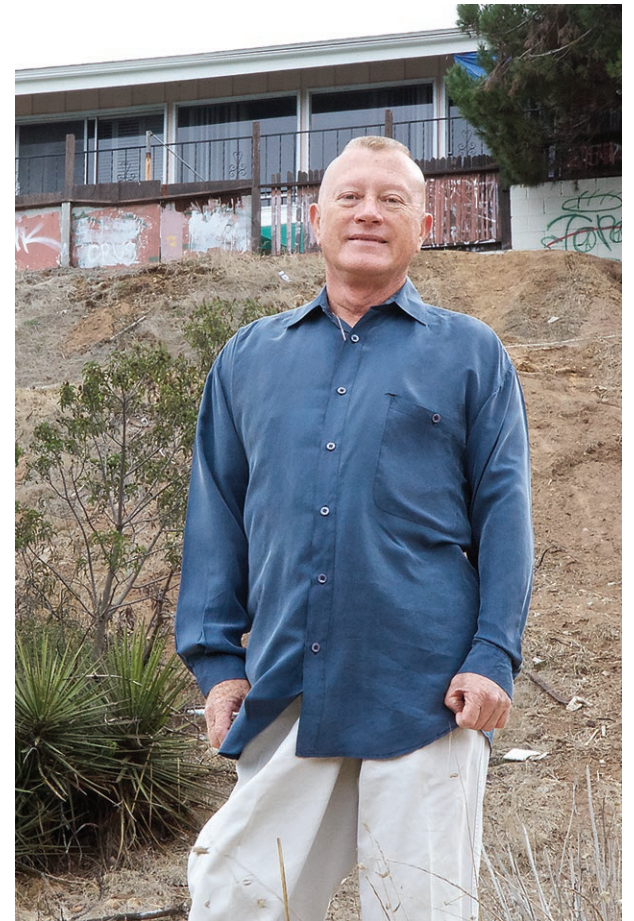
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"These poor trees," Sergio says with a smile, "but," he adds, "everything in the yard is fair game."

Thirty-year-old Gonzalez is the finance manager at Writerz Blok. He grew up in the neighborhood, Lincoln Park. He started tagging when he was 14. His brothers were in gangs. They had tattoos with elaborate letters. Sergio was drawn to the art work. He started copying the letters in his brother's tattoos with paper and pen and later graduated to spray-paint.

"I never wanted to be in a gang. There was a difference between being a gang member and being a tagger. In a gang you are



Jose Lopez received a \$6500 grant to fight graffiti in his Fox Canyon neighborhood.

involved in a clique and you run with them. Taggers are cliques, too, but we weren't subjected to one neighborhood. We had to go out to different neighborhoods and write our name and let people know who we were and have this identity. Here in this neighborhood,

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hoods. The [Pit] was kind of safe. I used to paint on the gutters. That's when I met Jose and we had the same love of graffiti."

Jose Venegas was instrumental in creating Writerz Blok alongside Gonzalez and is now the production manager.

In 1998 the Jacobs Family Foundation started building a property in Lincoln Park. They brought along bright white trailers and trucks. "Jose and I looked at them as blank canvases. We thought, *Man, we got to hit those*," Gonzalez recalls with a chuckle.

What proceeded Gonzalez describes as a cat-and-mouse game. Armed with spray-paint, Venegas and Gonzalez painted the trailers and vans in the middle of the night. The next day they would find their artwork painted over. They repeated the cycle several times until the Jacobs center was fed up.

Instead of calling the cops, the Jacobs center decided to attempt an outreach with the taggers. They hired muralist Victor Ochoa, who worked on Chicano Park,



Former street tagger Sergio Gonzalez now works at Writerz Blok outdoor art space.

to work on a project with the taggers.

"Victor Ochoa went out into the neighborhood to find the kids responsible for tagging over the trucks. It didn't take him long; he's Mexican and an artist, people trusted him. We were approached about working with him on a project," Gonzalez says.

Venegas and Gonzalez were hesitant to get involved. They thought that maybe it was a ploy or some sort of sting operation that would get them arrested. When free paint was promised if they met with Ochoa, the pair agreed.

They began meeting Ochoa every Wednes-

day. Their first project was painting on an old abandoned building off of Euclid. While working, Ochoa talked to the boys about art. He talked to them about the struggles he had as an artist. They grew to trust and respect him.

Soon the Jacobs family donated funds to build a facility, and the Writerz Blok art-park concept was dreamt up. "I had a choice to get out and do something positive," Gonzalez says. "I found a way to take something they saw as a nuisance and turn it into an actual career. And I'm helping my community."

Gonzalez can already see changes in Lincoln

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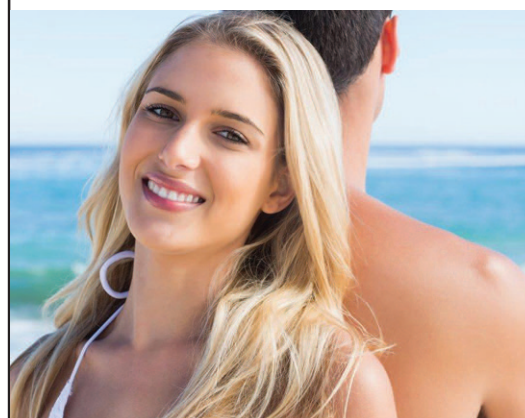


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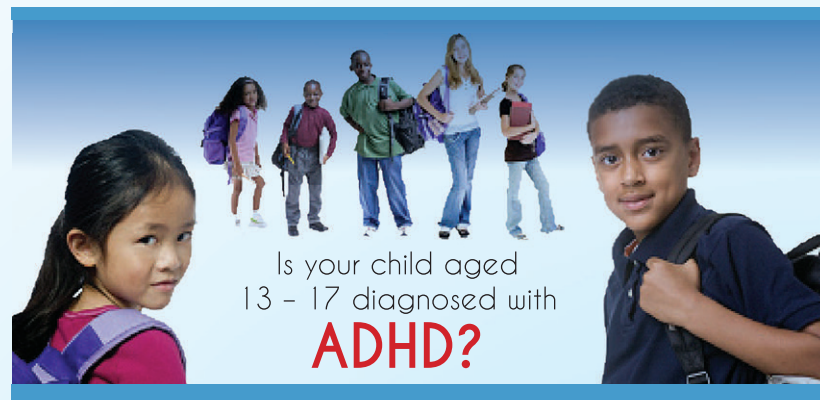
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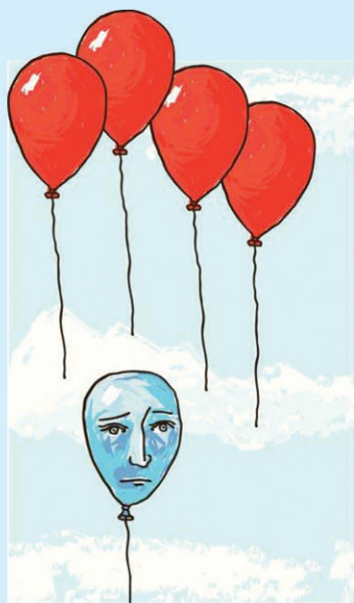
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Park. He likes to attribute some of that to Writerz Blok. "A few years ago it was unsafe for kids. Within a five-mile radius you had eight to ten gangs. It's getting better. We have built relationships with the gangs. As soon as you walk into Writerz Blok, it's a safe haven. It's all about the art. If issues come up between artists, we have them do a paint-off and we judge the final results. With social media, there is a lot of trash talking. It can escalate quickly into violence. We try to avoid that. Our goal is to be the urban-art version of the YMCA."

Writerz Blok, Gonzalez says, also serves as an alternative to legal action against taggers.

"In lieu of a ticket and consequences," he explains, "[police officers] will bring them here as their first chance, as a get-out-of-jail-free card. We give them projects to do. We give them silk screening, posters, and banner projects. Or we have them help us with basic upkeep of this place — replacing the [spray-paint] panels or landscaping."



Camouflage-themed paint discourages graffiti on this City Heights wall.

Gonzalez's goal is to give the kids in his neighborhood the same opportunity he was afforded.

"Graffiti is about being known, having a name. With that fame comes a cost, whether it's a fine or their life. They are putting large fines on kids. They are charging \$800 or so to clean up [graffiti], when I can go out, get paint, and paint over it. Boom — it's \$15, and it's done. You have kids that are trying to find outlets. They go and do graffiti and get felonies as youth. We want to be a resource for them to do something different. If it wasn't for this, who knows what I would be doing now? I would probably still be tagging,"

Gonzalez says.

I want people to look at my work

"I'm glad it all went down the way it did," Armor says of his 2010 graffiti arrest.

He pinpoints an altercation with another prisoner during his six-month imprisonment as a turnaround point in his life.

"I ended up in the hole for two weeks. I remember sitting in there thinking, *This is what I see on TV*. I realized this was not how I wanted to spend my life — in jail or in prison. That's when I really decided to change my life. I knew I wanted to make my living creating and making

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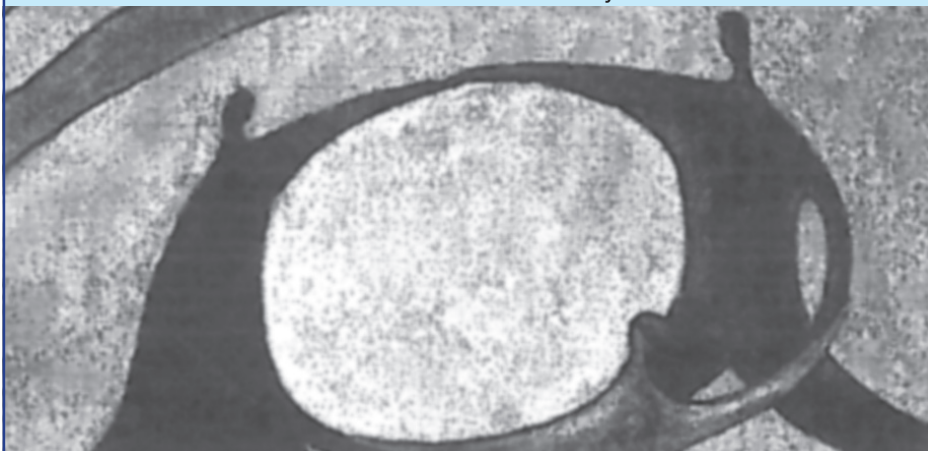
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art. After that, I spent all day, every day, drawing. I would draw on envelopes for guys' girlfriends and wives in their letters home. I did detailed drawings for guys' cells. I would pick designs into people's commissary cups. That actually paid pretty well. It made my time go faster. That was the first time I ever sold my art. It gave me confidence and a purpose," Armor says.

A month after his release, Armor was invited to show his art at the Machine Shop Gallery in downtown San Diego. He sold a painting for \$400.

Since then he has worked on a live-art installation for Adidas, painted murals for a number of local companies, and performed at live graffiti events.



There are 10,000 square feet of paintable walls at Writerz Blok.

He says he spends six to seven hours a day perfecting his craft at his East Village home.

Armor takes me on a tour to see his work around town. In Barrio Logan, he shows me a wall painted with an intricately detailed face of a woman. She has a lily in her hair. It's hard to believe that the work was done using spray-paint. He was paid for the mural

by the business owner who was fed up with the continual tagging on the wall. Since the mural has gone up, the wall has been graffiti-free.

Next we drive past the Thrift Trader in North Park, a building whose exterior is covered in murals. Armor is responsible for a large jungle-themed portion facing the parking lot. Lastly, we drive to the

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corner of 30th and El Cajon Boulevard to view a wall production Armor worked on with fellow artists Dexx, Eyemax, and Sade. It features a lifelike woman in a space-age setting.

"I want to get better with form. I want people to look at my work and know I did it," he says.

I took a knife in the face

"For a long time, there was a movement in City Heights," says Lopez. "People were saying that graffiti is art. 'Just let them do it, it's how they are expressing themselves,' some people said. And I said, 'Look at the meaning behind these letters; that's not art.'" Lopez lets out a weary sigh before continuing in a quieter tone,

"If I could, I would be like Saddam Hussein

with these kids. People give excuses for [taggers]. They say it's not their fault because of poverty or because their parents work three jobs. I say they need to learn a lesson and sometimes six months in juvenile hall is part of that lesson!"

At this point, Lopez's BMW is gliding back down Lantana Drive, toward his home. He points out the window as we drive past a small house.

"Christmas 2005, there was a drive-by shooting at that house. That was the last one we've had since. It had to do with graffiti tagging on the corner of Euclid and Lantana."

After pulling into Lopez's driveway, he ushers me onto the porch. He sits on the front stoop while I opt for a bench

out of the sun. For a long time, Lopez says he ignored the state of his neighborhood.

"I was a financial refugee when I moved here in 1993. Even if I wanted to move, I couldn't," he says with sincerity.

Back then, Lopez went about his business. He kept to himself. He worked on restoring the inside of his home. He painted the interior in peaches and pale blues. He restored the hardwood floors, put up crown moulding. He set about making a beautiful home for himself.

"As a kid, my family's motto was, 'Hell is outside and heaven is in here in the home,'" he says.

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"Look at my windows. These aren't vinyl. These are original to the house. I restored them," he says with a twinge of outrage.

Lopez promptly drove to Home Depot to replace the glass.

"When I swapped out the glass, I cracked open a beer to celebrate my accomplishment. That's when the glass broke again."

At that moment, Lopez decided that he was fed up with his neighborhood and he was going to have to



Rival gangs cross out each other's tags and put up their own.

do something about it. Lopez rattles off a lengthy list of atrocities he endured up until that point: theft, drive-by shootings, prostitutes working on his street, condoms hanging like ornaments off a tree on his property, and trained pit bulls used by gangs in turf wars roaming the streets.

"Do you know," he says, "that back then we

couldn't even get pizza delivered on this street? Now, Papa John's delivers. When they started delivering to us again we had a big party. All the neighbors pulled out their card tables and we had wine and soda out there in the street, eating our pizza," Lopez recalls with a smile before turning his mind back to the broken window.

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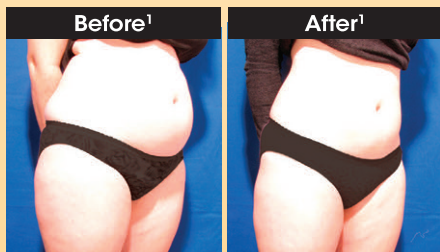
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dow was it!" he declared.

Aside from the mariachi music and rent parties, Lopez claims his neighbors were also running a human-trafficking ring. The morning after the window incident, Lopez started knocking on neighborhood doors. He circulated a petition to get his next-door neighbor's house deemed a nuisance house. He received enough signatures to get them out. From there, he slowly began organizing his neighbors into the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association. He made it his goal to get to know the people in his neighborhood. One of his first orders of action was to remove the graffiti from Fox Canyon.

"We had four generations of taggers living here. We said to them, 'Quit it.'"

As a result of these actions, Lopez suffered various repercussions. Taggers made it their mission to continually tag Lopez's garage door. Lopez turns his face and points to a dimpled scar on the right side of his cheek.

"I took a knife in the face while standing on my front porch. They took out some of my teeth. There was a gang house down the street. They were running narcotics and prostitution. We told them, 'If you don't move, we'll chase you out.'"

The gang members retaliated. Three men confronted Lopez on his front porch.

"They started swearing and threatening me. I said either you kill me or not. So, one of them took out a knife and stabbed me. Afterward, they walked nicely away. Running and crying to the police isn't going to change anything. That makes them win. You don't snitch; you get even."

Lopez's way of getting even was to receive enough signatures from neighbors to declare the assaulter's home a nuisance house. They were kicked out.

"Look at this street. Do you hear that? That's silence. It never used to be that way. Now, when my neighbors leave their homes to go to work, they don't have to worry. We aren't scared all the time anymore," Lopez says with relief.

He has only a few buckets of paint left from his graffiti grant.

"I don't think we'll need more. Once they run out, I think the graffiti problem will be under control in this neighborhood." ■

— Siobhan Braun



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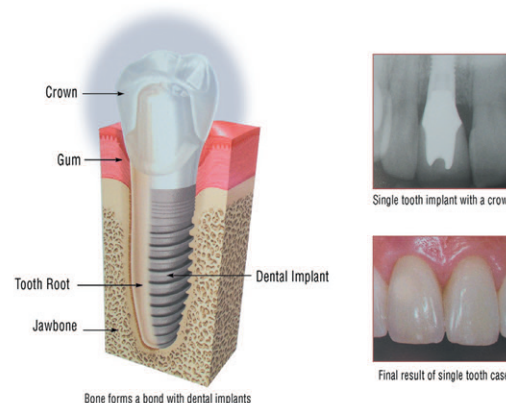
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ing those theories do not depend on the misappropriation of trade secrets decision, and the trial court should retry that part of the case.

After the victory at the superior court level, Emerald's law firm, Cooley LLP, had proudly sent out a news release saying the court had ordered Angelica to pay \$1.6 million in attorney's fees because the case had been brought "in bad faith." However, the appellate court declared that Angelica can recover its costs of the appeal.

Seth Rafkin, attorney representing Emerald, says the appellate court's decision will be taken to the California Supreme Court. Among several things, Rafkin says that the decision is in conflict with decisions by other appellate courts.

Rafkin did say that Emerald got the business of Sharp and Scripps through competitive bidding among four firms, and Angelica's bid was the worst. Other than that, however, he did not want to talk about any of the working relationships among Park, Gildred, and Payne.

I spoke with two of Gildred's assistants several times, and they said they would ask him to call me. He never did. I left three messages with Payne that went unanswered.

Such is innovation. ■

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Under the radar

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the eatery's website. "Sip a cocktail in the bar or on the open-air patio. Clever takes on American cuisine are prepared using fresh, local ingredients, making Esquire Grill one of the best downtown Sacramento restaurants." So, what was on the county's lobbying menu? Among the hot issues pending, the report reveals, were monitor-

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ing of Medi-Cal managed-care programs, subdivision map expiration dates, fire prevention fees, an extension of so-called design-build programs for public buildings, setting up a storm-water pollution task force, and exempting bicycle transportation plans from mandatory environmental review.

— Matt Potter
(@sdmattpotter)

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So say incident reports posted online by NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System over the past two years that tell chilling tales of incoming planes stacked up too closely, dangerous wake turbulence, and ghostly radar images.

In October of last year, the pilot of a 737 coming in for a landing complained that air-traffic controllers in San Diego "were pushing hard on both our arrival flight and our departure flight... I realize that traffic is tight in SAN; however, [there were] incidents [that] were too close for me. It would be better to build in a little more buffer between flights and not push so hard on all of us."

Matt Potter

How cheap is that burger?

Fast-food workers rely on your tax dollars, study says San Diego — Employees of the Wendy's at 101 Broadway went on strike Thursday, December 5, along with fast-food workers in 100 cities.

A study by the University of Illinois and the University of California-Berkeley poignantly shows that fast food is not as cheap as you think. Wages are so low that your taxes pay to keep the workers from starving. More than half (52 percent) of families of front-line fast-food workers are enrolled in tax-supported programs such as

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Medicaid and food stamps; that's double the percent in the total workforce.

Almost two-thirds of public-benefits spending goes to families with a working member in the fast-food industry.

There are almost 25,000 fast-food workers in San Diego earning a median wage of \$9.14 an hour. An adult with one child needs to make \$22.83 an hour working full time just to afford the basics, according to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Don Bauder

Comments

Fast food is cheap. But the point of the research is that employees' pay is so low that you wind up shoveling out more because your taxes support the government welfare programs that are necessary for the workers to survive.

This is one reason why shopping at Walmart is NOT economical. That company goes to great pains to show its low-paid employees (almost all of them) how to maximize government welfare.

Don Bauder

Lawsuit seeks to halt Interstate 5 expansion

Well, give them some signs and paint, I guess

San Diego County — The Cleveland National Forest Foundation filed suit against the California Department of Transportation this week, seeking to stop construction on the \$3.5 billion expansion of Interstate 5 known as the North Coast Corridor Project. The new construction would add four "managed" lanes to a 27-mile stretch from La Jolla to Oceanside. The expanded lanes would be accessible to buses, carpools, and individual vehicle occupants willing to pay an additional fee.

"Caltrans is stuck in a 1950s mentality, where building more and bigger freeways is seen as the solution to congestion," says foun-

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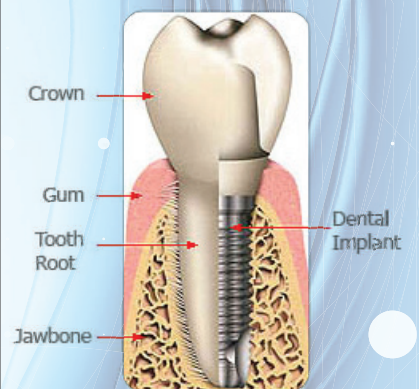


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dation president Jack Shu. "If Caltrans really wants to reduce congestion through High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, all it needs is some signs and paint."

From a statement accompanying the lawsuit:

"Along with increased traffic, the freeway expansion will increase air pollution in the region, which already gets a failing grade from the American Lung Association. The massive expansion will also trigger a surge in greenhouse gas emissions, in direct conflict with state laws calling for aggressive emissions reductions, and stimulate sprawl development, threatening the region's open space and wilderness areas."

Dave Rice

Debt-laden law school gets "junk" rating

Jefferson could try suing... San Diego — Standard & Poor's has put out a new study questioning the stability of private law schools. Enrollments grew during the recession because young people could not find jobs, so they went to law school. But as the economy has recovered, there has been

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a "significant reduction" in enrollments, says S&P.

San Diego's Thomas Jefferson School of Law has expanded enrollments until there was a slight decline in fall of this year. "However, operating surpluses have not boosted financial resources fast enough and, as a result, the law school has violated its balance sheet covenants for fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2013," notes S&P. Management doesn't think the school will meet its financial covenants until 2018.

Jefferson's large amount of debt and high debt service, resulting from construction of a new facility that went into service in 2011, are weaknesses, says S&P. It gives Jefferson's debt a B+ rating with a negative outlook. That's a junk rating. S&P's AAA, AA, A, and BBB are considered investment grade. Ratings of BB, B, CCC, CC, and C get the junk tag.

Don Bauder

Emails show SDSU fight against KPBS unionization

School's failed five-figure battle versus big labor San Diego State University—Editorial workers at the politically complicated organization that is KPBS, the

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public broadcasting arm of San Diego State University, now have themselves a labor union, but the organizing process wasn't without contention, according to copies of emails turned over last week by the San Diego State University Research Foundation under California government transparency laws.

Nancy Worlie, the KPBS operation's director of communications, advised staff against unionization in an October 9 email:

"KPBS strongly believes that a Union is not in the best interest of our employees or the future of KPBS."

Worlie's message was followed the next day by a counter view from departing KPBS reporter and union proponent Adrian Florido: "I've been impressed by the overwhelming sentiment by employees across content-producing departments that forming this union is the right thing to do."

