

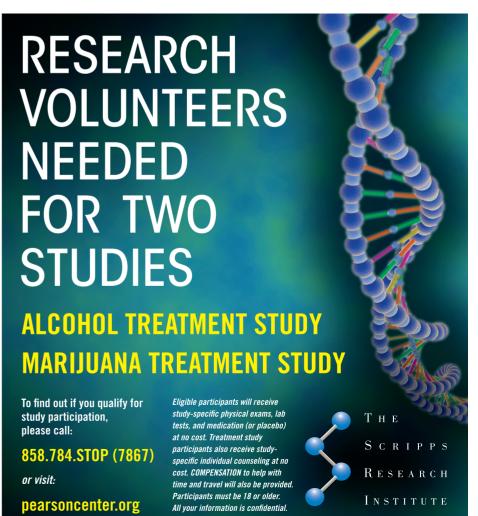






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haircut. Cunningham has

thought it possible that San

Diego would go into a reces-

sion this year, but Congress's

compromise budget makes

The congressional bud-

NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Drones are humanitarian, really

So why are they named "Predator" and "Reaper"?

San Diego — The United Kingdom is holding a select committee inquiry into remotecontrolled warfare. San Diego's General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, the big drone-maker, submitted a paper, complaining that the word "drone" has pejorative connotations. Indeed, that word "belies their proven beneficial role in humanitarian crises," says the company.



General Atomics' pejoratively named "Predator" drone

Drones can be used in search-and-rescue, drug enforcement, border control, and surveillance, says General Atomics, pointing out the peaceful purposes, according to The Guardian. But a human-rights group named Reprieve asks, "should a firm which produces armed, flying robots with names like Predator and Reaper really be surprised that they are not considered to be humanitarian by the public?"

Don Bauder

Qualcomm reportedly frightened of Apple innovation

New microprocessor may have long-term consequences for chip-maker

San Diego — According to an article on the Hubspot website, Apple's iPhone5 has a 64-bit A7 microprocessor that has competitors quaking. Qualcomm provides microprocessors for Android phones that compete against Apple.

Hubspot quotes an alleged Qualcomm insider as saying, "The 64-bit Apple chip hit us in the gut. Not just us, but everyone, really. We were slack-jawed, and stunned, and unprepared."

The alleged insider says Apple's innovation is not so much of a threat now because most current software won't benefit. But it could make a difference in the future.

"A 64-bit processor handles more data in bigger chunks than 32-bit processors, so it can get jobs done faster," says the article.

Personal computers have had 64-bit chips for a while, but Apple's is the first in a smartphone.

Don Bauder

SeaWorld fights killer-whale controversy

More music-act cancellations due to documentary

San Diego — SeaWorld Entertainment, beset by the documentary Blackfish, which blasts the company's treatment of orcas, on December 20 placed ads in several newspapers, including the U-T. The ads attempt to exonerate the company from charges of orca mistreatment.

Eight musical acts have now canceled scheduled appearances at the company's annual "Bands, Brew & BBQ" concert series that starts in February in Orlando. Those that have cancelled, mainly citing the documentary, are .38 Special, Barenaked Ladies, Willie Nelson, Heart, Cheap Trick, Trisha Yearwood, Martina McBride, and REO

The company has issued an open letter, saying it does not capture killer whales in the wild, does not separate killer whales from their calves, invests millions of dollars in the care of whales, and is a leader in animal rescue. Also, the life spans of SeaWorld's killer whales are equivalent with those in the wild, claims the Orlando-based

SeaWorld Entertainment stock was hanging in there at \$28.54 on December 26.

Don Bauder

Jumpin' jatropha!

Are our energy worries over?

San Diego — On December 25, the New York Times featured a long, positive story on a San Diego startup company, SGB (seeds, genetics, biofuels), which is growing a plant named iatropha. The seeds of the Jatropha curcas plant contain between 27 and 40 percent oil — high-quality oil that can be refined into low-carbon jet fuel or diesel fuel.



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Jatropha was hailed as the next advance in biofuels six years ago, but then the recession and collapse of funding mechanisms, along with problems with the plant, delayed its introduction. Now, says the Times, "Thanks to advances in molecular genetics and DNA sequencing technology, the San

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San Diego's 2014 economy looking **SO-SO**

By Don Bauder

hither the San Diego economy this year? "I cannot anticipate much growth," says Kelly Cunningham, econo-

mist for the National University System Institute for Policy Research.

Says Marney Cox, chief economist for the San Diego Association of Governments, "If you liked 2013, you may like 2014. It will be another mediocre year. Nothing substantial steady, but below par."

If all goes reasonably well, the total inflationadjusted output of the local economy will grow 1.5 percent, says Cunningham. That would be the slowest growth since 2010, when the economy contracted by 0.4 percent. (In 2009 it plunged by 4.5 percent.)

Cox estimates that county nonfarm jobs will

grow by only 1.5 to 2 percent. "The unemployment rate will start the year around 7 percent and average 6.5 percent to 6.25 per-



Jerry Morrison



Marney Cox