Despite labor-relations expert Gregg Newstrand's efforts, Florido's forces carried the day, voting to join the union and begin negotiating a contract with the station, according to a November 18 news release posted online by SAG-AFTRA.

Matt Potter

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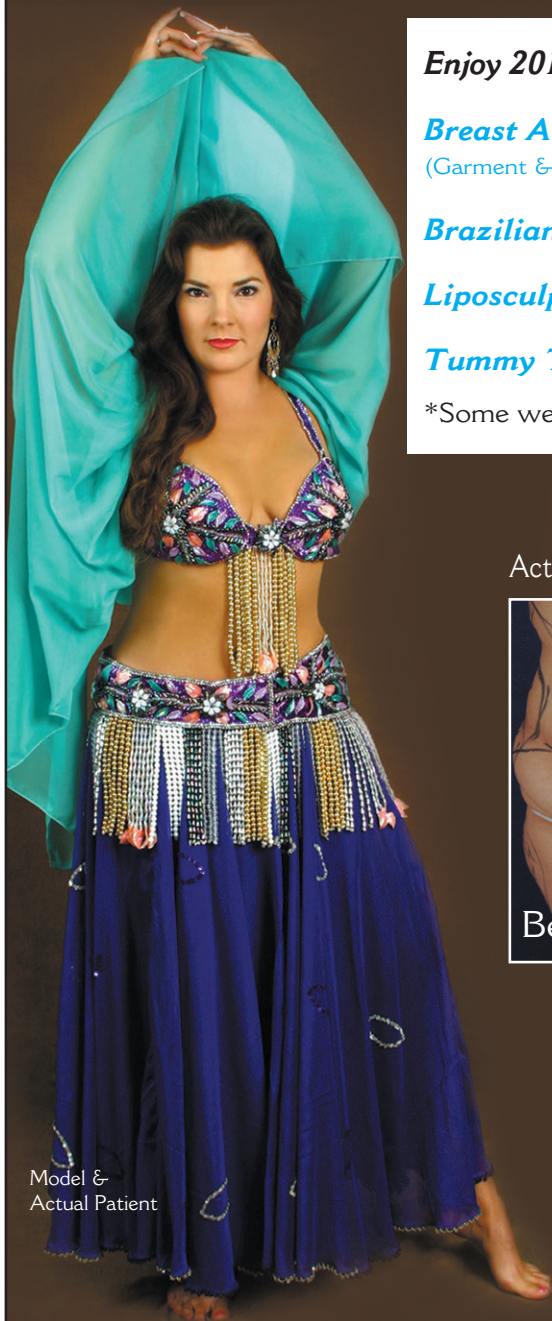
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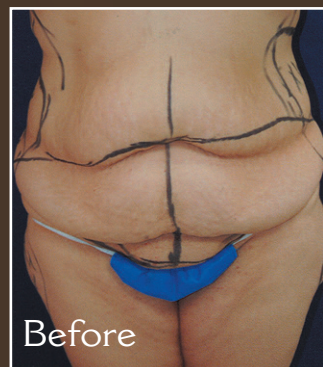
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lous quotation you have from your cover article on page 40 ("The Kennedy Assassination's Last Insider," November 21): "I don't like to say it, but they applauded in certain public schools when they heard Kennedy was shot."

I don't know what kind of bullshit crap you're writing. This is abhorrent to me. I was alive at the time. I was 15 years old. And there was nobody anywhere who was applauding when Kennedy was shot. I think you should be ashamed of yourself.

I'd like some explanation for the notion that you would even *think* of putting anything like this in your paper.

Pat Raines
via voicemail

Glock Fashion

This is about your cover article on my favorite subject: guns ("Want to Out Your Gun-Toting Neighbors? There's an App for That," November 14). This isn't the first letter I've written about guns. There are so many statements in the article that I agree with.

First of all, may I state there is something wrong with a person who loves guns. The second amendment needs to be torn up and thrown out. I don't understand why we're living by some crap that is no longer applicable. You'd think these amendments were written by God.

Shooting guns as a hobby makes me think of brain-damaged humans. Humans, the most violent of all creatures. Since most gun lovers love alcohol also (the two go hand in hand) I'm beginning to see no hope.

What politician is going to stand up and state the fact that there is an epidemic of gun deaths? Or that the NRA rules this country? We really are a stupid bunch.

I still get upset about a youngster that found a loaded gun in a neighbor's garage and accidentally killed himself. That gun owner ought to be in prison.

Every day — more like

every minute — someone is shot by a gun owner. And there are still AK-47s; people-hunting guns. And now it is fashionable to carry a Glock. More women are killing with their guns. I hate people who love guns. I just couldn't associate with someone with such a sick mentality.

Abortion is murder. All those religious gun lovers make me sick. I live in the same country as those white trash pseudo-religious murderers. Only in America. President Obama is another gutless wimp. I don't vote anymore.

I can't have a gun — I suffer from depression, the type where 95% of us would be likely to kill ourselves. The real mentally ill are the killers of others, the sociopaths. It always gets me how the so-called sane will assume that anybody who sees a shrink is a killer.

Killers don't see shrinks. People that can't carry guns are the least likely to kill. We tend to be more spiritual. Even though we struggle, we would never destroy a body that God gave us. The gun-toting killers don't care about God. As usual it all boils down to greed, arrogance, and money — and now it is also fashionable.

Have the DNA of your potential spouse checked. Explain to your children why there are gun shops and gun shows in Del Mar. My son was three when he asked. I replied, "Unfortunately, son, there are some really hopelessly stupid people in the world. They are not godly." I said the same thing about the zoo and SeaWorld. People should be in cages.

Last of all, statistics have proven that guns bought for the homeowner's protection ... it never happens. The guns only get used on a family member or in a shopping mall. Let's put the owner of the gun in prison when his child goes on a killing spree. Gun owners don't make good parents.

S.P.
via snail mail

Losing Momentum

I am the Chair of the Parent Task Force at Magnolia Science Academy here in San

Diego. I am very concerned about a recent article that appeared in your publication on November 14 (City Lights: "The Turks Are Coming...to a Charter School Near You"), and would strongly suggest that you retract the article.

I've read the article, but I'm still not sure what the author was trying to say. However, I can tell you that the article is full of inaccuracies, and is written with the clear intent of making the school look suspicious and bad.

A couple of inaccuracies:

— The article stated the name of the school as "Momentum Middle School in San Carlos." The name changed to Magnolia Science Academy four years ago, in 2009.

— The article states that there is a high level of turn-over at the schools without giving any data to back up that statement. The student body at Magnolia Science Academy Middle School is actually growing, with a waiting list to attend.

— The article mentions that the school is a front for moving money from the U.S. to a mysterious Islamic faction in Turkey. According to the article, this is done by hiring only male Turkish teachers, paying them greater than prevailing wages, and having the teacher send most of that money to the movement in Turkey. I would again ask for data and proof of this scheme. How much money are they sending over to Turkey when there are only two Turkish teachers at the school? Again, data or proof to back up this allegation should have been required

by your organization.

— The statements that the school's test scores are inflated due to attrition. Some data to back up this claim would be nice considering that the attrition rate is low at the school.

— The article is inaccurate and racially biased, and it runs contrary to the school's mission and vision of preparing our children to live in a global world.

There are a lot of positives at the school. They include:

— A diverse population of students that bring richness to the school and the community, with a strong commitment to tolerance.

— One of the best anti-bullying programs in the district. The principal has no tolerance for bullying, so it simply does not happen at the school.

— The robotics team recently won a robotics competition at High Tech High (not a Magnolia Schools sponsored competition).

— Athletics, music, art and multiple afterschool activities meant to promote math and science.

As the editor of the newspaper, it is your responsibility to understand the difference between news, opinion, fact, and fiction. It is irresponsible of your newspaper to present this article as anything but opinion and fiction. Furthermore, it is equally irresponsible to print an article that you represent as news with so many glaring inaccuracies, and no attempt at presenting the other side of the argument. At a minimum, you need to retract this article. However, we also believe

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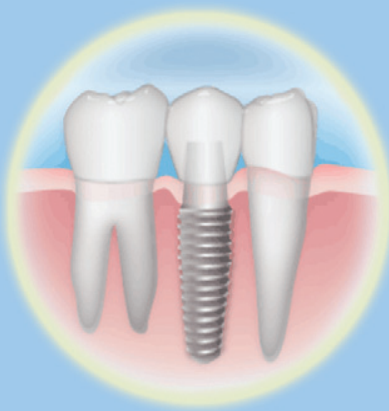
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you have an obligation to educate your readers on the many positives that Magnolia Science Academy brings to the San Diego, San Carlos, and La Mesa communities.

Without a retraction, we will begin to make your advertisers aware of this problem, so we strongly urge you to act quickly to resolve this problem.

Evangelina Yolanda Yslas-Thompson
Chair, Parent Task Force
Magnolia Science Academy

Moss Gropen responds:

My article neither addressed, nor purported to address, the operation of the particular school with which you are affiliated.

Nonetheless, I reiterate and reassert that the practices and procedures carried out by Gulen public charter schools in the United States, as well as the overarching goals of the Gulen movement, have been extensively documented by Sharon Higgins, et al. Note that detailed research findings are freely available online. However, in the context of a short article, a comprehensive exposition of statistics is neither journalistically required nor logistically feasible.

On another point, I must

remind you that during our interview, Dr. Argin admitted to being involved in the Gulen movement.

Finally, your claim the article is “racially biased” is specious at best, to wit: The article contained no mention of race and, for the record, Turks are a nationality, not a “race.”

[By the way, the name discrepancy was an editorial error that will be corrected in the online version.]

Moss Gropen

Suck it Up

The theory that applies to all the whiners about jet noise at Lindbergh or Miramar also applies to those upset with stadium lights at high school games (“Friday Night Lights Out,” November 7 cover story). The question is, *Who was there first?*

You knew you were next to an airport or high school when you moved in. Suck it up for one night a week.

Ronald E. Long
Point Loma

Lighten Up

I hope everyone else is as tired of the self-righteous PC police as I am. All someone has to do is make a statement about almost anything, and immediately someone is on TV or in the newspapers condemning them and demanding an apology, or they will be burned at the

stake. The sad part is that the news media gives them the exposure they thrive on. Why not just ignore the agitators? Maybe they’ll go away.

Everyone seems to be offended about everything: names of sports teams, comments by mayors or business owners, schoolteachers, clergy, etcetera.

Now we have the Jamaican bobsled founder calling for the firing of coaches who dressed as the team for a costume party (SDQT: “Uncool Funnings,” November 7). In another era everyone would have garnered a chuckle out of it, and life would go on. But today, it appears that you have just got to be offended. Exactly what harm did these coaches cause except to give the “offended” an opportunity for some media exposure?

Lighten up, offended ones, and look at life as it is. No one is trying to offend anyone. Of course, there’s always those who vie for attention.

Ron Engelhart
Clairemont

A Bit Snarky

I am sure that you are no stranger to receiving letters and comments, and I hope this one is not something you take lightly.

I am getting in touch about the *Feast* article called “Maple-Bacon Popcorn,” by Ian Pike, printed in the November 7 edition. The

article is an assessment of our new venture, Coin-Op Game Room in North Park.

Roy Ledo and I have been the managing partners of two bars/restaurants: The Lion’s Share, and Coin-Op. We are incredibly lucky, feel blessed, and take a lot of pride in our ventures. Both venues have seen their fair share of spotlight in the media — some of it good, some of it bad. Some of the feedback is justified, whereas some lacks base. Nonetheless, we dig deep into it for the sake of improving our businesses.

This article, however, is a bit different than most we have seen, and we find it downright insulting. The article begins with an overview of the concept. It speaks of nostalgia, highlights some games, and calls the concept “rad.” Much appreciated. It trickles down in the next column towards the food, where it is not so much a *critical* assessment, but a downright disrespectful one. “Unexciting bar food” may be an unfair tag to place on the menu, given the details of the items, the use of ingredients made in house from scratch, and the fact that the writer only chose to order what seems like just three items from the menu. The menu, in our opinion, in execution is up to par with menus of other such nature, and far exceeds the expecta-

tion one may have of a traditional arcade bar menu. It may be “nothing to write home about,” but given the background that Ian Pike has in culinary aspects, than those of journalism and proper writing, I thought that “underwhelming” might be a wrong tag for our food.

The latter paragraphs showcase our “girly” drinks that would not be “Jezebel-approved,” and obviously are not Ian Pike-approved. One way to approach this one would be to note that three of the ten listed drinks on the menu are stirred cocktails — those that contain only alcohol and are not meant to be shaken to dilute flavors. Other drinks boast ingredients such as bourbon, Fernet Branca, and Campari — not ones that make girls run to the yard. We designed our menu to be approachable, interesting, and most importantly, tasty and balanced (basic chemistry would show that you need some sort of a “sugary mixture” to counterbalance the acid in a cocktail with citrus in it)...not necessarily “girly.”

The statements regarding punch bowls are disrespectful to North Park and Downtown women. Just a comical piece of writing. An avid writer early on in my life, I do recall putting forth similar efforts with a pen and paper in 7th grade.

“All snark aside” on my part, the worst statement, which unethically and unfairly judges our product, is: “It’s not always just about the food and drinks, and it doesn’t hurt to be reminded of that sometimes.”

As I mentioned before, we have been on both sides of articles, the good and not so good. Opinions are fair if they are justified, and if they are supported with facts, but his statements seem to lack both. This seemed far less like a blog or news piece, and far more like an untrained writer struggling to meet the word requirement and deadline.

I asked around if anyone was familiar with the writer, and came across a former employer. The aforementioned person described him as a “sour guy,” which given his “snark,” and the crappy piece of writing about Waypoint Public right after ours, seems fitting enough.

My team and I are offended equally with the unfair review as we are with a bad piece of writing that we had to sit and read a few times over. As the editor of a fine publication, I hope you would send someone a bit less biased and “snarky” for an opinion piece, and take a harder look at articles for publication by amateur writers.

Hassan Mahmood
North Park

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WHEN: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Christ Cornerstone Church, 1144 30th Street, Golden Hill. 866-991-3747; theholidayfestival.com

Sunday | 15

SAN DIEGO TWEED RIDE

Join an all-ages ride with wicker baskets, wool clothing, and steel bicycles from yesteryear as you pedal a leisurely bicycle tour of historic downtown San Diego and East Village. Live piano music by Greg Watson, raffles, food trucks, and lots of picture-taking.

WHEN: Noon to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Mission Brewery, 1441 L Street, San Diego, 619-544-0555; missionbrewery.com

Friday | 13

TODDLER TIME: FIVE FEATHERED HENS

This month's toddler event features feather-themed activities and the opportunity to say hello to one of NCM's friendly hens. Recommended for four and under. \$10; members free.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to noon

WHERE: The New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue, East Village. 619-233-8792; thinkplaycreate.org

Saturday | 14

PET COSTUME RUNWAY

Dress your pet and walk it down the runway in style. The celebration continues with games, face-painting, skits and plays, live music, a cookie-eating contest, pet products, and Christmas pet tricks.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17: PAINTING AND VINO: ADAM AND EVE

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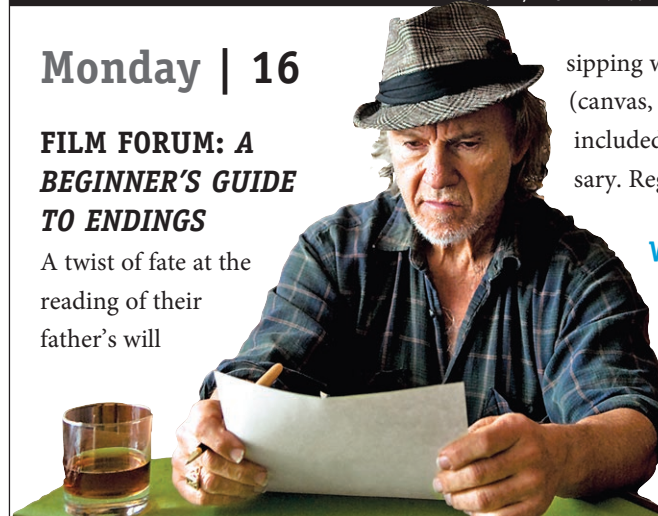
FILM FORUM: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ENDINGS

A twist of fate at the reading of their father's will

sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. \$45.

WHEN: 6 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy. 619-255-7885; paintingandvino.com/san-diego



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.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard, East Village. 619-236-5800; sandiego.gov/public-library

Wednesday | 18

CORK-WREATH CLASS

They supply the materials, but feel free to bring your own corks, ribbon, decorations, and glue gun. \$25 includes materials and a glass of wine.

WHEN: 5:30 to 8 p.m. (also Thursday, December 19)

WHERE: San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery, 8364 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-462-1797; sanpasqualwinery.com

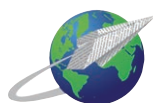
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Twenty miles of hiking next to the constant presence of a precipitous drop is not for the faint of heart.

China's Tiger Leaping Gorge

By Cordia Wan

In China's southwest Yunnan province, Tiger Leaping Gorge is where the Yangtze River rages through 13,000 feet of sheer cliffs. Flanked by the Jade Dragon and Haba Snow Mountains, this area is one of China's most beautiful natural treasures.

Despite its proximity to Lijiang, a destination for an annual five million Chinese visitors, Tiger Leaping Gorge has remained fairly uncrowded.

Most visitors to the gorge take a bus tour along the river. To see the real beauty; however, you must take the

higher road — literally. A 20-mile foot trail high on the northern side of the gorge lends itself to a multi-day trek through rivers, waterfalls, terraced pastures, and bamboo forests. Hugging one of the world's most precipitous drops the entire way through, this hike is not for the faint of heart. Most people take two days to complete the trek, some three. The trail includes a 2300-foot elevation gain and can last anywhere from 13 to 20+ miles, depending on the chosen end point.

A more convenient option is to take a shuttle arranged by one of the guesthouses in the area, most famously Tina's Guesthouse. The shuttle picks up from Lijiang, stops at the trailhead, and provides a ride back at the end. It also takes and stores your luggage at the guesthouse located at the trail's end. So all you have to bring is a light daypack with essentials. Another advantage to the shuttle is the guarantee that you will start the hike with others. You won't get lost alone: an invaluable peace of mind.

Getting lost is a legitimate concern for a first-timer. The only trail maps available are drawings provided by the guesthouses running the shuttles. Official

trail maps do not exist as yet. Once there, though, the trail is easily visible and fairly maintained, since the local Naxi tribesmen use it to walk from village to village. It can be quite narrow (eight inches) in some spots and there's loose footing on a few descents, but overall, it's not a technically difficult trail.

Day 1 First part of the morning runs through wheat fields followed by moderately steep, rocky terrain lined with patchy pine. The scenery is superb, and at this point it's relatively easy to enjoy the view, take photos, and continue at a steady pace. There are several guest-



Looking from the trail's end back toward the start

houses along this section to stock up on water and supplies. By mid-morning the trail is etched alongside the mountain's

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Other Adventures



island602: Vejer De La Frontera, Andalucia, Spain. One in the myriad of winding backstreets.



joetuborg: Cattle at Playa El Espino, El Salvador.



maxwong: This photo was taken while hiking the Alakai Swamp Trail in the Koke'e State Park in Kauai, Hawaii

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After the arch, the Highland Valley Trail travels east along the grasslands near the south shore of Lake Hodges.

The Highland Valley Trail is part of the San Dieguito River Park trail system. Eventually it

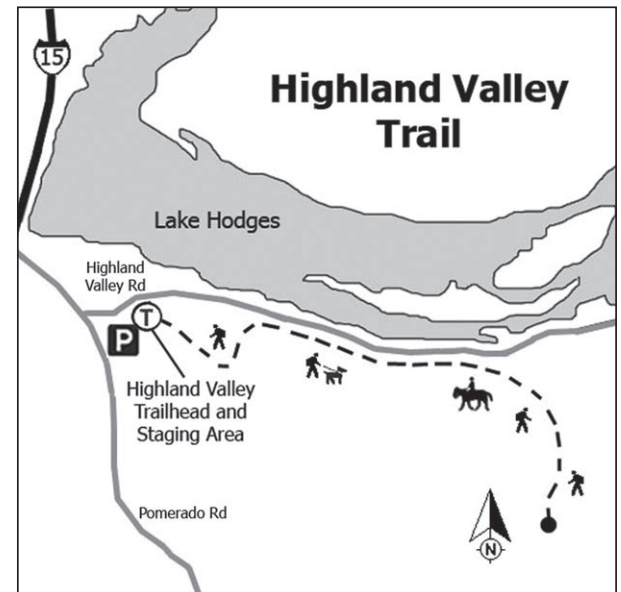
will extend 55 miles from Volcan Mountain near Julian to the Pacific Ocean at Del Mar. The Highland

Valley Trail is not part of the main trail but a subsidiary trail that extends into a scenic part of the

San Pasqual Valley Agricultural Preserve.

This is a great hike to do with your kids. If you are planning to bring children, be sure to visit the San Dieguito River Park website and download the Ruth Merrill Children's Interpretive Walk brochure. There are 15 Discovery Posts, numbered 1 to 15, scattered along the first 1.5 miles of the 2-mile-long trail. The posts only have numbers. You need the guide to discover the natural feature you are asked to consider. For example, Discovery Post #2 focuses our attention on water and the river, emphasizing its importance for wildlife. It also asks us to stop and look for evidence of wild animals, such as footprints (tracks), scat, or bird calls, and illustrates the tracks of several animals that can be found here.

The trail contours along the hillside, just above Highland Valley Road, for three quarters of its length. It is well maintained, not too long, and with little elevation gain or loss. It is an easy stroll through grassland interspersed with periodic oak woodland, riparian habitat, or patches of coastal sage scrub. The oaks include not only coast live oak but also the occasional Engelmann oak, while the riparian habitat includes mule fat and arroyo willows, occasionally festooned with poison oak or native grapevines. Wildflowers in



season may include lupines, phacelia, baby blue eyes, as well as several kinds of flowering shrubs such as bush monkeyflower, goldenbush, torchy young woman, and buckwheat. The trail also presents beautiful pastoral vistas of farms, hills, and the river valley.

About half a mile into the hike, the trail crosses a bridge spanning an intermittent stream that flows through an oak forest. After hiking 1.46 miles, the trail turns up Sycamore Creek and follows a gravel road for another half

a mile. It ends in an oak grove where there is a picnic table and a few benches. It is a shady respite where you can enjoy lunch or a snack before heading back to your auto.

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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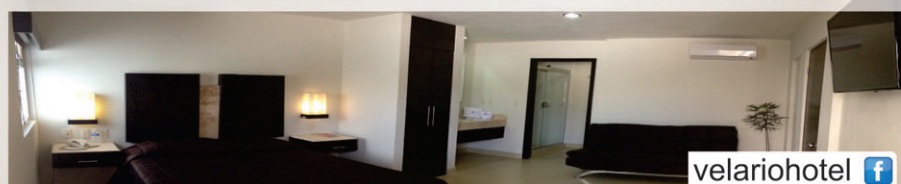
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BOOK SIGNINGS

Children's Writing Group: Industry Panel The San Diego Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) features a published authors/illustrators panel at its December meeting. Saturday, December 14, 2pm; \$7-\$9. 18 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

I Dare to Heal with Laughter The third work in the "I Dare to Heal" series by local author Joel Vorensky describes a fun, unique healing methodology from emotional and physical issues. 619-584-8093. Saturday, December 14, 2:30pm; **free**. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Caroling atop Mount Helix Parking and shuttles available at the San Miguel Fire Station at 10105 Vivera Drive at Mt. Helix Drive beginning at 6:15pm. "That Music Lady," Gina Seaforth, and her musicians will be leading guests in Christmas favorites. Sunday, December 15; **free**. Mount Helix Park, 4901 Mount Helix Drive. (LA MESA)

A Christmas Carol in Old San Diego Children's production. Music, dancing, and acting in this traditional story set with a twist. Friday, December 13, 7pm; Saturday, December 14, 7pm; Sunday, December 15, 4pm; \$15. Roosevelt Middle School, 3366 Park Boulevard. (HILLCREST)

Christmas Festival and Pet Costume Runway The popular pet runway returns, with costumes galore and live entertainment across one stage. Dress your pet and walk it down the runway in style. The celebration continues with games, face painting, arts & crafts, skits and plays, live music, specialty foods to sample, a cookie-eating contest, pet products, and Christmas pet tricks. Registration: 866-991-3747. Saturday, December 14, 10am; **free**. Christ Cornerstone Church, 1144 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Christmas Lights and Block Party Eighty-five-plus homes will be lit up through January 1. Park along Shoal Creek Dr., then walk. But the best night to go is December 17, the last Saturday before Christmas, for the Neighborhood Block Party, from 6:00 to 10:30pm. Fairway Village, Carmel Mountain Ranch, along the west side of Stony Gate Place. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH)

Christmas in the Park Step back in time to the turn-of-the-century. At 5:30pm Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive aboard the 1907 Baldwin Steam Engine, accompanied by the park's western gunfighters. Professional carolers, local school choirs, the Heritage Dancers square dancers, with scenes from *The Nutcracker* performed by New West Ballet. Free hay rides sponsored by Old Poway Village from 3:30pm to 7:30pm down Midland Road to the Old Poway Village. Furry Friends Rescue will be adopting puppies, adult dogs, and cats. Bring an ornament to decorate the community Christmas tree and participate in the tree-lighting ceremony at 5:20pm. Free shuttles from 3:30pm to 9pm: park-and-ride corner of Community Road and Twin Peaks Road., Poway Adult School parking lot, 13626 Twin Peaks Road. Saturday, December 14, 3:30pm; **free**. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

The East Village Holiday Happening With a sledding hill made with real snow, artisan gifts, street food, music, a beer garden, an animal-adoption area, and a skate-

boarding demonstration. Also classic and remodeled cars along 15th St., on display from 11 am through 6 pm. After the car show wraps, 15th Street will come alive with an urban-skateboarding demonstration. Saturday, December 14, 11am; **free**. SILO in Makers Quarter, 753 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Family Christmas Tea The United Methodist Women and Children's Ministry host a Family Christmas Tea. Tea and lunch will be served by dads, uncles, brothers, and grandfathers. Entertainment: children, carol singing. Craft: gingerbread houses. Saturday, December 14, 12:00pm to 2:00pm 619-297-4366. Saturday, December 14, 12pm; \$5. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Family Holiday Bazaar: Fletcher Elementary In the Fletcher school auditorium. Shop with local vendors. \$2 pictures with Santa. Raffle baskets, games, and crafts. Entertainment by Kristi Krause from *American Idol*. Friday, December 13, 4pm; **free**-\$20. Fletcher Elementary School, 7666 Bobolink Way. (LINDA VISTA)

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 on the holiday activities, along with some of their wintry friends including

bunnies, guinea pigs, sheep, and more. Activities include a magical ice palace maze, festive face painting, gingerbread house making, and more. Contact: 858-756-4117 x318 or education@animalcenter.org. Saturday, December 14, 10am; Sunday, December 15, 10am; \$9-\$20. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Holiday in Old Town On December 14, 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. Come back December 15 for bonfire night. Merriment around the fire goes from dusk to 9pm. Saturday, December 14; Sunday, December 15; **free**. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Holiday on Adams Avenue Join Santa, carolers, and plenty of snow. With a crafts fair, movie, and tree-lighting ceremony. Celebration includes free trolley along Adams Avenue during event hours. Saturday, December 14, 2pm; **free**. Kensington Park at Adams Park. (KENSINGTON)

Italian Holiday Cookies from Scratch Learn the secrets of making Italian holiday cookies, the buttery sweet, popular holiday gift. Saturday, December 14, 10am; \$65. 18

and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis Approximately 2000 San Diegans will run the 5K timed course or enjoy a 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. Saturday, December 14; **free**. Sixth Avenue and Quince. (BALBOA PARK)

Juletefest A celebration of Scandinavian Christmas traditions put on each year by the Sons of Norway. This year's Jultrefest includes a Julenissen (Santa Claus), the Southern California Damekor (musical group), cookies, glogg, dancing around the tree, and an original play *Three Trolls with One Eye* in English and Norwegian. Info: lkbeale@vcweb.org; 760-749-7775. Sunday, December 15, 3pm; **free**-\$6. Norway Hall, 2006 East Vista Way. (VISTA)

Las Posadas in Old Town Caroling at 2pm; the procession of Las Posadas at 5pm. Sunday, December 15, 2pm; **free**. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Live Nativity Scene Church members and musicians tell the

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edge with spectacular sights of the gorge.

An especially grueling section named 28 Bends is encountered: 28 steep, ascending switchbacks snaking consecutively up the mountainside. No one is really sure where these bends start or end. By the time I count 17 bends I see scrawling on a rock that reads "Get ready for the next 28 bends!"

Suffice to say there are plenty of bends to get your back bent.

Not to fear, however, China's most brilliant entrepreneurs are on hand to help. Several local men hang out at the trailhead and tag behind hikers with their donkeys in tow. Anytime you need a ride, all you have to do is hand over a few yuan. At the beginning of the trail, when no one wants the ride, it costs merely a few yuan. The farther out it gets, the higher the price. By the time 28 Bends is reached and hikers desperately need the ride, the price is quadrupled. Brilliant.

After 28 Bends, the trail flattens out and the rest of the day becomes easier. Most hikers end up at the aptly named Halfway House guesthouse on the trail by early evening, in time for a sunset on the deck.

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Day 2 The second day is less strenuous, with mainly gradual climbs or flat terrain. There are some stream crossings and a waterfall that flows directly over the trail. By early afternoon, hikers reach the popular end to the trail, at Tina's Guesthouse.

There are alternate trails to continue onward, including one with a loop through a bamboo forest that leads to a small beach by the river. Talk to locals before embarking on the side trails, though; I decided to take on the detour with two others, only to find ourselves clambering over a recent landslide (unsafe) and having to turn around.

At the end of the high trail is the start of a lower trail that leads to the river's edge. Here the canyon is at its narrowest and the rapids at their most violent. According to legend, the gorge was named when a tiger came to the river's edge at this spot, saw a flat rock mid-stream amid the rapids, and leapt across. The lower trail is steep and slippery, and there's a small charge to use the ladders set up by the locals. Worth a look if there's time before your shuttle ride back to Lijiang.



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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 at psrm.org. Friday, 7pm; Saturday, 5pm and 7pm; \$20-\$50. Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, State Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. (CAMPO)

Pacific Beach Holiday Parade Pacific Beach businesses, community groups, and performers parade along Garnet Avenue. Sunday, December 15, 2pm; **free**. Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach

San Diego Bay Parade of Lights Participants in this year's holiday event will decorate their boats following the theme "The Big Bay Toy Parade." The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights brings more than 100,000 San Diego residents and visitors to the shores of San Diego Bay each December. The procession of about 80 lavishly decorated boats has become one of the most iconic holiday events of the region. Sunday, December 15, 5:30pm; **free**. Embarcadero, Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Vista Historical Society Christmas Tea The Vista Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas Tea featuring a holiday program highlighted by the Encore Youth Choir, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. Sunday, December 15, 2pm; **free**. McClellan Senior Center at Brengle Terrace Park, 1400 Vale Terrace. (VISTA)

Winter Wonderland by the Mojalet Dancers Mojalet's Jamolet junior company and Eclectic Expression youth group put on a

winter-themed show ranging from traditional hits to contemporary arrangements. Performers age 5 to 20. Saturday, December 14; Sunday, December 15; \$10-\$15. The Vine Black Box Theater at Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Wreaths Across America This year more than 170,000 volunteers across the country will take part in Wreaths Across America's annual tribute of laying wreaths in veteran cemeteries across the United States to remember our fallen heroes and honor those who serve. Saturday, December 14, 9am; **free**. Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Yule Log Cake: Buche de Noel Chef Arleen leads an evening of sweet adventure, teaching the secrets to creating the perfect genoise cake, a decadent filling, and a new twist on how to make your cake look like a real yule log. Saturday, December 14, 2pm; \$65. 18 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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 December 28, \$15. Whole Dog Sports Center, 6241 Yarrow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Family Science Saturdays: Power Power can be imagined as the amount of work done in a given time. How much power can you generate, and how will it be expressed? From the many apparatuses in the tHinking studio, we

Rhyme & Verse

At the Padre Hotel in Bakersfield, California

A poem by Ellen Bass

It's Saturday night and all the heterosexuals in smart little dresses and sport coats are streaming into what we didn't know was the hottest spot between Las Vegas and L.A. Janet and I are in jeans and fleece — not a tube of lipstick or mascara wand between us. Grayheads: a species easy to identify without a guidebook — the over-the-hill lesbian couples of the Pacific Northwest. Janet's carrying our red-and-white cooler with snacks for the road across the marble tile of the Art Deco lobby when we turn and see the couple entering through the tall glass doors, slicing through the crowd like a whetted blade. The butch is ordinary enough, a stocky white woman in tailored shirt and slacks, but the confection — no, the pièce de résistance — whose hand she holds is of another genus entirely. Her cinnamon sheen, her gold dress zipped tighter than the skin of a snake. And her deep décolletage, exposed enough for open-heart surgery. She's a yacht in a sea of rowboats. An Italian fountain by Bernini. She's the Statue of Liberty. The Hubble Telescope that lets us gaze into the birth of galaxies. O, may they set that hotel room ablaze, here in this drab land of agribusiness and oil refineries,

outdoing Pittsburgh as the top polluted city in the nation, trash it like rock stars, rip up the 300 thread-count sheets, free the feathers from the pillows. And may that grand femme be consumed right down to the glitter on her sling-back four-inch stilettos and whatever she's glued on her magnificent skin to keep the plunge of that neckline from careening clear off the curve.



Ellen Bass's poetry collections include *The Human Line*, *Mules of Love*, and the groundbreaking anthology of women's poetry, *No More Masks!* She is coauthor of *The Courage to Heal* and *Free Your Mind*. Her poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *American Poetry Review*, *The New Republic*, and *The Kenyon Review*. Among her awards

is a Pushcart Prize, Pablo Neruda Prize, Larry Levis Prize from *Missouri Review*, and the *New Letters Prize*. "At the Padre Hotel in Bakersfield, California" was originally published in *The Sun* and will be included in her forthcoming collection, *Like a Beggar*, from Copper Canyon Press. She teaches in the MFA program at Pacific University. The author's photo is by Irene Young.

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invite our patrons to demonstrate their abilities in power generation. Activities included with admission. Saturday, December 14, 1pm; \$11-\$13. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hang Ten Hoppers Swing Dance Classes Fast Lindy technique, jazz classic review, the One Man Dance (tap routine). Sunday, December 15; \$6-\$10. 18 and up. VMMC Balboa Park

La Jolla Pen to Paper A drop-in writing group. Bring a notebook and participate in an hour of free-writing fun and writerly camaraderie. Prompts supplied. No critique. No registration required. Hosted by Diane Malloy. Thursday, December 19, \$5. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Life Size Self Using a theme that best describes your child — cowboy, cowgirl, world traveler, soccer player, dancer, surfer, paddle boarder — he or she will create a life-size self image. Students will help decide on their own theme, draw it, and then paint it. After the painting dries, it may be embellished with buttons, yarn, jewelry, and fabric. Instructor Patricia Hyman. Sunday, December 15, 1pm; \$47-\$53. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Rhythm Renewal Drum Circle for Women All experience levels welcome, drums provided, or bring your own. \$10 (or pay what you can). Mary Tolena is a drummer, writer, and facilitator who loves

to stir up spirited connections through rhythmic play. Sunday, December 15, 4pm; \$10. Expressive Arts Studio, 3201 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Sales & Use Tax for Small Business Owners Vice-chair Michelle Steel hosts this class from the California State Board of Equalization with topics including how to obtain a seller's permit with eReg and common exemptions and deductions. Thursday, December 12, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. California State Board of Equalization, San Diego District Office, 15015 Avenue of Science #200. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Saturday Science Club for Girls Discover how chemists determine the ingredients for new cosmet-

ics and perform scientific tests on product samples and mix up your own concoction to take home. Girls in grades 5-8 can join the Fleet on the second Saturday of each month to investigate exciting science topics. Must pre-register: 619-238-1233 x806. Saturday, December 14, 12pm; \$12-\$14. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Vision and Goal Setting with author Jake Ducey In-depth vision- and goal-setting workshop, including a yoga class. Sunday, December 15, 10am; \$75-\$100. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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

Competitive Erotic Fan Fiction A comedy show featuring ten comics writing and performing erotic fan-fiction pieces based on their whims or audience suggestions. Sunday, December 15, 8pm; \$16. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Finest City Improv Comedy Based on a suggestion that the audience gives, the rotating cast of over 20 teams will put on the show. You never know what will happen — songs, music, monologues, and once and a while, mutiny. Thursdays, 8:30pm; Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 7pm; \$5-\$12. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Mitch Fatel From the Comedy Central special *Mitch Fatel Is Magical*. Is that a sparkle in his eye or is he just confused? With his innocence and friendly demeanor, Mitch quickly engages the audience and then catches them off guard with his mixture of mischievous

dialogue and off-color comments. While laughing at observations only Mitch can get away with we are left wondering if he truly understands what he just said. We never really know. 619-795-3858. Thursday, December 12, 8pm; Friday, December 13, 7:30 pm & 9:30pm; Saturday, December 14, 7:30 pm & 9:30pm. \$22. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette Take a first free class Monday, December 16 at 7pm or Wednesday, December 18 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)

Black & White Swing Ball Free swing workshops from 7:45-8:30pm. Live music from Victor & Penny from Kansas City and Johnny Boyd of Indigo Swing from 8:30-11:30pm. Attire: Black & white only (formal wear encouraged). 858-395-6060. Saturday, December 14, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. Infinity Dance Sport Center, 4428 Convoy Street #288. (KEARNY MESA)

California Ballet: The Nutcracker A glittering production of

The Nutcracker, choreographed by Maxine Mahon with John Stubbs conducting. Patrons can meet the cast at Sugar Plum Parties immediately following the 1:00pm, 2:30pm, and 5:30pm performances. This year's production will feature guest artists ABT principal Cory Stearns and freelance artist Sergey Kheylik. Saturday, December 14, 2:30pm and 7pm; Sunday, December 15, 1pm and 5:30pm; \$40-\$90. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

City Ballet's The Nutcracker The perennial production offers 11 public performances with accompaniment by the City Ballet Orchestra conducted by John Nettles. Also available is the "Lunch with the Sugar Plum Fairy and Friends" prior to each Saturday matinee performance. 858-272-8663. Friday, December 13, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 14, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 15, 1pm and 5pm; \$29-\$69. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Move As One Dance Instruction Couples class Thursday. Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Avenue. Thursday, December 12, 8pm; Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Ave., suite E. (HILLCREST)

The Nutcracker Take a journey to the magical Land of Sweets with Clara and her Nutcracker Prince. Thursday, 6pm; Friday, 7pm; \$10-\$15. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Renaissance Faire Dancing Class The Playford Plodders

meet every Thursday to learn and practice English Country Dance from the 17th century. No partners required. Held in Room 203. Thursdays, 7pm; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Winter Show and Party A variety of dance performances, with free food, drinks, music, and entertainment. Info: ballare.academy@yahoo.com; 619-255-5100. Saturday, December 14, 4pm; **free**. Ballare Academy of Dance and Performance, 3125 Rosecrans St., Suite B. (POINT LOMA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Out of Faith Join the San Diego Jewish Film Festival and Jewish Family Service to explore the interfaith family experience, including a screening of the film *Out of Faith*, followed by a facilitated discussion. 858-362-1348. Sunday, December 15, 2pm; \$6-\$8. City of Carlsbad Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Mixtape Society: Rep Ya Hood Whip up 60-90 minutes of favorite songs with a location in the title (Ocean Ave., 53rd and 3rd, et al.), and slam them on a CD or flash drive. Everybody who brings in a mix will receive somebody else's per random draw at the MixUp's conclusion as part of our You Get What You Give program. Sunday, December 15, 2pm; **free**. Station Tavern & Burgers, 2204 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

Cooking Class — Christmas in Italy With Chef Accursio you will learn authentic traditional dishes from the best holiday traditions. He will be sharing his favorites from when he was a boy growing up in Sicily. In this class you will learn the traditional: asparagus timbale, anellini pasta baked with sausage sugo

and pecorino, polenta and salted cod, and more. Starts at 10:30am with an Italian-style coffee of your choice and a pastry. Italian wine is served for students interested in cooking with wine. Limit of ten. Contact us for details. Saturday, December 14, 10:30am; Solare Ristorante Lounge, 2820 Roosevelt Rd., NTC Promenade. (POINT LOMA)

Friday Hoppy Hour — IPA Flight Four IPAs served in a flight for \$5. Beers TBA. Friday, December 13, 5pm; Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Get to Know Cheese Take a break from the holiday madness with this complete "cheese 101" course: a little history, how it's made, what to pair, ways to serve, how to store, and more. Taste samples of all styles of cheese, sip complimentary wine, and get your questions answered. Thursday, December 12, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese Del Mar, 2650 Via de la Valle, #C140. (DEL MAR)

Roll (Sushi) with the Katsuya Chefs Katsuya chefs Joe Bracero and Jason Velasquez will lead their pupils in an educational sushi-rolling demonstration, followed by hands-on instruction. Beer, bites, a bottle of sake, and a take-home bamboo maki roller are included in the class price. Thursday, December 12, 7pm; \$39. 21 and up. Katsuya, 600 F Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Spices and Wines for the Holidays The Escondido Wine and Culinary Campus is hosting a culinary-enhancement course, where students can explore the synergy of food and wine through the art and science of blending herbs and spices. Explore concepts such as how to stock your spice rack, how to use the correct amount of spices, and how to choose the perfect wine to accompany your personal spice blend. The course will be held in the Tuscan Room and will include wine tasting. \$25 for Vintage Club members; \$30 for non-members. Sunday, December 15, 2pm; \$25-\$30. 21 and up. Belle

Marie Winery & Chateau Dragoo, 26312 Mesa Rock Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Toast to Sips, Samplings, and Shopping A variety of flavors from Italian, fresh seafood, spicy Spanish, and classic American. Tasters and toasters alike can indulge in a self-guided walking tour of the restaurants, cafes, and bars in Hillcrest. Each participating retail shops will host its own bartender who will mix specialty cocktails. Complimentary gift-wrapping. 619-233-5008. Thursday, December 12, 5pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Fifth and Robinson. (HILLCREST)

Taste of Opera Cooking Class: A Masked Ball Chef Katherine Emmenegger has created four cooking class menus inspired by the settings of each of the San Diego Opera's shows for 2014: Italy's Calabria region for *Pagliacci*, Basque for *The Elixir of Love*, Smörgåsbord for *A Masked Ball*, and Spanish for *Don Quixote*. Dr. Nicolas Reveles will entertain guests with facts, stories and musical excerpts while these meals are being created. Friday, December 13, 6pm; \$49. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Terra Madre Day in Temecula Valley A celebration of local artisans: food, art, crafts, and wine in support of Slow Food Temecula Valley. Experience an artisan marketplace with locally made and produced goods for sale. Many of Southern California's farm-to-plate chefs will be featuring heritage dishes representing Temecula Valley, Italy, Spain, and France, all paired with distinct wines from Europa Village. \$10 pre-event; \$20 at the door and includes food tasting and a celebratory sparkling wine upon entrance. Thursday, December 12, 5:30pm; \$10-\$20. Europa Village, 33475 La Serena Way. (TEMECULA)

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Juniors Only Golf Demo Event
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Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra
Mainly Mozart is the orchestra-in-residence of the Museum and will be holding four concerts at the Museum, beginning with "Holiday Favorites." Sunday, December 15, 6pm; New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

ScholarShare's Toddler Time: Five Feathered Hens
Check out the scoop at NCM's chicken coop at this month's Toddler Time. Enjoy feather-themed activities and say hello to one of our friendly, live hens. Recommended for ages four and under. Lower and main level. Adults and children over one, \$10. NCM members free. Friday, December 13, 10:30am; **free**-\$10. New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Super Awesome Showdown: Cosmic Comeback
Wrestling action. The galaxy's strongest heroes and villains battle for control of the Quasar Crystals. Adults, \$10; military, students, children under 12, \$5. Saturday, December 14, 8pm; \$5-\$10. Victory Theater, 2558 Imperial Avenue. (GRANT HILL)

LECTURES

Making Sense of Health Care Reform
Learn how the Affordable Care Act affects you. Thursday, December 12, 5:30pm; UCSD Moores Cancer Center, 3855 Health Sciences Drive. (LA JOLLA)

TEDxSanDiego
TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. Saturday, December 14, 10am; **free**. UCSD Calit2 Auditorium at Atkinson Hall, 9500 Gilman Drive #0436. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Clean Canyons Cleanup
CleanSD works with the City of Chula Vista and the California Coastal Commission to protect the canyons — and ultimately the beaches — from the harmful effects of litter and pollution. Contact: lambrogi@cleansd.org. Saturday, December 14, 9am; **free**. Del Rey Canyon, 999 Camino del Sol. (CHULA VISTA)

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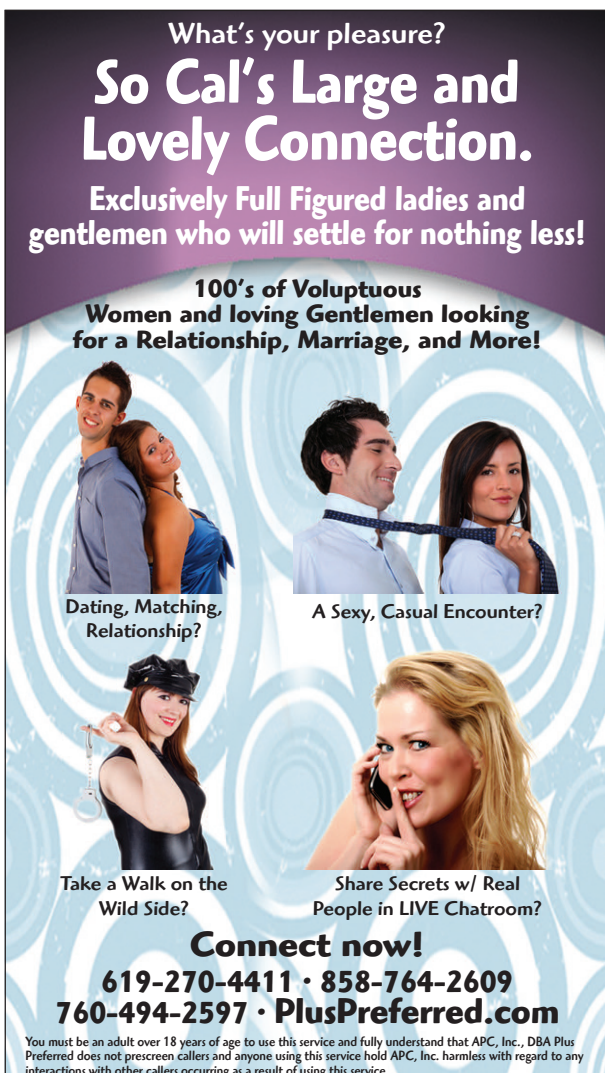


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Years Ordained: 10

San Diego Reader: *What's your favorite subject on which to preach?*

PJ: That our interconnectedness leads us to oneness. What grounds me and informs almost all of what I do is an understanding of our interconnectedness with each other, the earth and all beings, and the love that comes out of that. From that also comes how we take

care of each other within the congregation, how we care for the wider world, and how we care for the earth.

SDR: *Why Unitarian Universalist?*

PJ: Our theological diversity and ability to hold multiple perspectives attracted me, as well as our ability to create a community that is covenant-based instead of based on a creed and because of our absolute commitment to social justice.

SDR: *What is the mission of your church?*

PJ: We like to say that we love beyond belief. What we mean is that we try to love beyond the varieties of belief in our congregation. Our mission statement is that we nurture

minds, bodies, and spirits; foster peace, justice, and compassion; care for the earth and the life it sustains; and build the beloved community.

SDR: *What is the greatest strength of your church in carrying out its mission?*

PJ: They have warmth and commitment and are a very caring and warm group, opening and affirming. They embody radical hospitality. We have a value statement as a congregation that says who we are and a covenant that says how we want to be together. That includes an agreement to practice radical hospitality, mindful communication, and active stewardship. Those are things that really ground what we do.

SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*

PJ: I don't think we can know that. But we all speculate. I have people in my congregation who have ideas that work for them. People come together in religious communities and ask those types of questions. More relevant to me and my community is not the question "Where do you go when you die?" but "What do you do while you're here?" and "How do you live and how do you love?" At the same time, it's not like I haven't thought about that question. I think consciousness continues for a short time after you die but I don't have a way to know that. I believe that we live as



"We try to love beyond the varieties of belief in our congregation," says Pastor Beth Johnson.

long as we're remembered and through the influence we have on others and in the world. That's called objective immortality — so that whatever happens after death, what matters is how we live and how we love.

SDR: *What about those who*

are unjust on Earth today — what happens to them?

PJ: I'm sure people have those sorts of questions and wrestle with them. Historically, Unitarians understood that a good God would not damn God's people to hell. That's part of where we come from. The people in my congregation will lift up the benevolence and love of God. What I would say is that people who do harm to others are already living in hell. They're disconnected from the source of love and are already probably pretty tormented and tortured.

— Joseph O'Brien

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UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED CHURCH Christmas Services at UCUC



December 21 at 6 pm: Service of the Longest Night- a quiet service of prayer as a comfort for those experiencing grief or sadness this holiday season. Christmas Eve: services at 6 and 7:30 pm. 5:11 Gathering December 28 at 5:11 pm: A look at the childhood of Jesus. Call (858) 453-3444 or visit our website at UCUC.ORG for details. UNIVERSITY CITY 2877 Governor Drive (858) 453-3444

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

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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

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Advent Services: Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Christmas Day service Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. New Year's Eve service Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. Pastor Paul Willweber www.princeofpeacesd.net. ALLIED GARDENS 6801 Easton Court (619) 583-1436

during prehistoric times. Sunday, December 15, 10am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Introduction to Wildlife Tracking Walk Learn how to identify the tracks and scat of coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, deer, and other wildlife in our area. No reservation necessary. Contact: info@sdt.org or 760-715-4102. Saturday, December 14, 8am; **free**. Los Penasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

San Diego Tweed Ride Join an easy, all-ages, family-friendly bicycle ride along a new downtown route with wicker baskets, wool clothing, and steel bicycles from yesteryear as we pedal a leisurely bicycle tour of historic downtown San Diego and East Village. Live piano music by Greg Watson. Raffles, contests, and gift prizes. Food trucks, vendors, and lots of picture taking. Easy multi-mode access by MTS bus, trolley, coaster, or Amtrak. Easy parking at PETCO Park. Begin gathering at the Wonder Bread Building at 10:30am for a noon start. Get your tweed on, and let's roll! Sunday, December 15, 12pm; **free**. Mission Brewery, 1441 L Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Shaman's Hike with Will Bowen A short hike to a power spot where participants will explore shamanic traditions of the Americas and learn about saging, calling the directions, creating sacred space, and harnessing the energies of nature for healing, insight, and wisdom. Participants will do some healing work, sharing and storytelling, and make some shamanic art. Please bring a blanket to sit on and a drum or rattle. 858-434-3219. Sunday, December 15, 3pm; **free**. Penasquitos west-end staging area,

4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Strung-Out Bicycles The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition's third-annual night ride encourages festive costumes and features a light-your-bike ride full of bicycles strung with Christmas lights. The route is followed by a cocktail hour and presentation honoring the winners of the Golden Gear Awards for making San Diego more bicycle friendly in 2013. Thursday, December 12, 5:30pm; **free**. SILO in Makers Quarter, 753 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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; \$15. Gaslamp Museum at the William Heath Davis House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Apple Tree Pruning Workshop The Julian Apple Growers Association (JAGA), a community-based group dedicated to tending and promoting Julian apples, is holding an apple-tree-pruning workshop. Anyone interested in learning the basics to successful apple-tree pruning or brushing up on their skills is invited. Please bring suitable gloves and water. Snacks will be served. \$5 donation toward the JAGA mission of tending and promoting Julian apples appreci-

ated. Info: teaknich@gmail.com. Saturday, December 14, 10am; **free**. \$5. J. Jenkins Winery, 1255 Julian Orchards Drive. (JULIAN)

Casting Call America's Next Top Model is coming to town in search of the next guy and girl to be a part of the upcoming co-ed season. Sunday, December 15, 8am; **free**. Bellus Academy's Bay Vista College, 1520 Plaza Boulevard. (NATIONAL CITY)

Garden of Lights After the sun goes down, the San Diego Botanic Garden is transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 100,000 sparkling lights. Live music nightly from 6-8pm, campfire for roasting marshmallows, wagon rides, crafts, and snow (weather permitting) — bring your own disc or sled (no metal runners please). A team of Belgian draft horses will provide wagon rides through the lower area of the Garden December 14, 15, 18-23, and 27-30. **Free**-\$14. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Holiday Home Tour The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library's event offers a self-guided tour of five Oceanside homes festively decorated for the holidays. Ticket purchases are tax deductible and all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. 760-435-5560. Sunday, December 15, 10am; **free**-\$20. Oceanside Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Iris Home Holiday Tour The Iris Auxiliary to San Diego Center for Children presents a tour of five homes in Kensington, each decorated by professional interior designers. San Diego Center for Children is the oldest children's non-profit organization in San Diego, a cornerstone agency helping children since 1887. This is an opportunity to see some of

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. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

the neighborhood's unique older homes that showcase elegant, architectural features in their original settings. Tickets are \$20 in advance online or \$25 beginning at noon, day of event. At the intersection of Bedford Drive and Edgeware Road. Sunday, December 15, 12pm; \$20-\$25. 4162 Bedford Drive. (KENSINGTON)

MakerPlace Holiday Open House A metal, wood, electric shop, classroom, and work area. Shop for gifts made by MakerPlace members, participate in demos and activities, enjoy food and drinks, and tour the facility. Saturday, December 14, 11am; **free**. MakerPL, 1022 W. Morena Bl., Suite H. (LINDA VISTA)

Norton #ProtectYourPresents Truck Parked outside the Westfield UTC mall, the public can experi-

ence the "#ProtectYourPresents" truck presented by Norton. This interactive event will help consumers learn how to protect their mobile devices. Thursday, December 12, 11am; Friday, December 13, 11am; Saturday, December 14, 10am; Sunday, December 15, 10am; **free**. Westfield University Towne Centre, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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)

SEAEscape Adopt a seahorse and support the Seahorse Hawaii Foundation's efforts to replace parts of the natural reefs that have been damaged by releasing new species of seahorses into marine protected reserves. Featuring the underwater

photo art of Sarah Lee, live music, gourmet food, and cocktails. Friday, December 13, 6:30pm; \$85. Bloom Natural Health, 264 N. Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Skating by the Sea Enjoy outdoor ice skating on a rink overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Sessions are two hours and cost \$23 per adult, \$18 per child (ages 10 and under). Skate rental is included in the price (\$5 discount if you wear your own ice skates); \$5 discount with military ID for immediate family. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Stamp Show The 42nd annual Sandical stamp expo features 30 dealers with stamps and covers, special areas for kids, 192 frames of exhibits, and raffle opportunities to win one of two 16-page exhibit style frames donated by the Philatelic 25. Evaluations of collections also available. Sunday, December 15, 10am; **free**. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

SPOKEN WORD

Home for the Holidays Art Pulse at Bread & Salt storytelling and literature performance. Featuring Holland Holzer, Suzanne Hoyem, Kym Pappas, Marion Wilson, Nathan Young, Emily Burke, Amy Wallen, Chelsea Coleman. Saturday, December 14, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Bread & Salt, 1955 Julian Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

The Gelato Poetry Series Lizzie Wann will read her poetry. An open-mike will follow. 760-434-1240. Friday, December 13, 7pm; **free**. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Voices Out Loud Poetry Jam/ Vendor Fair Enjoy poetry and offerings from local businesses. This event is organized by Ethnicity's Unique Boutique. Sunday, December 15, 2pm; **free**. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

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)

Ohana 5K Run/Walk and Holiday Toy Drive Bring the entire ohana (family) and enjoy the 5k course and the 1K Kid's Fun Run. Bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the toy drive, take pictures with Santa in his canoe, and watch Tahitian and Hawaiian dance performances. Contact: 858-215-2708 or aloha@nakoakai.com. Sunday, December 15, 8am; \$25-\$35. De

Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Praise Pilates Experience a Christ-centered workout, choreographed to contemporary Christian music. Complementary childcare for ages five and under. Please bring your own exercise mat. Friday, December 13; **free**. Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, 17010 Pomerado Road. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Run or Dye: World's Most-Colorful 5K The 5K run will feature holiday-themed showers of safe, eco-friendly, plant-based cornstarch dye at every kilometer for a day of festive fun. Participants can then take part in the Dye Festival where they'll "tie dye the sky" in holiday colors. A portion of the proceeds go to the American Lung Association of California; please bring unwrapped toys for the local Toys for Tots. Saturday, December 14, 9am; \$42-\$52. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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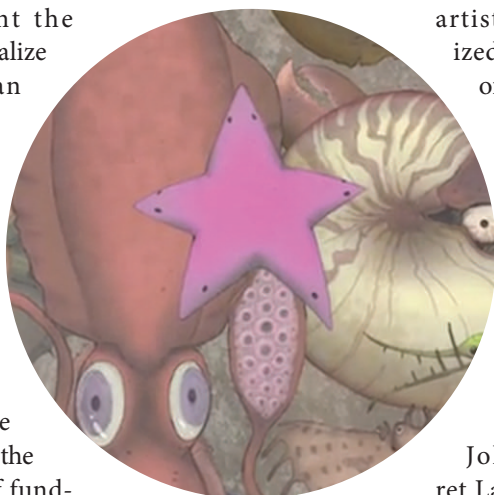


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Art Kickstart

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The Starfish and the Whale

North County fantasy artist Ulysses seeks \$5750 for his current project, Infinite Horizons. The money would go toward producing “a series of six 16”x20” fantasy images on museum-grade paper with a lim-

ited edition run of only 50 signed and numbered giclée prints.”

In his promotional video, Ulysses spells out why he thinks his work deserves backers' investments. Stating that his pen-and-ink drawings are disserved by a computer screen, he wants to see them professionally printed, and thereby artistically immortalized. “This is the goal of my work,” he says.

“It is meant to be printed; meant for you to gaze into its depths, so that, years later, you discover something hidden you never knew was there.”

Al Scholl, Brian Johnson, and Garret Laver are the minds behind “Artifornia.” Seeking an ambitious \$60,000, the local arts activists have two goals: to start an art-and-music

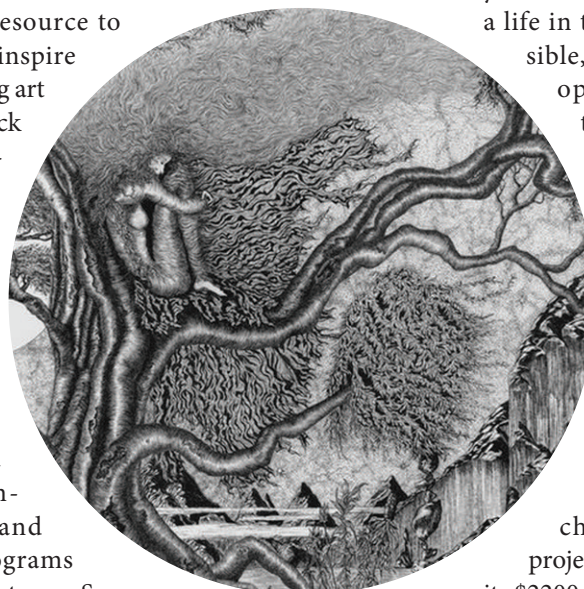
revolution by igniting creative passion in our children, and to document everything so there's a permanent resource to educate and inspire others to bring art and music back to our children. They want the 60 grand to bring their show on the road, so to speak, and host Artifornia live-art demonstrations and outreach programs in six cities between San Diego and Sacramento. They also want to film a documentary to convey the Artifornia message in perpetuity.

“If we don't expose kids to art and music at a young age, and continue

that education through high school and college, where are our musicians

dwells in a land of live art and roots reggae, wants to deliver California youth the message that a life in the arts is possible, that there are options beyond the cubicle.

A big, crowd-funded high-five goes out to Emily and Chad Robinson, the team behind *The Starfish and the Whale*, a children's book project that exceeded its \$2200 goal well before the closing date of its Kickstarter campaign. Author Emily hopes that success with *The Starfish and the Whale* will lay the foundation for many future children's books to come from her



The Wind that Sleeps, giclée print by Ulysses

and artists going to be in ten, twenty, thirty years?” Al Scholl asks the world. The local painter, who

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and husband Chad. Chad's illustrations for the book combine a "here be dragons" sense of old-time nautical maps with a nod toward biological accuracy in everything from nautilus to pipefish.

All the writing and illustration for *The Starfish and the Whale* was completed before the Kickstarter campaign opened, and the couple hopes to use the funds to get the book printed and available before Christmas. Give the Robinsons \$60 and get a copy of the book donated to a local library in your name. ■

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ART

Artful Visions Coastal Artists' new show. 858-755-1224. Sundays, 11am; through December 29, **free**. Vida del Mar, 850 Del Mar Downs Road. (DEL MAR)

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)

Art & Poetry Exhibit The poetry of 3 San Diego students will be among that of 47 California students on exhibit. The students are the winners of the 2013 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students, sponsored by the California Coastal Commission. This exhibit at Birch Aquarium at Scripps is the final stop for the 2013 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest and is included in the price of admission. Every day, 9am; through Tuesday, Janu-

ary 21, **free**-\$17. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Art of Process Experience the whirlwind explorational year Erica Buechner spent diving into the process of art making while attending graduate school. Art of Process will be performed twice during Ray at Night. Performers include Erica Buechner, Nikki Dunnann, Molly Puryear, and David Wornovitzky. Contact: Erica Buechner, 760-533-5146. Saturday, December 14, 7pm and 8:30pm; **free**-\$10. Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

ArtStop: Francisco Zúñiga Led by Alexander Jarman, manager of public programs. ArtStops are 15-minute, staff-led tours of one to three works on view. Museum curators and educators present these brief talks every Thursday and third Tuesday at noon. Free with museum admission. Thursday, December 12, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Dancers and Cows An exhibition of paintings of Dancers and Cows which were researched from the 1980s to today, including dance events in Barcelona, Boston, and San Diego. Artist: Judith Shufro.

858-550-0981. Through December 31, **free**. Bread and Cie, 350 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Edlinger-Kunze: Home, Opening Reception ArtHatch and Distinction Gallery present a solo exhibition featuring the artwork of Cathrine Edlinger-Kunze. This exhibit will highlight Cathrine's most current paintings focused on the human figure and images of fairground scenes. Cathrine will be in attendance at the opening reception to meet, greet, and answer questions. The reception also features live music and complimentary Stone beer and wine. Exhibition runs through January 4. 760-781-5779. Saturday, December 14, 6pm; **free**. ArtHatch, 317 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

High on Fives: New Works Mr. Dvice's experiences with hallucinogens and the underground rave culture of the '90s had a huge effect on him as an artist and a person. His work also shows influence from urban and pop culture and artists such as Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol, Rick Griffin, and Joint Show 5. With artist Schoph. Saturday, December 14, 5pm; Thumbprint Gallery, 920 Kline Street #104. (LA JOLLA)

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In Living Color: Paintings of CS Mummert The oil paintings of S.C. Mummert, a rare painter who creates both landscapes and figurative work. Meet the artist and catch the guitar stylings of Jose Molino Serrano. Info: 619-337-8342. Thursday, December 12, 5pm; **free**. 18 and up. O'Dunn Fine Art, 8325 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Museum of the Living Artist Reception Juried and awarded artwork from Outstanding Visual Artists of the region featuring artists Victoria Polyak and Claire-Lise Matthey Andereg. SDAI members free; non members \$3. Friday, December 13, 6pm; **free**-\$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Painting and Vino: Almond Branches Recreate while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, December 15, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Panel Painting with Tempera Explore techniques and materials similar to those used by Renaissance artists, including working with tempera paint and gold leaf, to create a painted work on panel inspired by the Renaissance Collection. Featuring a docent-led tour and led by museum educator and artist Lucy Eron. Saturday, December 14, 1pm; \$40-\$50. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Popular Culture Through the Eyes of a Tattoo Artist The Pop Art Inked Art Show, featuring over 25 San Diego tattoo artists as they show their interpretation of the world of popular culture. Artists were given the task of choosing a pop culture reference or icon and putting a tattoo artist's spin on it. Saturday, December 14, 7pm; Art-Lab, 3536 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

San Diego Museum of Art Member-Appreciation As a way to say "thank you," members who present their membership card at checkout will receive 20% off all store purchases. La Jolla-based jewelry designer Leslie Russo will showcase her new designs during a one-day-only trunk show. Saturday, December 14, 10am; **free**. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Seen Between In conjunction with Kettner Nights, the show will feature works by resident artists Lindsay Duff, Amber Jahn, Anna Kassel, Ginger Louise, Christian Michaels, Robert Pendleton, Susan Takano, William Walton, and Kathryn Nova Williams, as well as Andy Cook and Sascha Eiblmayr and their Happy Hour collection of stylized furniture. The show runs through January 9. Contact: 619-269-6900 or info@kettnerarts.com. Friday, December 13, 6pm; **free**. Kettner Arts Gallery, 1772 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Transformation: Julia S. Rasor Presented by San Diego Sculptors Guild. Unveiling of Julia's latest sculptures plus live music, refreshments, and a meet-the-artist session. Saturday, December 14, 5pm; **free**. Art Studios @ Spanish Village, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

When Words Fall Away: Artist Talk Composed of 15 acrylic paintings of animalistic imagery exploring the human condition. The dialogue will highlight Niehans art-making process. info@eightteenofiveSD.com Thursday, December 12, 6pm; **free**. Eighteen O' Five, 1805 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

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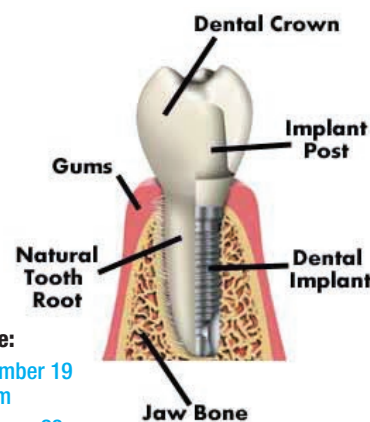
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How does the 4646 Convoy Street mini-mall manage to contain such a staggering array of tasty foods and drinks? Crab Hut, Shabu Shabu House, Raki Raki (except for that damn ramenburger), etc. Add BABS to the list! That's "Bao's Awesome Burgers and Sandwiches," for the record.

BABS stands as an example of how to do *everything* right as a restaurant. The entire operation is organized around a solid concept (greasy, overstuffed sandwiches), and nothing distracts from that heart-stoppingly delicious mission. The menu proudly owns the fact that every dish celebrates excess carbs, salt, and fat. Nothing attempts to disguise the indulgent dishes as anything less.

In fact, the restau and its website are all decked out in *kawaii* (excessively adorable) style...because Hello Kitty would want you to eat a Ju(i)cy Lucy.

Own the calories. Dig into steamed buns filled with steak and cheese, a disgustingly beautiful fusion experience, and one that's also available

with barbecued pork. The bun part should be fluffier in accordance with dim sum style, but it's still a tasteful phenomenon.

Afterward, head toward the sandwiches. Perhaps the Rachael (\$7.49), laden with fatty pastrami, cole slaw, french fries, tomatoes, and provolone cheese. It oozes grease and meat juice in a way that would be unbearable as an everyday meal, but triumphs as a once-in-a-while indulgence.

Don't like pastrami? Try roast beef, ham, or turkey. Maybe the B-B-Beast, which is basically every meat piled high on a sandwich. Or, if sandwiches seem too pedestrian, move on to the stuffed burgers (\$7-\$9). Each one starts life stuffed with cheese, and the toppings are piled on from there. Texas burger gets sweet barbecue sauce and onion rings. White hot

burger comes loaded with chilis and spicy sauce. Pastrami burger is exactly that: stuffed burger

loaded up with shaved pastrami.

Beside the fact that the overkill sandwiches are really good for at least one-and-a-half meals (maybe two), BABS totally owns this fatty-snacks dining extravaganza. Friendly, enthusiastic service ices the cake, but its unapologetic focus on gluttony really seals the deal. There's something to be said for identifying what *your thing* is and doing it as well as possible. Too many restaurants remain caught in permanent

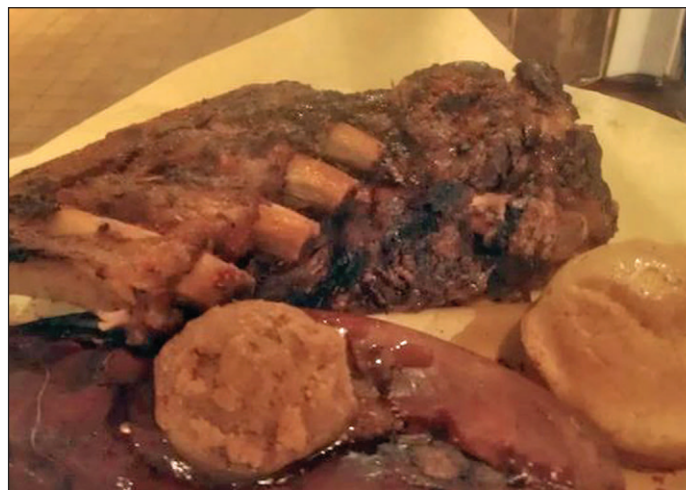
identity crisis. BABS knows exactly what it is and does that to the best of its ability. That's a rare and beautiful thing.

by Ian Pike

All Things BBQ: Bubba's Smoke House

If smoky flavor is the *sine qua non* of barbecued meat, then sauce

is the *desideratum*. Barbecue without sauce is like the ocean without swell: beautiful, but where's the fun? As much as meat choice, barbecue sauces in the American South adhere to regional varieties. The sweet sauce of Kansas City barbecue, thick in texture and heavy on the sugar, is most common across the U.S. KC-style sauce is a variation on Memphis-style sauce from the land where spare ribs reign supreme, which is thinner and sharper, higher in vinegar



Opt for the pork and beef ribs only dusted with rub, or, as Ian Pike recommends, slather it with Bubba's fantastic sauce.

to cut the fat, but sweet enough to add a new dimension to the barky, lean spare ribs. Back in the day, Memphis pitmasters innovated the Carolina vinegar sauces, which are the progenitors of all. Little more than vinegar, pepper, and chili, vinegar sauce was originally used as a baste to moisten and penetrate meat as it smoked. It also splashes fantastically over the rich, fatty pork shoulder or whole hog of Carolina 'cue.

Better and more exhaustive lists exist, but the aforementioned styles sum up 95 percent of the barbecue joints in America, and maybe 100 percent in San Diego — though that remains to be seen as the barbecue survey continues!

Bubba's Smoke House BBQ shows just how important sauce can be. The restaurant makes an exaggerated play of the South, sporting a name like "Bubba" and incorporating soul-food staples such as sweet potatoes (erroneously labeled "yams," in one instance), collards, fried pickles and okra, and some delicious sweet tea. Although uncharacteristic of posh La Jolla, the place has rolled with it since 2009 and shows no signs of weakness.

Bubba's sauce comes in two varieties — both medium-thin and pungent. The sweet sauce has a velvety touch of sugar that complements the sharp acidity. The hot sauce shines. Cider vinegar lends bite, while the sauce gets its kick from chipotle peppers. Those chipotles

hint more at California and the Southwest than the "barbecue belt," but the delightful effect gives Bubba's sauce true character. Spice-sensitive souls will find it quite lively, but spice lovers will have no problem slathering it on everything at the restaurant, and in great quantity. Sauce-making, whether barbecue or bechamel, is all about balance, and Bubba's hot sauce treads a fine line with certitude.

As for the meats, they remain the consistent, perfectly average product of a self-contained smoker. They lack the deep, smoky flavor of pit barbecue but maintain the tenderness of slow cooking. They compare equally to, say, Lil' Alex or BBQ House. Bubba's meats tend more toward the dry and crusty side. Service without sauce at all, only dusted with dry rub, is an option for the ribs. Still, the basic premise is the same.

Most importantly, at Bubba's, whatever you get will be okay so long as it's covered in that fantastic sauce.

by Ian Pike

Tri-tips and home-made pickles

They're smoking, upstairs above the Tivoli Bar. Smoking tri-tip, that is. JJ and Ashley, husband and wife. They're the new proprietors of the grill at the far end of the ancient bar, the one with the counter that bounced around Cape Horn, stowed aboard a square-rigger, and, yes, the one Mr. W. Earp leaned on, with his wife Josie, too. Because this place is old. I mean Stingaree-old, 1865-old.

But I'm drinking a new beer. From Vermont. It was the crazy wrought-iron-and-rusty-springs draft handle that tickled my fancy. Magic Hat #9, from the Magic Hat Brewing Company in Burlington. Kinda apricot beer (\$5.50). Dunno. Maybe I'm too far gone on the San Diego hoppy thing. The Magic Hat is so danged sweet and



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perfumy for my tastes. But... nice try.

Besides, I'm here because I like the old place and its old honky-tonk name, "Tivoli." Name's easy to remember because it's "I Lov It" backward.

Anyway, good garlicky smells coming from the grill. And a whole bunch of people sitting on stools down at that end munching away.

So I ride my #9 bus over there. Notice new signs up. "JJ's @ The Tivoli, specializing in barbequed meats..."

Menu propped up on the bar lists things like the Tivoli Burger, third of a pound patty with pepper jack, bacon, sweet onion slaw, other good stuff, \$9. Their Romero Dog (\$8) has bacon, cheddar, jalapeños, mustard, and fries. Sounds pretty awesome.

And their pulled pork sandwich (\$8), with pickles, chutney, BBQ sauce, and a side of macaroni is tempting. They also have cheaper deals like chicken tenders (\$6), nachos (\$5), or just a plate of french fries to fill out the liquid lunch for \$3.

Guy next to me, retired Army guy, has what looks like a huge swag of meat wrapped in a lettuce. "The burger," he says. "Really good, and no carbs. This is the Atkins Diet in action!"

But I go for the tri-tip sandwich (\$9) with the sweet onion slaw, pickle, lettuce, mustard, and macaroni salad because the man himself, JJ, says he and Ashley smoke this good stuff upstairs on the smoker with their secret rub. Mesquite's important, too. "But it's sweet, Memphis style, with a bit of Kansas City BBQ sauce flavors thrown in," he says.

I'm a total rube when it comes to rubs, but it sounds interesting. Plus, JJ tells me he makes his own pickles.

And, guess what? Those pickles turn out to be the stars of the day. They're spicy and garlicky and crunchy, as only fresh pickled cucumbers can be. Man! What a difference.

If I had more cash I'd get a stash, or at least a jar (\$6, with 50 cents back when you return the jar). "I chop up about 40 pounds of cucumbers every week," JJ says. "I can't make enough of them."

And they contrast beautifully with this tri-tip roast

beef sandwich. Love that sweet thing going on with the onion slaw. And meat's good and tender. Well, I guess at nine bucks, it oughta be.

I raise my glass of Vermont's Best to Wyatt, and his sexy wife Josie. Swear I see them wink.

As they say around here: I lov it.

by Ed Bedford

RB Sushi invades Hillcrest

It took a while, but somebody finally moved into the spot, formerly Lotus Cafe, at 3955 Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest. That somebody is RB Sushi, a North County and College Area stalwart most known for its liberal "all you can eat" policy that grants unimpeded access to a large menu of sushi and other small plates.

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RB Sushi's AYCE deal appeals to *both* styles! A few rules apply: leftover food incurs a charge, premium items are limited to one per customer, and you have to start at least an hour before closing time. Other than that, it's open season on sushi!

Let's just say, for the sake of argument, one diner went there for dinner, paid \$25, and ate 12 orders of nigiri, a yellowtail collar, and a bowl of miso soup.

This hypothetical diner might find RB Sushi's quality to be better than many of the price-point sushi joints in the area. On a sushi scale, he might place it well above Sushi Deli (the closest competitor in terms of price), but beneath Ebisu (the most affordable spot around that offers good, or at least "better," sushi). That same hypothetical diner might advise *other* potential guests to avoid the sushi options that require a little more finesse. RB Sushi doesn't stock the absolute finest fish, so sensitive dishes like squid, mackerel, and uni are best avoided in favor of "easier" preparations. The restaurant's sushi cooks do a fair job of dressing up basic preparations of escolar, albacore, yellowtail, and seared *akami* tuna, to name a few. They let the soy sauce soak into the rice, and don't put wasabi on anything, but they're at least making a pass at sushi preparation.

At the end of the day, they're generous with the fish portions, so it's easy to appease senses of gluttony and thriftiness alike. \$70+ worth of food (according to the regular menu pricing)

certainly fills a belly.

Maybe RB Sushi will be able to make it work in what's been a cursed location for a long time. They certainly bring stiff competition to the glut of bargain sushi joints in the area.

by Ian Pike

Deviled Egg Craze

The one item on the menu that keeps me coming back to the Lion's Share is their deviled eggs.

The restaurant sits at the south end of Kettner Boulevard in downtown's Marina neighborhood. Dark wood paneling, wrought-iron furniture, 1920s-style chandeliers hung low, and the trolleys rumbling by outside give the place an old-world-pub feel.

The eclectic menu offers items such as antelope sliders, frog legs, and rabbit with a price range of \$15 to \$20. Cocktails, with a focus on mezcal and tequila, will cost you about \$11.

And then there are those deviled eggs... The Lion's Share serves theirs four to a platter, which will run you \$8. The first egg is mixed with Espelette, a dried red pepper from the Basque region, which provides just the right amount of heat without overwhelming the silkiness of the egg. The second egg is topped with a heaping spoonful of caviar, salty and delicious. The third is made with truffle and a hefty piece of prosciutto set on top. The salty flavor of the prosciutto complements the richness of the truffle. Last, a deviled egg and quail confit, sweet and soft to the last bite.

by Lindsay Marks

Adventures in adobada: Tacos El Paisa

In deference to the spirit of yuletide cheer, let's kick off our inquiry into the mesmerizing porcine monument known interchangeably as *adobada* and *al pastor* with a success story.

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The fat-basted shavings offer a slightly-more-than-mild picante kick, suggesting a conservative application of *achiote* in favor of a hearty dash of paprika.

Achiote comes from the ground annatto seed and serves more as an invigorating earthen-red dye than a spice, though its distant peppery/ nutmeg zang meshes nicely with traditional *adobo* spices when abundant.

In this case, that dash of paprika punctuates the predominantly smoky BBQ tones of the pork, from which (in true TJ fashion) you may opt to discard a few of the fattier chunks.

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by Chad Deal

All Things BBQ: The Wrangler Family Barbecue

After all that talk about barbecue without a legitimate smoking pit, meritorious as it may be, this is where shit gets real. Walk into El Cajon's Wrangler Family Barbecue (901 El Cajon Blvd), where a taxidermied bison overlooks the dining room and Buck Owens plays softly from the radio, and it strikes.

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One bite tells the tale. The Wrangler's spare ribs boast a thick bark on the outside, and the meat bears a pink tinge, a telltale sign that smoke and spices have penetrated the pork during hour after hour of smoking. Ham, the restaurant's other specialty, bursts with juicy, smoky flavor. Roast beef also presents a thick jerky of crust yielding to tender, smoky meat below

the surface.

Short and sweet, the menu doesn't try to incorporate all manner of 'cue. Pulled pork is only available Thursday and Saturday. Monday is beef stew. The rest of the time, ribs, beef, and ham compose the menu in its entirety. A combination with all three, including two side dishes, costs but \$13.69 and will feed two normal eaters. Side dishes are slaw, beans, fries, or mac and cheese. Nothing more. The slaw is crisp, fresh, and green. The beans, sweet, thick, and savory. The sauce is bold, served hot and not enough of it. The menu's only real weakness is sub-par bread.

In a glass case, huge slices of assorted cream pies (only \$2.99/slice) lurk alongside cottage cheese salads.

Quibblers might say that the place seems dated, or that the characters operating the business can come off a little on the gruff side. Those two things may be true, but anyone who wants to taste real pit barbecue should accept the fact that barbecue hasn't changed much in the past 70 years and that artists are peculiar people.

Put aside the prejudices and let the smoke take hold.

by Ian Pike

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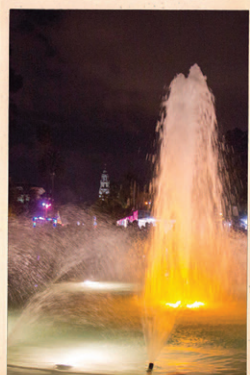
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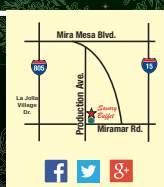
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Chasing Gregory Page. “The moment I came to San Diego, when I asked about making an album of music, Gregory Page was the man everyone remembered,” says singer/songwriter Tom Brosseau, whose upcoming album, *Grass Punks*, includes a song

And then hang up.’ Getting a word in person proved to be the method most challenging. Man’s like a ghost, slipping here, slipping there, slipping right out of the grip and into the realm of lord knows where.”

Brosseau’s fannish fol-

little thing, his music, which touched my heart.”

He eventually talked Page into working with him, but that was a mere starting point. “The first album Gregory and I made, I remember it taking all my savings, plus a personal loan from my grandmother....

When it came time to having CDs manufactured, I ordered so many that, once stacked inside my apartment, I barely could shake my own foot.

“So, with a backpack [full] of my album, my Gibson J-40 acoustic guitar, a smart haircut, polished shoes, dress clothes, I began in the Mission Hills neighborhood, door upon door, saying hello, my name is Tom Brosseau. I’m from Grand Forks, North Dakota. I play folk music. I’m new in town. I have an album of music for sale. I know you’ll like it.”

Grass Punks was recorded and produced by North County bluegrass artist Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek, Fiction Family), who also played guitar, bass, mandolin, and synth pads. Both he and Gregory Page will appear at the *Grass Punks* release party, happening January 11 at Swedenborg Hall in University Heights.

“In addition to my own original compositions,” says Brosseau, “plan on hearing some of my favorite songs from the bad ol’ days of folk.” — Jay Allen Sanford

Mullet revolution. “Our show is a lot more than music,” says Guy Boyd, guitarist for the ’80s tribute band Hott Mess. “It’s tongue-in-cheek, but when you get the critical mass — the energy between audience and band — it’s like bringing back the ’80s. But without the mullet, it’s not the same.”

Boyd and the mullet go back. Way back.

“I had hair like Andre Agassi back in the 1980s, but my style is now more like Bret Michaels,” says Boyd, 48. “It’s mellow, but still a mullet. Nobody in the band has hair like that into their day-to-day life, but one guy does wear hair extensions.”

Boyd and his crew, formerly named Fingerbang, have been rocking the Stage Bar in the Gaslamp every Saturday for the past two and a half years.

“The lead singer [Jerry Fleury] owns the club so that helps,” says Boyd, a software developer when he’s not playing hard-rock classics from Ratt, Poison, and Def Leppard.

Mastering a classic guitar solo is hard enough; maintaining a mullet well into one’s 40s is nearly impossible for anyone not named “Rod Stewart.”

That’s where Morgan Simpson comes in. She and her husband, Louie, operate Mullet on the Go, a mail-order business based in

Cortez Hill, that has sold an estimated 75,000 mullet wigs since 2009.

Mullet on the Go offers nine different types of mullets, including the Tailgater, the Bobcat, and the Big

suggests.

It might work. Despite nostalgia’s tendency to follow 20-year cycles, Boyd believes the demand for ’80s hair-band hits will never die.

“Sometimes, we talk about

the inside track blur

with the Google-friendly title “Gregory Page of San Diego.”

“My aim, then, was to get his attention. It was no easy task. Busy guy, hard to get a response to my emails, and

lowup included staking out Hatchet Brothers gigs at the Ould Sod on Adams Avenue. “That’s two hours, plus an encore, a smoke break, and then an hour closing set. Eleven,



Grand Forks folkie Brosseau came west and went door-to-door looking for Gregory Page and selling CDs.

when I got his phone number, my calls went straight to the answering machine. ‘You have reached the world headquarters of Mr. Gregory Page. Please, leave a message.

midnight, one. Man alive, those guys could play. For the opportunity to present itself, I would have to be patient. I would have given up completely save for just one tiny



Hott Mess’ ’80s music — and mullets — still “speak to America.”

Baller.

Many of their customers are hair bands and also the people who love hair bands.

“The mullet has never died,” Simpson, 40, insists. “So many people like the mullet for various reasons. Take our ‘Bobcat.’ The headband is red, white, and blue and I think it — and the mullet — speaks to America.”

Simpson’s mullet wigs are now sold in 2000 stores nationwide, but she is hoping bands like Hott Mess will considering selling them to customers who want to get into the spirit at shows.

“We’d like people to pick up the revolution,” she subtly

doing more ’90s songs, but that’s a different vibe. Not as fun,” he says. “The ’80s captured a really fun time.”

— David Moye

Prog-rock on the prairie. “It’s a concept album, with a storyline that goes with the music,” says Chapman Stick player Tom Griesgraber, whose newest collaboration with Bert Lams (California Guitar Trio), *Unnamed Lands*, is a prog-rock western set in 1840. “I had this three-part story idea come to me, about a group of covered-wagon travelers,” he says of the narrative, which developed after the duo

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Lams and Griesgraber's *Untamed Lands* is a concept record about prairie travelers.

the way it came to me. That gave us the title 'Prairie Suite' for that piece."

"We then spent several months reading historical diaries, manuals, and accounts of actual prairie travelers to base our own story." The resulting album sounds both earthy and otherworldly, mostly due to the sonic flexibility of composing songs around the Chapman Stick, a 12-stringed instrument championed by bassist Tony Levin during stints with King Crimson and Peter Gabriel. Griesgraber picked

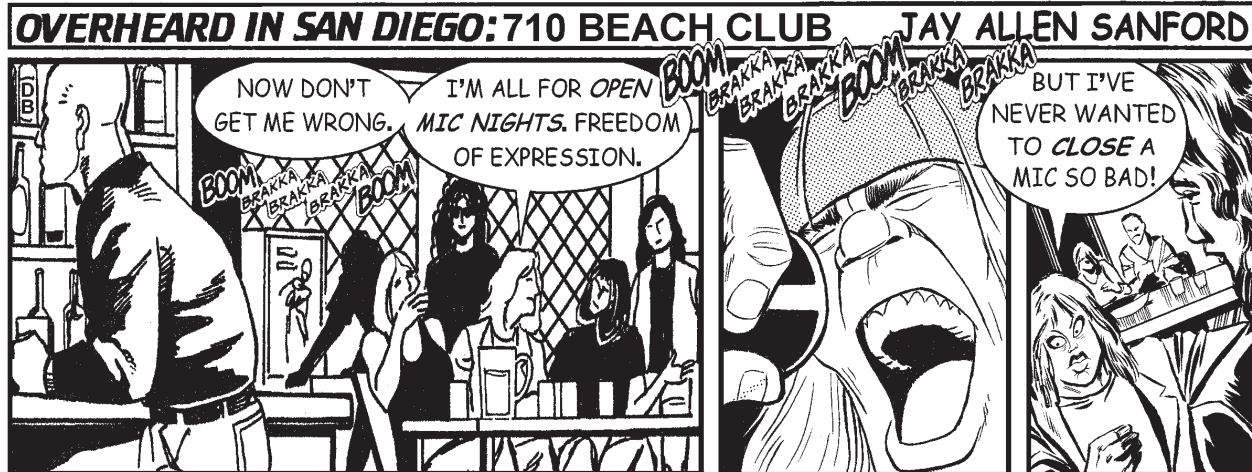
up his first Stick in 1997, after seeing Levin performed a trade-show demonstration by tapping the strings both overhead and underhand, with bass and melody strings tuned alternately and independently, allowing for almost endless choral and lead experimentation.

Combined with Bert Lams's adventurous guitar work (which continues to evolve, long after touring with Crimson's king Robert Fripp), *Untamed Lands* explores tonal territories rarely covered. "I've played with quite a few musicians over the years, but most of them drummers. In that scenario, it's easy, because the Stick and drums each have their own sonic

space. With Bert on acoustic guitar, the two instruments are much more similar....

Bert doesn't think anything like a conventional guitarist. In fact, I don't think you'll find him strumming chords on the entire album! He plays tuned in 5ths, Robert Fripp's 'new standard tuning,' and spends a lot of time playing counter riffs and melodies to what I'm doing."

Adding depth and context to *Untamed Lands* is an accompanying booklet, illustrated by two brothers from Lams's Belgium homeland.



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— Jay Allen Sanford

Bus busking in TJ.

From playing on buses around Tijuana to winning Rockampeonato in 2012, Cañamo has evolved. They have opened for international acts such as Café Tacvba, Don McCarlos, Los Cafres, and Cultura Profetica. Together for more than ten years, Cañamo is the most recognized reggae band in Tijuana, but they have yet to record a CD with decent production. Cañamo has two demo CDs and

an EP from 2011 with no major label backing; their legacy does not match their popularity.

Osvaldo and Elias tells the *Reader* about playing songs by Bob Marley, Manu Chao, Antidoping, and more while riding the bus. "We used to make decent money in a couple hours, we could make over 500 pesos in a short period of time in a good day. The goal was always to start the reggae band," says Osvaldo who moved to Tijuana from Oaxaca when he was 20. He met Elias in college and little by little started to form the band. That's how Cañamo started back in 2003, the same year that Osvaldo dreaded his hair. Today, those dreads almost reach

the ground.

Cañamo plays traditional reggae, nothing too progressive/alternative added to the mix. Island vibes, improvi-

for the band as they endure ever-changing lineups.

Osvaldo as a lead guitarist/singer, Elias on bass, and Lalo on the accordion are

the groups only constants. The brass and rhythm sections come and go.

But with more than 8000 Facebook likes and over 80,000 views of their Youtube video "Zona Norte" — a song that everyone in Tijuana relates to — Cañamo says they plan to face 2014 full power, with a new CD and several shows in their border city.

— Matthew Suarez



Cañamo's days of busking on buses are over, they just can't seem to keep a brass and rhythm section intact.

sation, a touch of ska, and a frontman who knows how to reel in the crowd.

Despite the relaxed environment Cañamo projects, it hasn't been smooth sailing

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This Week In Music

Thursday 12

For all you tent-pitching, rock-climbing, star-gazing, firepit-blazing, punk-rock throwback barbecue fanatics, first wave punks the **Weirdos** will headline a high-desert dust-up at that rock-roll pork-pit in Pioneertown, Pappy & Harriet's. From late-'70s Hollyweird, John and Dix Denney lent a little SoCal silliness to the antisocial sociopolitiking of hardcore acts such as the Germs, the Jerks, and Black Flag. To balance the bill, that baritone bard **Shawn Mafia** and his **Ten Cent Thrills** deliver *Death in D Major*, a rock-noir record for fans of the creepy cool brand (Nick Cave, Leonard Cohen, Tom Waits). If you take that ride, I'll be the guy in the sauce-stained Go-Go's shirt with cornbread crumbs in his beard. Say hey.... 'Round town Thursday night, you got Venice Beach big band the **Mowgli's** at the Griffin after **Blondfire** and the **Lucky Lonely**. A brief sampling of the jangle and bounce on the Mowgli's debut *Waiting for the Dawn* confirms the octet's love-rock-revivalist mission statement. Bend an ear to their hit single "San Francisco" to see what I mean...and **Slow Magic**, a tribal-mask-wearing electronic experimentalist in the chillwave vein (like, Boards of Canada, Air France) will take the stage at Casbah after like-minded locals the **Illuminatus** and **Mystery Cave**. I'm usually pretty impatient with this stuff, but Slow Magic's *Triangle* has been working on me. He broke my code: sick samples and brevity.



IVAN & ALYOSHA AT SODA BAR

winners the Schitzophonics and Diana "What's One More Band" Death) split a tribute bill at NoPark hot spot Bar

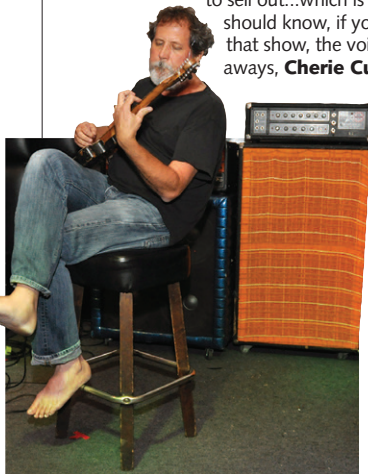
Pink...more first-wave punkers on the road, as ex-Skulls singer Billy Bones and his band the **Billybones** rattles into Til-Two with their debut *The Complexity of Stupidity*, a punk-pop set that offers a lot more punk than pop. **Paper Hearts** of Hollywood and our own **Dead on the Wire** will get the pit spinning...**Big Eyes**, a "male-backed" Seattle act (according to singer/guitarist Kate Eldridge) will split a Volar Records bill with lo-fi locals **Teenage Burritos** at the Whistle Stop in South Park...while over in Bay Park, country skunks the **Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash** hit the Griffin after the **MacAnanys**...reggae-rock roustabouts **Slightly Stoopid** will be doing a Toys for Tots benefit on the all-ages stage at Soma...and this looks pretty interesting: the San Diego **School of Rock** will perform Neutral Milk Hotel's lo-fi landmark *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* up at Ché Café at UCSD. Now I'm going to have "King of Carrot Flowers" stuck in my head all day...

Saturday 14

According to *Spin* magazine, **Lee Ranaldo** is co-numero uno guitarist of all time with his ex-

set's getting mixed reviews for its Sonic Youth sameness. Eff them, it sounds fantastic. Do me a thing, though, go listen to beauty "Lecce, Leaving" and tell me Lee's pipes aren't sounding more and more like Michael Stipe. Which is way okay by me, I'm pro-adenoid. With acoustic killer **Bill Orcutt** (Harry Pussy) and avant-garde noisemaker **Jacob Feliz Heule** front-loading this super-heavy bill, this one's bound

to sell out...which is why you should know, if you miss tix for that show, the voice of the Run-aways, **Cherie Curie**, will split



BILL ORCUTT AT CASBAH

a bill with her onetime Hollywood cohort **Roni Lee** (Venus and the Razorblades). The Kim Fowley acolytes will be at Bay Park bar Brick by Brick.... Else: Northwest grunge revivalists **Naomi Punk** will fill the Void with the sludge-rock noise off of their Captured Tracks debut, *The Feeling*, which slips some beautiful tension between its slow-core beats and rattling strings. The watery vox takes a taste test, but I like its swank ooze. San Diego psych-pop quartet **Dunes** rolls in first...winners of the Album of the Year award at this year's SDMAS, **Burning of Rome**, headlines sets by **Le Mutant**, **Gloomspan**, and **Figs Vision** right down the street at Soda bar...and if you're up in the rurals, southpaw Blues-breaker **Coco Montoya** will be bending his Fender at Ramona Mainstage. Dude's a multi-tool jawdropper, slinging his Start upside-down and singing like nobody's business.

Sunday 15

Mika Miko's Jessica and Jennifer Clavin are **Bleached**, a duo that distills scuzzy guitar-pop on its Dead Oceans debut *Ride Your Heart*. It's a driving, darling racket of '60s girl-group revisionism that has rock writers comping Best Coast up and down the dial. Eh. If you miss Mika Miko, too, this'd be the gig to see Sunday night at Soda Bar, where like-minded locals **Northern Tigers** and **Kera & the Lesbians** get the beach ball bouncing.... Utter mentionables: down at the electro-House of Blues



BLEACHED AT SODA BAR

Swedish dance-pop duo **Icena Pop** splits a bill with trip-hop hit **K. Flay**... and ex-Ozzy guitarist **Jake E. Lee's Red Dragon Cartel** fills a hard-rock bill at Brick by Brick along with **Ethan and Nili Brosh**, **Temporal Riff**, **Greg Vaughan's Phantom Cargo**, and the **Sick String Outlaws**.

Monday 16

Del Mar's own folk-pop confessor, the torchy young woman **Tristan Prettyman**, will be at Belly Up on Monday night behind her latest, *Cedar + Gold*, the singer-songwriter's post-Mraz diary. (The on-again, off-again couple broke the engagement and saved the universe.) Beach-rock locals the **Paul Canon Band** open the show. Mr. Canon's music ministers "peace, harmony, and good vibes," even the song called "Monkey Butt".... Casbah's anti-Monday team throws an electronic hip-hop **Pool Party** after Lorelei Plotczyk's (Film School) new buzz band **Bulletins** and alt-rock quartet **Danny & the Tramp**.

Tuesday 17

L.A. 4 A.D. artists **Inc.** play Soda Bar behind this year's *No World*, a narcotized take on NIN. It's what I'm hearing, anyway. Brothers Andrew and Daniel Aged tag as "atmospheric," "soulful," "indie R&B." No?...laughy Dallas McLaughlin's second annual **Wally Bunting Christmas Special** will be at Bar Pink and promises lots of special guests crooning Broadway classics and trad holiday faves.

Wednesday 18

Poliça (which is pronounced *poe-lisa* and apparently means "America's Portishead") plays Belly Up on humpnight. The Minneapolis synth-pop quartet is touring in support of this year's well-received Mom + Pop release *Shulamith*, a record *Rolling Stone* compares to "early-Prince electro burp-n-grind." Makes sense, Prince is from there.... The other notable show's at Brick by Brick, where industrial-grade synth-rock act **Orgy** — they had a hit with a clubby cover of New Order's "Blue Monday" — joins like-minded locals **Redmond**, **Squirrelly Arts**, and **Bricklayer Bosh** for a night of machine-gun music under seizure lights. The holidays are up on us, make 'em happy, healthy ones.



POLICA AT BELLY UP

— Barnaby Monk

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Friday 13

On the harmonious side of indie rock, where the heady Grizzly Bear hibernates, Dostoevsky fans **Ivan & Alyosha** stand out for the good-folk comfort croons you'll hear on this year's *All the Times We Had*. Popular press suggests that where the Seattle act lacks capital-s Soul is adequately filled with soul-searching everyman complaints on love, family, and spirits in the sky — sung in bone-chilling three-part harmony. The NPR-approved four-piece will play Soda Bar with local folkies **Leanna May & the Matadors** and **Ed Ghost Tucker**.... Best of the rest on Friday the 13th Part Whatever: the **Replacement Replacements** (that's Adam Gimbel's Cover Me Badd crew) and **Bowie-phonics** (that's SDMA



LEE RANALDO & THE DUST AT CASBAH

Sonic Youth bandmate Thurston Moore. Ranaldo fronts his own dealio these days called the **Dust**, which blows into Casbah Saturday night behind *Heatseeker* hit *Last Night on Earth*. The Matador

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Friday, 8pm — Lady Zep and Nuns N' Moses.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Geezer and Hey Ho Let's Go.
Tuesday, 9pm — 710 Bass Club: Underground EDM.

98 Bottles:
Thursday, 8pm — Stefanie Schmitz & Gilbert Castellanos. \$10-\$15.

AMSDconcerts:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Cris Williamson.

ArtLab:
Thursday, 8pm — Gramophone Gregory. **Free.**
Friday, 8pm — Donna Larsen and Duke Ventra.
Wednesday, 9pm — Gypsy Blues.

Balboa Park Recital Hall :
Saturday, 6pm — Bon Temps Social Club Cajun/Zydeco Dance. \$10.

Bar Dynamite:
Friday, 9pm — 24K Gold.

Bar Pink:
Thursday, 9pm — Daeta, the Fresh Yard, Premiere Fits.
Friday, 9pm — Replacement

Replacements, Bowie-Phonics.
Saturday, 9pm — MilkCrates: DJs Mikey Face & Angie.
Monday, 9pm — Monday Night Mass: Husky Boy All-Stars.
Tuesday, 9pm — Wally Bunting X-Mas Special.
Wednesday, 9pm — Funk 101: Stevie & the Hi-Stax.

Bassmnt:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Gabriel & Dresden.

Beaumont's:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Aquile. **Free.**
Friday, 9pm — Stratos. **Free.**
Saturday, 9pm — Jones Revival. **Free.**
Sunday, 11:30am — Sando. **Free.**
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Kayla Hope. **Free.**

Belly Up:
Thursday, 8:30pm — Atomic Groove.
Friday, 8pm — Transfer and the Paragraphs.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Old Man Markley and Shake Before Us.
Monday, 8pm — Tristan Prettyman.
Wednesday, 8pm — Polica.

Bernardo Winery:
Friday, Saturday, 5pm — Steven Ybarra.

Boar Cross'n:
Friday, 8pm — Club Musae.
Saturday, 8pm — Hanging From the Rafters.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 9pm — Amigo, Camacho. \$5.
Friday, 7:30pm — Filthy Violets, New Varsity, Everything Said. \$8-\$10.
Saturday, 8pm — Cherie Currie,



BY DAVE GOOD

The news is that Jake E. Lee's on the comeback trail with a new band and a new record and everything is okay. For fans of '80s hard rock, not a whole lot about that music has changed. Lee's signature staccato pentatonic guitar runs have not been dulled (nor slowed) in the least by the fact that a couple of decades have come and gone since his last major recording. Absent only from the picture is the spandex-leather-chick makeup that certain man-rockers favored back then. But the music is the same. It's as if Lee, who is now 56, and his latter-day glam contemporaries simply picked up where they left off.

Jakey Lou Williams was an infant when his family relocated from Virginia to Impe-

rial Beach. This is where he formed his first band, Teaser, which became known clear across town at a head-banger club in La Mesa called Straita Head Sound. It's been said that another child guitarist named Warren DeMartini engaged Lee for guitar lessons. When Lee left Mickey Ratt, he would suggest that DeMartini take his place; that band ultimately became Ratt. Lee quit MR because he'd hooked up with Rough Cutt in Los Angeles, which led to a short-lived job in a new band called Dio at the behest of Ronnie James, which led to a job with Ozzy Osbourne after Randy Rhoads suddenly died. Lee ushered in the *Bark at the Moon* era and he did something that rock critics said could never be done: he filled Rhoads's guitar-hero shoes.

There's not a lot of Jake E. Lee music activity to report post-Oz. He may have taken a job wrenching for a mechanic in Las Vegas, which would make sense, given his muscle-car hobby. But now he's back on the road, and the only



JAKE E. LEE'S RED DRAGON CARTEL

question that remains is this: are we ready for big-hair rock to make a comeback?

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Sunday, 6pm — Lupe DiFranco: Songs of Christmas. **Free.**

Canyon Crest Academy:
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Carlsbad City Library Learning Center:
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Casbah:
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Friday, 7:30pm — Transfer, Drowning Men, the Paragraphs.
Saturday, 8pm — Lee Rinaldo &

the Dust.
Sunday, 9pm — Kitten, Holychild, Soft Lions.
Monday, 8pm — Pool Party, Danny & the Tramp, Bulletins.
Wednesday, 8pm — Black Hondo, Marsupials, Nick Bone.

Chalice Unitarian Universalist Church:
Sunday, 7pm — Randi Driscoll.

Chico Club:
Thursday, Friday, 8pm — DJ Harvest.

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Saturday, 9pm — Todo Mundo. Free.
Wednesday, 9pm — Barbarian.*

Griffin:

*Thursday, 8pm — The Mowgli's, Blondfire, Lucky Lonely. \$20.
Friday, 9pm — Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash.
Saturday, 9pm — Generator and Punk in Drublic.
Sunday, 9pm — California Honeydrops and T Sisters.
Monday, 9pm — St. Cloud Sleeper and Northamericans.
Tuesday, 9pm — Tiger Milk Imports, Nicky Venus, Fixtures.*

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Wednesday, 6pm — Jake Miller, Action Item, Air Dubai. \$25-\$75.*

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Wednesday, 6pm — Bourbon, Blues & Brews: Missy Andersen. Free.

La Jolla United Methodist Church:

Sunday, 4pm — Come On Down to Bethlehem. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House:

Saturday, 8:30pm — Jeff Campbell.

Local Mercantile:

Saturday, noon — East County Bluegrass Jam. Free.

Maxine Theater:

Monday, 5:30pm — Free Christmas Concert. Free.

Media Arts Center:

Friday, 6:30pm — Mimi Zulu and Soul Ablaze.

Merrow:

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Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Saturday, 7pm — Coco Montoya, Daytona & BlueSide Rockers.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:
Thursday, 9pm — Man From Tuesday.
Friday, 7pm — Sure Fire Soul Ensemble.
Saturday, 9pm — Taste Machine.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

New Paul McCartney
By Alan Segal

"Will you still need me...when I'm 64?" Yeah, even at 71 we need you, when you can still make great original music.

My favorite cut on Paul McCartney's new record is "Early Days," an acoustic ballad about him and John Lennon pre-Beatles: "Dressed in black from head to toe, two guitars across our backs, we would cross the city roads, seeking someone who would listen to the music

we wrote at home... They can't take it from me if they try. I lived through those early days."

The title track sounds as good as a Beatles classic, with a retro hook reminding one of the good old days, "We can live as we want, we can do as we choose."

The studio production's as fresh as McCartney's lyrics and melodies. One of his producers worked with Adele; another, Giles Martin, did the Beatles' Love re-mix. The influence of past (McCartney) and present (Adele) is most evident on the rocker "I Can Bet." On the silky ballad "Looking at Her," McCartney channels Lennon's Beatles classic "Girl" with his longing lyrics: "Everybody's looking at her/ she's got everybody talking about her." And on "Everybody Out There," McCartney lives up to the chorus: "Do some good before you say goodbye." He did. He does.



New reminds one of the good old days.

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How cool is Buddy Guy?
By Bustamon

Buddy Guy is cool. Leaning on an amp and playing his Fender Strat with one-hand cool. Wiping down his face and strings with a towel mid-song cool. Taking the drummer's stick and using it like an extended finger to pick his guitar cool... All of which he did during his sold-out show.

Guy and his crack four-piece band opened with "Damn Right I Got

the Blues," taking time between songs to spin tales of the past, covering everyone from Muddy to Jimi — versions of their respective songs "I Just Want to Make Love to You" and "Voodoo Child."

Buddy's bantering leaned toward the bawdy side, which he proclaimed many blues lyrics to be, "If you just look between the lines." His intense, string-munching guitar solo and subsequent shit-eating grin during "Hoochie Coochie Man/She's Nineteen Years Old" brought it all home for this reporter. At 77, Buddy's licks haven't missed a beat. How cool is that?

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Thomas Washington Talley's "Behold That Star," Libby Larsen's "Beneath These Alien Stars," Alice Parker's "Bright Morning Stars," and Eric Whitacre's "Lux Aurumque," directed by Sally Husch Dean. *Sunday*, December 15, 2pm; \$8-\$12. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College, 1140 W. Mission Road.

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Inspiration Series Concert
 San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory's Inspiration Series features their introductory and intermediate winds and strings ensembles: Overture Strings, Overture Winds, and Concert Strings. *Sunday*, December 15, 4pm; **free**-\$5. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue.

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Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.

December 20 — Troubadour Holiday Open House.

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Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.

December 21 — Gary Hoey and Taz Taylor Band.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: 7777

University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777.

December 21 — Bedbreakers.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: 8364 La

Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-1797.

December 21 — Sock Monkeys.

December 28 — People of Earth.

Searsucker: 611 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-233-7327.

December 27 — These Siamese and Julian Tydelski.

Seaweed and Gravel: 144 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. December 20 — Laurel Sorenson EP release.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.

December 20 — Nihilist.

December 21 — Kingsland.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.

December 19 — Perfect Pussy.

December 20 — TV Ghost and Holograms.

December 21 — U.S. Bombs.

December 22 — Cobra Skulls, Bombpops, Western Settings.

December 23 — Vampire, Violent Vickie, Mascara Monsters.

December 27 — Mrs. Magician and the Rosalyns.

December 28 — Cuckoo Chaos.

December 29 — Plastic City Pariah and Northamericas.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.

December 21 — Cut Your Losses, Scarlett Ave., Short Stories.

December 28 — Innovade, T-Walk, Digital Jammer.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San

Diego, 619-696-9436.

December 19 — Bass Tribe.

December 20 — IsleSide and Disco Pimps.

December 21 — Hott Mess and DJ Miss Dust.

December 23 — '80s Gothic Night.

December 25 — '90s Dance Night.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights.

January 11 — Tom Brosseau and Gregory Page.

January 12 — Wayne Riker: Beatles A Through Z.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-516-4746.

December 28 — Sleepwalking.

January 4 — Terry Malts, Tiltwheel, Boats, Roxy Jones.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.

December 21 — 99th Floor Yuletide with the Loons.

U-31: 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188.

December 20 — Faded Fridays: BeatKnockers.

December 21 — Dance!Dance! with DJ Qenoe.

January 8 — West Coast Wednesdays.

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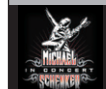
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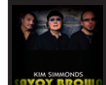
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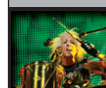
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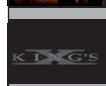
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Donato's Italian Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 glass Bud Light, \$6 pitcher; \$3.50 house wine.

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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.

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

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.

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

Chart House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: \$4 wells, drafts, \$6 cocktails,

\$5 wine by the glass, \$7 martinis, \$4, \$5 and \$6 appetizer menus.

CARLSBAD

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

Boar Cross'n: *Tuesday*, all night: \$5 beer and shot. *Thursday*, 7:45-9:45pm: \$1 Blue Moon drafts. All night: \$2.50 Budweiser 16 oz. retro tallboys. *Friday*, 7:45-9:45pm: \$1 draft. *Saturday*, 7:45-9:45pm: \$1 Miller High Life draft.

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.

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2 off specialty cocktails, \$4 well drinks, draft beers, \$6 sangria, 1/2 off tapas.

CHULA VISTA

BJ's Brewhouse: *Monday-Thursday*, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off draft and cocktails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small bites not included). *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and cocktails.

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

Brigantine: *Monday-Friday*, *Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, Dos Equis. \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$6 merlots, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted tacos, shrimp, oysters.

Candelas on the Bay: *Daily*, 11am-11pm: 1/2-off drafts, glass wine, cocktails. 1/2-off tacos, salads, soups, quesadillas.

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

Del Mar Rendezvous: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-5:30pm: 88 cents for your second round with purchase of regularly priced beer, glass of wine or sake. All wines, beers, and sakes 1/2 price for take-home with your meal or take-out order.

Zel's Del Mar: *Daily*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$2 off premium drinks, \$2 off all wines by the glass, \$4 wells. \$5 ceviche, \$8 ahi poke, crispy mahi tacos.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

Block 16 Union & Spirits: *Friday*, All night: \$3 glasses of Champagne until 11pm, \$5 the rest of the night.

Dussini Loft Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts, house wines and wells. Food specials.

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 Shout House: *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Karl Strauss bottle, \$5 Smirnoff drinks, \$3 fish tacos. No cover. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3 fish tacos. No cover. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Miller Lite draft, \$5 Red Bull bomb shot, \$12 Miller High Life bucket. No cover with college ID or current military ID. *Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all Appetizers, 1/2-off all Drinks. *Saturday*, 6pm-close: \$15 Hurricanes/\$12 refills, \$8 big-ass beer/\$6 refills. *Sunday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Bud drafts, \$3 shot special, \$4 wells. \$1 off appetizers(except fries).

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).

EAST VILLAGE

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.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: *Monday-Thursday*, *Saturday-Sunday*, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. *Friday*, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$4 imports & microbrew pints, \$1.99 small hot sake, \$2.99 large hot sake, \$3.50 well drinks. *Sunday*, 5pm-12am: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$4 imports & microbrew pints, \$1.99

small hot sake, \$2.99 large hot sake, \$3.50 well drinks.

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

Toast Enoteca & Cucina: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 draft beers; \$5 wines by the glass; half-price antipasti. *Sunday*, All day: \$3 draft beers; \$5 wines by the glass; half-price antipasti.

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.

ENCINITAS

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

El Callejon Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 16-oz. domestic drafts, \$3 imported; \$3.75 house margaritas, wells. \$2.95 fish taco, \$3.75 quesadilla, \$4.75 flautas.

Cap'n Kenos: *Daily*, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

Union Kitchen & Tap: *Monday*, 3pm-close: \$2 off craft cocktails; \$4/\$5 drafts, \$6 select wine glasses, \$2 off craft cocktails. \$9 slider trio. *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off craft cocktails; \$4/\$5 drafts, \$6 select wine glasses, \$2 off craft cocktails. \$9 slider trio.

ESCONDIDO

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

Escondido Sports Pub: *Daily*, 6am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles/

drafts, wells; \$3 well pints; \$4.50 tall domestic drafts.

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

Kafe Sobaka: *Daily*, 5-7pm: Beers and vodkas \$3 each.

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links & chips.

GRANTVILLE

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

C-Level: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks, \$5 appetizers.

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Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: *Monday*, 4-6:30pm. 1/2 off bottles of wine. *Tuesday*, *Friday-Sunday*, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. *Wednesday*, 4-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off. *Thursday*, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. Live music.

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BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

All-American setting, British beer

To me, the son of a soldier born on an Army base, the grandson of a sailor who served in World War II, and stepson of a senior chief who spent years stationed on ships and at Camp Pendleton, its drab, earth-toned, cement-floored rooms sporting Old Glory and portraits of prominent figures that feel all-American.

When I walked into **Legacy Brewing Company** (363 Airport Road, Oceanside), a brewery and tasting room matching the above description, it felt just like being back at Pendleton, working my first job, visiting my stepdad and his colleagues or saying goodbye before a deployment.

A replica of the Declaration of Independence greets guests just beyond the front door, pictures of historically significant Americans hang on the north wall, and a 13-starred flag looms large on the west wall. And, of course, beer names such as Sons of Liberty Porter and Founding Fathers Nut Brown help to drive home the patriotic feel.

What's a tad ironic, considering the whole 1776 breakaway thing, is that Legacy explores a wealth of British ale varieties. Among the more successful are the aforementioned nut brown, which has more hop character and a higher ABV than those that inspired it; Clan Ross Scotch Ale, which brings subtle sweetness and dried fruit in a way that's not overpowering; and 3.6 ESB, an extra special bitter that isn't necessarily "special," but is nicely balanced and easy-drinking.

Nickel returns to Julian

Over a year ago, owner Tom Nickel shared his intention to reenter the Julian market with his hand-crafted brews. And on a recent chilly windy day, I was introduced to **Nickel Beer Company** (1485 Hollow Glen Road, Julian).

I walked inside and saw some familiar faces. Tom and his wife Lindsey Nickel staffed the cozy tasting room, which is outfitted in glazed cedar,

company merchandise, and an antique wood-burning stove. Other touches evoking the pub include muffin tins used to deliver sampler flights



Nickel Beer Company is up and running in Julian.

and a dartboard that looks right at home next to a room that used to be a cell but now houses a foosball table.

Initial liquid offerings were scarce but roughly indicative of what visitors can expect in the future. Nickel's flagship beer, which Nickel says will be on perpetually, is his Julian Pale Ale, a 5.5% ABV beer bittered with Sum-

mit, finished with Palisade and dry-hopped with Cascade. It's an excellent session beer with nice hop depth.

Also on tap was an India pale ale exclusively hopped with Chinook. It's an experimental model, brewed to test the efficiencies of Nickel's seven-barrel system. It proved highly efficient in this case, enough to produce 7.8% alcohol-by-volume when he was shooting for just over six.

Nickel's initial dark-beer offering is Stonewall Stout, a 6.3% brew made with all-British roasted malts — a rich and satisfying beer. Chocolate and coffee akin to an imperial stout come on without over-the-top

alcohol or cloying sweetness. If anything, the finish is extra savory with a slight hint of Worcestershire bitterness. Stonewall is also served on nitrogen, which brings on a creaminess that makes it even better. ■

For more breaking craft beer news, follow San Diego Beer News on Twitter (@SDBeerNews) or keep up on Facebook.

katsu chicken slider/fries, \$4 potstickers, yakitori, wings.

LA MESA

Mr. G's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, Noon-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$3 Domestic Pints, \$3 Premium Pints.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

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 N Friends: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$1 off everything.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$5 for any cash wine, \$4 draft beers. \$2 off all 30 wines by the glass. Discounted food items. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$5 mimosa pints.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 select house beer, select domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine. \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

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

Barefoot Bar and Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$5 cocktails and \$4 beers on tap for SD locals only. All draft beers are San Diego and California craft brews.

MISSION HILLS

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.

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Rosie O'Grady's: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers. \$3.50 Jager shots.

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

The Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: everything is \$4.

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. *Fri-*

day, 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 Craze, \$5 Buku Bites, \$5 Buku Nachos, \$7 Twice Baked Mussels, \$8 Seared Ahi Tacos. \$5 Large 20+oz Asahi or Sapporo, \$5 Rock Sake's, \$7 All cocktails & wines (by the glass).

OCEAN BEACH

Mother's Saloon: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off craft drafts, \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.75 well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers. *Sunday*, 4-8pm(during live music): \$1 chicken tenders, \$2 pork sliders, \$5 tater tots.

Ocean Beach Kabob: *Daily*, 2pm-6pm. 50% off all beers. \$2 Dos Equis all day!

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3 domestics, wells; \$4 premiums, glass of wine; specialty cocktails from \$3.50-\$8, 50% off select appetizers.

OLD TOWN

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2-off well drinks & selected appetizers. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2-off well drinks & selected appetizers. Taco Tuesday all day!

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Tony Roma's: *Monday*, 4-6pm: \$3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, \$4 premium draft beer pints, \$3 well drinks & well wines, \$3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only) *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, \$4 premium draft beer pints, \$3 well drinks & well wines, \$3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only) *Saturday-Sunday*, 1-4pm: \$3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, \$4 premium draft beer pints, \$3 well drinks & well wines, \$3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only)

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Daily*, 4-7pm & after 10pm: \$3 artisan draft beers, \$4 wines & sangria. \$3 & \$4 tapas.

POINT LOMA

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off select drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm: \$5 tapas, \$3 beer, \$5 select wine, \$6 select cocktails and wells. (bar & side lounge only) *Sunday*, 4:30-7pm: \$5 tapas, \$3 beer, \$5 select wine, \$6 select cocktails and wells. (bar & side lounge only)

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: panco-crusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Café on the Park: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$4 draft beers and well drinks. \$5 red and white house wine. \$8 margaritas. Food specials.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Tuesday*, All Day: \$1 Taco Tuesday. *Wednesday*, All Day: 50¢ Wings Wednesday. *Thursday*, All Day: \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

SCRIPPS RANCH

La Bastide: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$6 drink specials, \$7 appetizer specials.

SERRA MESA

Thai Pepper Cuisine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: Free Thai Iced-tea or Thai iced-coffee with every purchase.

SHELTER ISLAND

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off select drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

The Saddle Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 pints, \$3.50 bottled beer, \$5

22oz, \$5 polish beer, \$4 house wines, \$2 off cocktails.

SOUTH PARK

Hamilton's Tavern: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off drinks & half-price appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-close: \$1 off drinks & half-price appetizers.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Daily*, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 bottled beers, \$3.50 wine by the glass, \$3.50 Ouzo Aperitif.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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

VISTA

Vista Entertainment Center: *Monday-Wednesday, Friday*, 11am-6pm: \$2 pints, house shots; \$2.50 domestic bottles; \$3.50 wells; \$9 pitchers. *Thursday*, 11am-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 pints, house shots; \$2.50 domestic bottles; \$3.50 wells; \$9 pitchers.



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An American Christmas
Lamb’s Players stages its popular Christmas show in the ballroom of the Hotel del Coronado, 100 years ago. Robert Smyth directs. HOTEL DEL CORONADO, 1500 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-435-6611. 6:30PM MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 24.

Bearded
It’s Nick’s first day on the job as a “mall Santa.” Instead of training, he’s plunked onto the chair, fat-suited with a scratchy white beard, and told to keep the kids occupied till their pictures are taken. It’s the actor’s nightmare, ho-ho-ho version. Katherine Harroff and Circle Circle dot dot have earned an impressive reputation for grounding their works in local references. For this piece, now in its world premiere, the group interviewed San Diegans who have played Santa. *Bearded* runs the gamut of their experiences, from hilarious to heartbreaking. Director Patrick Kelly moves the show at a brisk clip and, with the cast, has invented funny, *Saturday Night Live*-like stage business. And what’s it like to sit in judgement of a child’s entire year, summing up the bad’s and the good’s for the Yuletide trick or treat? And what’s it like to hear their stories and be helpless? Michael Nieto’s Nick has an eerie innocence. Possibly because new to the job — but maybe not — his Santa pays individual attention. Nieto never forces the compassion. But it’s always there, enough to suggest that maybe the real St.

Nick just wandered into West-wield’s Morton Plaza needing a job. *Worth a try.* TENTH AVENUE ARTS THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

A Christmas Carol
Cygnet Theatre presents its popular yuletide show. It’s 1944, WCYG radio tells the story of Scrooge live. Sean Murray directs. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 24.

Christmas Is Comin’ Uptown!
Common Ground Theatre presents its annual holiday production, a musical loosely based on Dickens’s *Christmas Carol* in which Scrooge is a Harlem slumlord about to fore-close on a house and a church. EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL COMPLEX, 4343 OCEAN VIEW BL., MOUNTAIN VIEW. 619-527-5256. 7PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 22.

Dickens Unscripted
For two evenings only, North Coast Rep and Improv Theatre present a “holiday comedy inspired by the books of Charles Dickens, and all of it improvised.” NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM MONDAY & TUESDAY.

The Dinner Detective
Performers are dressed just like everyone else, leaving all of the guests to suspect who is a part of the show and who is not. At the end of the night, prizes are awarded to the top sleuth who solves the crime. Each ticket typically includes an interrogation reception, a four-course meal, the interactive murder mystery show, music, prizes, and more. COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-446-3000. 6:15PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

Dr. Seuss’s How the Grinch Stole Christmas!
In the Old Globe’s annual holiday

show, Steve Blanchard’s Grinch does the near impossible: he wins over the audience twice. First as maybe the world’s most entertaining Green Meanie (when he sings “One of a Kind”); second, when Cindy-Lou Who sings “Santa for a Day,” and he de-Scrooge’s before our eyes. This is the Globe’s 16th version, originally conceived and directed by Jack O’Brien. Since 2003, director James Vasquez has kept it as fresh as the original. One of the best parts of the tradition: local actors get a paying gig, and make the most of it. Steve Gunderson heads the supporting cast as Old Max, the Grinch’s loyal (and abused) mutt. As Max recalls his youth, Gunderson makes a touching, understated transformation. *Worth a try.* OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

The Eight: Reindeer Monologues
For its holiday show, Different Stages presents Jeff Goode’s “dark, dark comedy,” in which “the reindeer finally speak up” and don’t hold back. Jerry Pilato directs. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings
New Village Arts reprises its holiday show, in which the four Plaids get to do the yuletide “concert of their dreams.” Jason Heil directs. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

The Game’s Afoot
PowPAC presents the San Diego premiere of Ken Ludwig’s farce-thriller about the actor William Gillette (who played Sherlock Holmes) and a party he gives that goes astray. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 15.

The Humbug Holiday Spectacular
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stages the world premiere of Phil Johnson and Omri Schein’s comedic spoof: Horatio the Humbug wants to create the perfect Musical Holiday Spectacular. Songs by Schein and James Olmstead. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

Irving Berlin’s White Christmas
San Diego Musical Theatre returns its popular holiday show, featuring seventeen songs by Irving Berlin played by a 22-piece orchestra. BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 22.

It’s A Wonderful Life
Village Church Community Theatre offers the popular tale of George Bailey, “the Everyman of Bedford Falls,” whose family obligations kept getting in the way of his dreams. Come Christmas Eve, George despairs. Has he made a difference? VILLAGE CHURCH COMMUNITY THEATRE, 6225 PASEO DELICIAS, RANCHO SANTA FE. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 4PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Kimberly Akimbo
Hilarious comedy about a teenager with a rare disease that ages her several times faster than normal. Kimberly finds herself reevaluating her life while contending with a hypochondriac mother, a rarely sober father, a scam-artist aunt, her own mortality and, most terrifying of all, the possibility of first love. POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 15.

La Pastorela del Cielo
Teatro Mascara Magica presents its hugely popular holiday show, in its 23rd rendition. If Lucifer has his way, shepherds journeying to Bethlehem will never make it. But then again, angels watch over the humble pilgrims, in a script revised anew each time and creates a Year In Review as well. William Virchis

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DEC. 13 7PM
SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG
APR. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 7PM
WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

A PIECE OF MY HEART
DEC. 12, 13, 14 7PM
MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

THE MIRACLE WORKER
DEC. 12 7PM
FRANCIS PARKER MIDDLE-UPPER SCHOOL

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
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Lamb’s Festival of Christmas: Catch A Falling Star
Lamb’s Players presents the world premiere of Kerry Meads’ script. Ella Eden wants to film a musical Christmas card on location: a remote miner’s cabin in the Sierra Nevada. LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 29.

Mr. Scrooge & Mr. Dickens
The play is a faithful adaptation of Charles Dickens’ beloved holiday

classic *A Christmas Carol*, with a new embellishment: Dickens himself appears onstage to read sections from the work — primarily passages describing the people and places of Victorian England, an aspect generally lost in adaptations of *A Christmas Carol*. The production is further enhanced by carolers, dancers, computer-controlled lighting, music, and powerful sound effects. There will also be a surprise visit by Santa at the end of the show. *Mr. Scrooge & Mr. Dickens* has been performed annually to sell-out audiences throughout Southern California. 100% of this year’s ticket sales (not just proceeds) benefit the Historical Society. \$10 adults; \$5 children under 12. SAN MARCOS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1952 SYCAMORE DR., SAN MARCOS. 760-744-9025. 7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

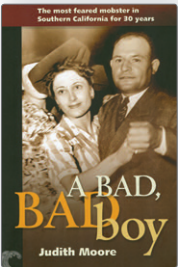
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AUDITIONS

A Christmas Carol

LAKE PAVILION AT LAKE SAN MARCOS
1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos
Lake San Marcos Players will hold auditions for a radio-drama adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* in the Gallery room at the Lake San Marcos Recreation Center. Roles are available for men and women of all ages and for one boy 8-15, special-effects operators, and sound engineers. No experience required. 760-304-4081 or deborahjardin@gmail.com. Auditions: DEC. 12 6:30PM

Becky's New Car

POWPAC
13250 Poway Rd., Poway
Open auditions at PowPAC, Poway's Community Theatre, upstairs in the Lively Center. Callbacks (if necessary): 7pm, Wednesday, January 22. Performance dates: Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm, March 14 through April 13, at PowPAC. Copies of the script are available from the director, jaymower4@gmail.com. Auditions: JAN. 20 & 21 7PM

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SAN DIEGO
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Cabaret

HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE AT PALOMAR COLLEGE
1140 W. Mission Rd., Palomar College
January 15: Vocal. Bring sheet music; accompanist will be provided (no a cappella); prepare a verse and a chorus. January 16: Dance. Dress for movement. January 17: Callbacks. Cold readings from script. Performances: March 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16. All cast will receive college credit. Pat Larmer, director; Sue Gilson, choreography; Ken Bell, music director. Info: plarmer@gmail.com. Auditions: JAN. 15, 16 7PM

Jade Heart

MOXIE THEATRE
6663 El Cajon Bl., Suite N, Rolando
Submissions due by December 31. Rehearsals in June. Familiarity with Mandarin crucial for Chinese characters. Performances: July 11 through

August 10, 2014.
Auditions: DEC. 31 9AM

James and the Giant Peach

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1650 El Prado, Suite 208, Balboa Park
Pre-audition meeting: Monday, December 16 at 5pm in room 207. Auditions by appointment only.



Please prepare a one-minute comedic monologue and bring a completed audition form with photo. Applicants must be between the ages of 8-18 and enrolled in the winter session. \$60 production fee. Call 619-239-1311 for a time slot. Callbacks: Monday, January 13 from 4-7pm. Performances: February 28 and March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 2014. Auditions: JAN. 9 & 10 4PM

Peter Pan

SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY CENTER
3 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos
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The Secret Garden

TORREY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10830 Calle Mar De Mariposa, Carmel Valley
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Christian Youth Theatre San Diego presents a show that "takes the commercial racket out of the holidays and brings it back to the basics. Like Charlie Brown without the right tree, like Ralphie without his Red Ryder BB gun" or "the Who's without their presents."

RED DOOR PLAYHOUSE, 1545 PIONEER WAY, EL CAJON 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 6PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 22.

Scrooge in Rouge

Diversionsary reprises its hit show. Seventeen of the Music Hall Variety Players came down with food poisoning, so Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* must go on with the remaining three playing 23 roles. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 29.

Side Show

Composer Henry Krieger and librettist/lyricist Bill Russell haven't reimagined their 1997 musical about sisters conjoined at the hip, as promised. They've de-imagined it. Daisy and Violet Hilton became vaudeville celebrities during the Depression. Their story has sweeping highs and seemingly bottomless lows. The new version levels everything off with a Hallmark card approach: no shading or subtlety, aching predictability, and complications of any sort be damned. Krieger's score has several memorable songs. As the sisters, Emily Padgett (Daisy) and Erin Davie (Violet) sing and dance expertly, be it touching duets or the vaudevillian, "team tennis" number. Now if the book would only give them something more substantial to play.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 15.

A Very Merry Unauthorized Children's Scientology Pageant

OnStage Playhouse presents Kyle Jarro's comedy, in which "a jubilant cast of children celebrate the controversial religion in pageantry and song." James M. McCulloch directs. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 22.

A Welk Family Christmas

The Welk Theatre revives its popular yuletide show, featuring stars of *The Lawrence Welk Show* in a "traditional Welk style family Christmas." WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM & 8PM THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 29.

A Year with Frog & Toad

Sunshine Brooks Theatre presents Robert and Willie Reale's Tony-nominated musical, based on Arnold Lobel's popular characters: a cheerful, popular Frog and a rather grumpy Toad. Dana Carr directs. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-433-8900. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 22.

A Red Door Christmas

Premiere Productions stages Walt Jones' period show that takes place on December 22, 1941. With music, dancing, and old-time sound effects, the Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade performs its final holiday broadcast (including a five-minute version of *A Christmas Carol*). AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM SATURDAY, 6PM SUNDAY.

Old Globe: New Voices Festival

The Old Globe Theatre presents a three-day series of new play readings, including works by J.C. Lee, David West Read, Madhuri Shekar, and members of the Globe's local

playwright program, Community Voices. Admission is free. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 4PM & 7:30PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY.

Reasons to be Pretty

Ion Theatre presents Neil LaBute's Tony Award-nominated "dark comedy," which "skewers the American obsession with physical appearance." Claudio Raygoza directs. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

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Unreal things

My favorite moment in *The Desolation of Smaug*, part two of Peter Jackson's epic expansion of J.R.R. Tolkien's children's book *The Hobbit*, came when the titular hobbit and his 12 dwarvish companions were buried under a load of fish. The moment provided humorous relief to a bit of mild tension, but that's not why I liked it. I liked it because it felt real, unlike so much of the rest of the film. The dead, limp weight of the fish; their cold, slimy bodies; the dark stink of the burial; the simultaneous indignity and ingenuity of it — it all came through.

Jackson used to be quite good at conveying that feeling of reality, which is so crucial when you're making a movie about trolls and dragons and wizards and other unreal things. It made it easier to bear with his (frequently tedious) flights into CGI-enabled fancy. But as his stay in the airy realms of fantasyland has grown longer, his tether to reality has frayed to the point where a load of fish con-

stitutes the chief thread. It's a pity.

The Desolation of Smaug opens with a bar scene: the wizard Gandalf and the dwarf king Thorin meeting at the Prancing Pony in the rain-soaked town of Bree. There, Gandalf urges Thorin to take back his homeland by uniting the dwarves under his rule; he is the true king, after all. Thorin reminds Gandalf that the dwarves

swore allegiance only to the one who held the Arkenstone, which is dumb. You'll swear

allegiance to a guy, but only if he's got a big fancy jewel? I'm pretty sure that by that point, you're really swearing allegiance to a big fancy jewel. But dumb is pretty much the order of the day when plot and spectacle are put in charge of character. We need a reason to send a hobbit into a room with a dragon at the end, and so we need a special gewgaw for him to go after.

But never mind plot and spectacle; let's stick with the Prancing Pony. That way, we can play the *Desolation of Smaug* drinking game. It's sure to test your endurance, though not quite in

MOVIES



***The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug*, starring Peter Jackson as Bilbo Baggins and your money as Smaug's hoard.**

the same way as the movie: every time Gandalf the Grey speaks portentously, take a drink.

Every time things hinge on a special gewgaw — ring, stone, arrow, whatever — instead of a character, take a drink.

Every time orcs are inserted to

prop up flagging drama, take a drink. Every time the orcs stop attacking for some reason, take two drinks. ("The ten of you take word back to headquarters. You other two come with me and fight the elvish killing machines." Makes sense!)

Every time the light looks like

something from out of a Thomas Kinkadee painting, take a drink.

Every time Jackson makes his camera swoop crazily about just because he can, take a drink to help steady your lurching stomach.

Every time someone mentions that the dwarves need to reach the door in

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the side of the mountain by Durin's Day, take a drink.

Every time you see a living space — elvish or dwarvish — where no one would ever want to actually live, take a drink.

Every time the dialogue provides a clear setup for a big one-liner — “You have no right to enter that mountain.” “I have the only right.” “I thought you were an orc.” “If I were an orc, you would already be dead.” etc. — take a drink.

Every time you hear an anachronistic political notion put forward — dangers of isolationism, uprising of oppressed masses, etc. — take a drink.

Every time pretty elf girl Evangeline Lilly gets all actory, take a drink. (Trust me, I'm thinking of you here.)

Every time Legolas the elf fires a bow while rolling or jumping or leaping or running or looking the other way, take a drink.

Every time dwarves transform from bumbling goofs to awesome fighting machines or vice versa, take a drink.

Every time the dragon Smaug transforms from intelligent serpent to dumb, thrashing lizard or vice versa, take a drink.

The end result is that you'll almost certainly be too damaged to appreciate the effort that Martin Freeman puts into his portrayal of Bilbo or to complain about Smaug's bizarre decision-making process. All you'll notice is that the dragon looks pretty darn cool, and he talks like Benedict Cumberbatch, and, yeah, he looks pretty cool.

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Scott Marks, Matthew Lickona, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews are available online at SDReader.com/movies.

About Time — Long ago, Head & Shoulders dandruff shampoo pitched itself with the tagline, “Because you never get a second chance to make a first impression.” Guess again, chump! When he turns 21, Domhnall Gleeson discovers he can time travel. So he sets about shamelessly manipulating Rachel McAdams into falling in love with him. For starters, he gets to make that first impression over and over and over again until it's perfect. (Not only will he not have dandruff; he'll already know what she likes in the boudoir!) Maybe if your concept is high enough, it stops being creepy? (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)

American Hustle — What part of “fat Christian Bale as a '70s con man with a combover and an ascot” didn't appeal to you? Answer: no part. Review forthcoming. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (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 would have carried with it a four-year college scholarship. Instead, she wound up in a brief, bad marriage - her first of several disastrous couplings - survived an oral gang rape, and eventually, got discovered by the flesh-friendly camera clubs of the 1940s. 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 often 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)

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 Christmas Candle — “It'll be a happy Christmas after all!” In the fictional village of Gladbury, every twenty-five years an angel visits the candlemaker and bestows a miracle upon whom ever lights the Christmas Candle. However, shortly after the arrival of a new pastor, David Richmond in 1890, the Christmas Candle goes missing. (REGAL PARKWAY PLAZA; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 — aka *Sequel with a Chance of Cash-In*. Plus food puns. Lots of food puns. Tacodile Supreme is cute, though. (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. ★★ (ULTRA-STAR CHULA VISTA)

Dallas Buyers Club — Matthew McConaughey plays a bag-of-bones, good ol' boy piece of sex-addled 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)

Despicable Me 2 — Harmless fun, like a machine gun that shoots jelly. The plot is as innocuous as the most cookie-cutter

sitcom - former bad guy Gru must go undercover to expose current bad guy, and must also deal with personal issues. (One of his daughters wants a mom, another falls in love.) The animation is brightly colored and serviceable and full of exaggerated features: noses, wattles, bellies, stork legs, you name it. And while the humor can't help but plunge into the potty, it does pull back on the one-liners, instead relying mostly on star Steve Carell's not inconsiderable charm. Oh, and there are minions everywhere: yellow, capsular, spouting gibberish, and acting like indestructible six-year-olds on a sugar high. With Kristen Wiig as the voice of Lucy, Gru's zany, gawky partner. 2013. — M.L. ★ (ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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)

Free Birds — Two turkeys (Owen Wilson, Woody Harrelson) go back in time to try to keep turkeys from becoming a traditional Thanksgiving dish. Go ahead, take your kids. Then, on Thanksgiving, explain to them that *Free Birds* was a bit of doomed wishing, kind of like the fake-out ending in *Brazil*. Then ask, “Who wants a drumstick?” Good times. (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 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 virtuoso 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)

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug — Reviewed this issue. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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Calendar

MOVIES

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 the game show host from hell, Elizabeth Banks as Lawrence's style-is-life handler, Donald Sutherland as the quietly wicked President Snow, and now, Philip Seymour Hoffman as the strategy-happy head gamemaker. (Woody Harrelson is fun to watch, but not nearly dissipated enough as the alcohol-soaked mentor.) The worst reasons? The soggy romantic entanglements, followed closely by the CGI-ridden Games themselves. Director Francis Lawrence (*Water for Elephants*) brings a steadier hand to the proceedings than his predecessor, and there's some fun political playmaking, but the series still stumbles over its brutal, bloody centerpiece. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Last Days on Mars — Remember that one scene in *Prometheus* where the two dudes turned into space-zombie things? Don't you wish there was a whole movie about that one scene? (LANDMARK KEN)

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



Tyler Perry's *A Madea Christmas*: Because not everyone likes hobbits.

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 fussy spouse is bound to be to their liking. With Bob Odenkirk and Stacey Keach. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST; READING TOWN SQUARE)

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)

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)

Swerve — On any journey, even a good man can make a wrong turn. Or so the trailer tells us. Handsome man with accent finds briefcase full of money, turns it in to local authorities, pays the price for his good works. There is a femme fatale. There is also the claim, "There is no justice." Includes the line, "I guess honesty is one of my weak points." Oh ho ho! (AMC LA JOLLA)

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)

Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas — Tyler Perry's *A Madea Christmas* is the only film opening in wide release against *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*. The interesting thing is that while both franchises are seemingly critic-proof, only one of them saw the need to screen the film for critics. It wasn't this one. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Wolverine — Credit director James Mangold and three screenwriters for trying something new with the superhero genre. Instead of a global threat that threatens the globe, the beleaguered 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)

FILM FESTIVALS

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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: A Beginner's 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

Friday Talking Pictures: Sabah One day, when Sabah least expects it, she falls in love with the wrong man. She's Muslim, he's not. Unbeknownst to her family, she goes on a whirlwind affair before both culture and love collide. Guest-speaker Professor Rebecca Romani will lead the post-film discussion. Friday, December 27, 6:30pm

Film Forum: Black Pond Wicked, deadpan dissection of twisted domestic banality. With its razor-sharp dialogue and clever construction, the film follows a British family whose mundane existence is spun into disarray when they are accused of murder after a guest dies at their dinner table. A heaping helping of oddball lunacy. Monday, December 30, 6:30pm

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Out of Faith Join the San Diego Jewish Film Festival and Jewish Family Service to explore the interfaith family experience, including a screening of the film *Out of Faith*, followed by a facilitated discussion. 858-362-1348. Sunday, December 15, 2:00pm

MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS

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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 Yılmaz 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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The Suicide Plan A Frontline documentary looking at the world of assisted dying. Including

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THE PEARL

1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma
619-226-6100

Dive-In Theatre A weekly "cinema social" combining eclectic film choices, along with food and drink. Steeped in mid-century design, the Dive-In takes place at the poolside lounge and outdoor theater. Films are projected onto a 10' x 13' foot projection screen with full sound, overlooking the hotel's vintage, oyster-shaped swimming pool. Wednesday, December 18, 8:00pm, Wednesday, December 25, 8:00pm, Wednesday, January 1, 8:00pm

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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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722)
12 Years a Slave (R) Fri-Sun 4:15, 7:05;
Dallas Buyers Club (R) Fri. (10:25, 12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:35 Sat (10:25) 5:40, 8:05, 10:35 Sun (10:25, 12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:35;
Frozen (PG) Fri-Sun (10:25, 11:10, 11:55, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:30) 5:10, 5:55, 7:35, 8:20, 10:15;
Gravity (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:55pm; **Home-front** (R) Fri-Sun 10:45pm; **It's a Wonderful Life (1946)** (PG) Sun (2:00pm); **Nebraska** (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 10:00; **Out of the Furnace** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:25) 5:15, 8:10, 10:45; **Philomena** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; **Royal Shakespeare Company: Richard II** (NR) Sat 2:00pm; **The Book Thief** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:40) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 12:15, 1:35, 3:35) 7:15, 8:15, 10:30; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:15, 2:35) 4:55, 5:55, 9:15, 11:30 Sun (11:15, 2:35) 4:55, 5:55, 9:15; **The Hunger Games: Catching Fire** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:20, 1:20) 4:20, 7:50, 10:50; **Thor: The Dark World** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:05, 2:00) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05 Sun (11:05) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; **Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 8:00, 10:40

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theater

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DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709)
About Time (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **All Is Lost** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40, 12:00 Sun (11:45, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Blue Jasmine** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:45, 11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:25, 11:45 Sun (9:45, 11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:25; **Captain Phillips** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:25, 1:20) 4:15, 6:15, 7:10, 9:15, 10:05; **Delivery Man** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun (10:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; **It's a Wonderful Life (1946)** (PG) Sun 2:00pm; **Out of the Furnace** (R) Fri. (10:00, 1:00) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Royal Shakespeare Company: Richard II** (NR) Sat 2:00pm; **Rush** (R) Fri-Sun 10:30pm; **The Book Thief** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (9:55, 10:55, 12:45, 1:45, 3:30) 4:35, 7:20, 10:10; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:40, 11:20, 12:35, 1:00, 2:40) 4:05, 4:25, 6:05, 7:25, 7:50, 9:30, 10:55, 11:15 Sun (9:40, 11:20, 12:35, 1:00, 2:40) 4:05, 4:25, 6:05, 7:25, 7:50, 9:30, 10:55; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:50) 5:15, 8:40; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in HFR 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:10, 3:35) 7:00, 10:25; **Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:10, 11:10, 12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 3:50) 5:10, 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50, 10:50

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The Last Days On Mars (R) Fri. (2:45), (5:00), 9:15, Sat & Sun: (2:45), 5:00, 9:15, Mon-Thur: (5:00), 7:15, 9:15, 9:15; 20 **Feet From Stardom** (PG) Fri-Sun: 7:15; **The Room** (R) **Audience Participation Show**. Sat: 12:00 Midnight; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) with “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Plays Saturday, December 21

LA JOLLA

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8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7622)
The Book Thief (PG-13) Fri: (1:20), 4:10, 7:00, Sat & Sun: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, Mon-Thur: (1:20), (4:10), 7:00; **Dallas Buyers Club** (R) Fri-Sun: (1:40), 4:30, 7:30, Mon, Tue & Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:30, Wed: (1:40), (4:30); **12 Years A Slave** (R) Fri & Mon-Wed: (1:30), 7:10, Sat & Sun: (10:40), 1:30, 7:10, Thu: (1:30); **About Time** (R) Fri & Mon-Thur: (4:20), 7:20, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 4:20, 7:20; **All Is Lost** (PG-13) Fri: (1:50), 4:40, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:50, 4:40, Mon-Thur: (1:50), (4:40); **Royal Shakespeare Company: Richard II** (NR) Wed: 7:00 PM (\$12.50 -Discount Cards, Passes, and other discounts are not valid); **Saving Mr. Banks** (PG-13) Thu: 7:00 PM

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Frozen (PG) Fri-Sat (11:10) 4:15, 9:30 Sun (11:10) 4:15; **Frozen 3D** (PG) Fri. (1:45) 7:00 Sat (2:00) 7:00 Sun (1:45) 7:00; **La Boheme from Gran Teatre del Liceu (Encore)** (NR) Sat (11:00a.m.); **A Miracle in Spanish Harlem** (PG) Fri-Sun 4:30pm; **Out of the Furnace** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:00) 7:30 Sat (2:00) 7:30, 10:15 Sun (2:00) 7:30; **Silent Night, Deadly Night (1984)** (R) Fri. 10:00pm; **The Book Thief** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 Sat (2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 Sun (11:20, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:45, 3:45) 7:15 Fri-Sat (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 10:00 Sun (12:00, 3:15) 6:30; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:15) 5:25, 8:45; **The Hunger Games: Catching Fire** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:20) 5:30, 8:30

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UPTOWN

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Philomena (R) Fri: (1:50), 4:15, 7:10, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30, Mon-Thur: (1:50), (4:15), 7:10, 9:30; **Nebraska** (R) Fri: (2:00), 4:50, 7:35, 10:10, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:00, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10, Mon-Thur: (2:00), (4:50), 7:35, 10:10; **Dallas Buyers Club** (R) Fri: (1:40), 4:40, 7:25, 10:05, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05, Mon-Thur: (1:40), (4:40), 7:25, 10:05; **12 Years A Slave** (R) Fri-Sun: (1:00), 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Mon & Tue: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00, Wed: (1:00), (4:00), 10:00, Thu: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00; **Blue Is The Warmest Color** (NC-17) Fri-Sun: (12:50), 4:30, 8:15, Mon-Thur: (12:50), (4:30), 8:15; **Inside Llewyn Davis** (R) Thu: 10:00 PM

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Adventures in Wild California IMAX (NR) Fri-Sun 6:00pm Sun 4:00pm; **Cosmic Collisions** (NR) Fri-Sun 5:00pm; **Deep Sea 3D IMAX** (G) Fri. 1:00, 3:00 Sat.-Sun 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; **Mysteries of the Unseen World** (NR) Fri-Sat 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 Sun 12:00, 2:00

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4:40) 7:25, 10:05; **Delivery Man** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:05, 12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:15; **Frozen** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:10, 1:20, 1:55, 3:50, 4:30) 6:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Gravity 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:00, 2:15) 7:15; **Home-front** (R) Fri-Sun (4:35) 9:40; **Out of the Furnace** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:05, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; **Philomena** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **The Book Thief** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 1:30, 4:25) 7:20, 10:10; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Fri-Sat (10:00, 12:30, 1:00, 4:00, 4:30) 7:30, 8:00, 11:00 Sun (10:00, 12:30, 1:00, 4:00, 4:30) 7:30, 8:00; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 3:00) 6:30, 10:00; **The Hunger Games: Catching Fire** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:10pm Fri-Sun (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:15; **Thor: The Dark World** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:20, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20; **Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:10, 11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10

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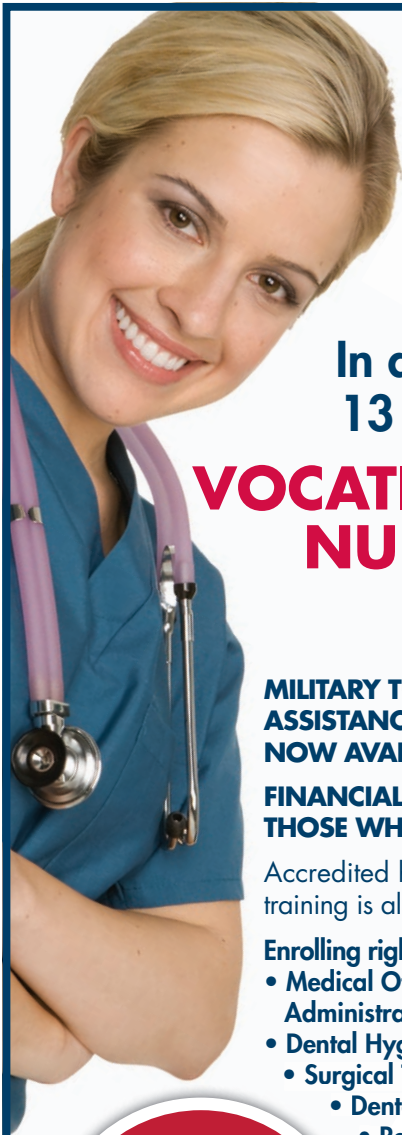
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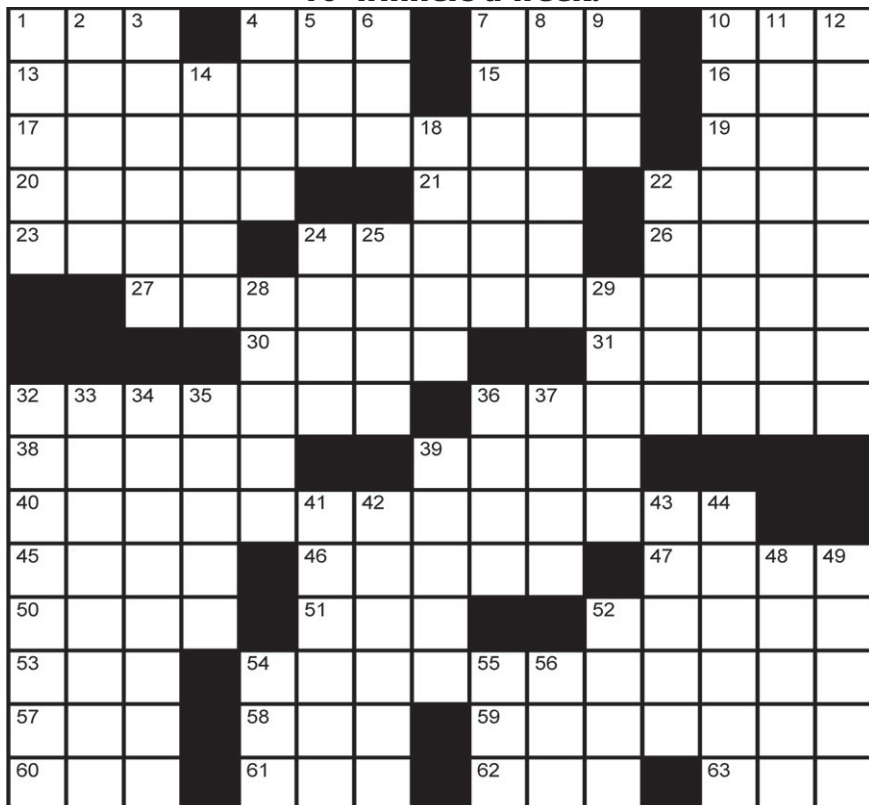
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1. Roman 1,105
4. Kissing in a crowd, e.g., in brief
7. NBA pos.
10. Brooklyn's Flatbush, e.g.: Abbr.
13. 1984 Super Bowl champs
15. Banner color of the Communist Party USA's website
16. Cowpoke moniker
17. The concussion expert's specialty, as shown on her LinkedIn profile?
19. Calder contemporary
20. Like the buildings at Machu Picchu
21. Like some telephone nos.
22. Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
23. Earth sci.
24. Last Greek letter
26. Vindaloo accompaniment
27. What the chef feels is better than spices and condiments, as shown on his LinkedIn profile?
30. Track action
31. Fix, as laces
32. Man-becomes-cobra horror flick of 1973
36. "Wedding Crashers" actress Rachel
38. "Chain Gang" singer Sam
39. Existed
40. The Native American expert's favorite tribesperson, as shown on her LinkedIn profile?
45. Roman wrap
46. Lacking justification

Down

47. Snoozefest
 50. Flag down
 51. Consist of
 52. Enjoy
 53. Motel machine sign
 54. The dermatologist's specialty, as shown on his LinkedIn profile?
 57. Some Windows systems
 58. Not Dem.
 59. Goes for
 60. Setting at 0 degrees long.
 61. Rage
 62. Chapel Hill sch.
 63. Ending for a record-breaker
- Down**
1. "Sex and the City" character whose real name was revealed to be John
 2. Chili con _____
 3. Owner of MTV and BET
 4. Sean of "Milk"
 5. Nickname for #6 on the Sixers
 6. Tempe sch.
 7. Periphery
 8. Li'l fellow
 9. Driller's deg.
 10. Fleet runner of myth
 11. Word for word
 12. Wide-open spaces
 14. Start of some service company names
 18. Sorry lot?
 22. On _____-to-know basis
 24. Low bills

25. Executive grps.
28. "A Doll's House" playwright
29. Dinar spender
32. Like a harsh review
33. Stand-up routines, usually
34. Most soaked
35. European toast
36. Word after file or edit
37. Give up
39. First Catholic U.S. vice president
41. Richard Nixon was one
42. Green
43. Diminish
44. Rookie
48. 1976 Alex Haley classic
49. Surrealist Max
52. Rights org. led by MLK, Jr.
54. _____ Lanka
55. Home of the Seminoles: Abbr.
56. Opposite of morn

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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:

9		8					2	
4			7	6			1	8
6			9	4				3
	3		4			8		1
			6		9			
8		2			5		4	
7				9	6			4
2	8			5	3			9
	6					1		2

HARD:

8			1					2
				4	8	3		
		7				8		
	8			9		4	6	
			4	1	6			
	6	9		8			2	
		1				2		
		5	8	7				
9					5			1

- 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:

	1		2		6	4		
2	9	3						
	4	6	7					9
5				2	1			
		4		3		9		
			9	6				5
1					2	6	9	
						2	8	3
		2	3		9		7	

EVIL:

4	7	6		2				8
5				8				
	8		5					
				1		9		
		9	2		6	4		
		2		7				
					3		5	
				6				1
6				5		3	9	7

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

3	4	2	6	5	9	1	7	8
9	6	1	2	7	8	4	5	3
8	5	7	4	1	3	6	2	9
7	1	9	8	6	2	5	3	4
4	8	5	7	3	1	2	9	6
2	3	6	9	4	5	7	8	1
5	7	3	1	9	4	8	6	2
6	2	4	3	8	7	9	1	5
1	9	8	5	2	6	3	4	7

HARD:

8	4	6	2	9	1	3	7	5
9	5	3	8	7	6	1	2	4
1	7	2	3	4	5	8	9	6
6	9	8	4	3	2	7	5	1
5	3	1	7	6	8	2	4	9
7	2	4	1	5	9	6	8	3
2	8	9	6	1	4	5	3	7
4	6	7	5	2	3	9	1	8
3	1	5	9	8	7	4	6	2

MEDIUM:

6	3	1	5	7	8	9	2	4
7	2	9	4	1	6	5	3	8
4	8	5	3	2	9	6	7	1
8	6	4	2	3	7	1	5	9
2	9	3	1	6	5	4	8	7
5	1	7	9	8	4	2	6	3
3	4	6	8	5	1	7	9	2
1	5	8	7	9	2	3	4	6
9	7	2	6	4	3	8	1	5

EVIL:

5	7	2	6	3	4	1	9	8
4	3	1	8	9	7	2	5	6
8	6	9	2	5	1	7	4	3
9	5	7	1	6	3	4	8	2
1	4	3	7	8	2	5	6	9
2	8	6	5	4	9	3	7	1
6	1	8	4	2	5	9	3	7
3	2	5	9	7	8	6	1	4
7	9	4	3	1	6	8	2	5

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- Alex Acosta, Lemon Grove, 1.
- Alan Paul, San Diego, 1.
- Fred Duell, San Diego, 1.
- Rodolfo Ocuillo, San Diego, 1.
- Jadie Tran, San Diego, 1.

We cannot accept your entry without the following:

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Address: _____

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BASIC INSTRUCTIONS

The fastest and least pleasant way to feel your age is to see yourself through the eyes of a younger person.

It is 2011. Woodstock was in 1969. Grunge went big in 1992.

Your point?

Grunge seems as old to teens now as Woodstock did to us.

I can't believe that.

It's true.

Let me rephrase. I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT!

How to Accept the Fact That You Are Getting Old

by Scott MEYER

When you realize just how old you've become, you will suffer some shock.

But Mudhoney! SoundGarden!

Might as well be Country Joe and the Fish.

Pearl Jam's still touring!

I know. I watched a documentary about them on PBS.

See?! PBS is cool! OH GOD I'M OLD!!!

Nostalgia is fun, but fight the urge to view the past as a kind of golden age.

But when I think of the '60s, I picture it all grainy and dim.

And when teenagers today think about the '90s, they picture it being blurry with a bad laugh track.

Which is pretty accurate, now that I think about it.

The truth is we're lucky to be alive right now, and being older has advantages.

I must find young people and explain to them why grunge was awesome.

You're just gonna bore them, like hippies used to bore us.

You're right.

Let's do it. We should buy flannel shirts!

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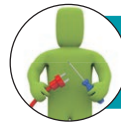
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strawbs, coconut flakes, what-ever. Sound showers. It's dark red, it tastes like raspberries and blackberries, and it goes down a refreshing, filling treat. But, bottom line, what gets

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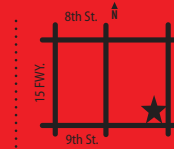
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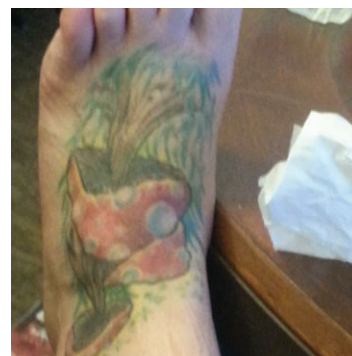
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keelylimepie: Here is the original draw up by Dave Hartman at Big Fish Tattoo in Solana Beach. My name is Keely, I live in Leucadia. I got this tattoo for my mother, aunt, and grandmother; the three most influential women in my life. The woman in the tattoo was on a cameo carved in ivory my mother had when she was a little girl. When I moved to San Diego from the L.A. area, my mother gave me this necklace to keep, and I made it permanent. I got this tattoo at 22, I am currently 24, and I am an esthetician.



clopez1986: My name is Cassandra Lopez. I'm 28, from Riverside, but currently living in Spring Valley. I work in La Jolla at a call center and also in San Diego at a major retailer. I got my tattoo at a shop in Riverside, done by a friend named Brent. I chose my foot for the tattoo 'cause I like how it can add something different to different shoes you wear. I got mushrooms because growing up I always saw my mom liked the mushroom design and garden gnomes and different mystical stuff. She passed away in '95, so it's kind of a memory piece for her.



Melissaloveable: My name is Melissa, I'm 21 and work at Coop's BBQ in Chula Vista. I love sea creatures and the ocean, so I decided to get an octopus :) I think they're beautiful and they are very smart creatures. I got it at a tattoo expo in Tijuana :)

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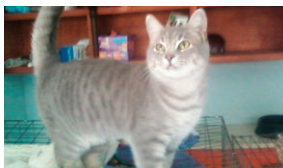


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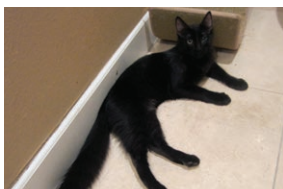
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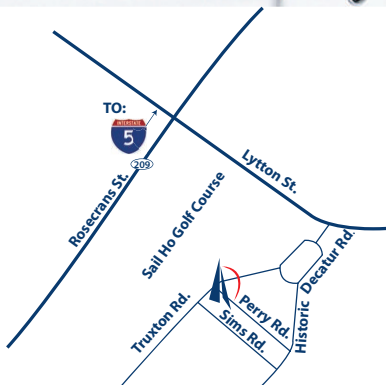
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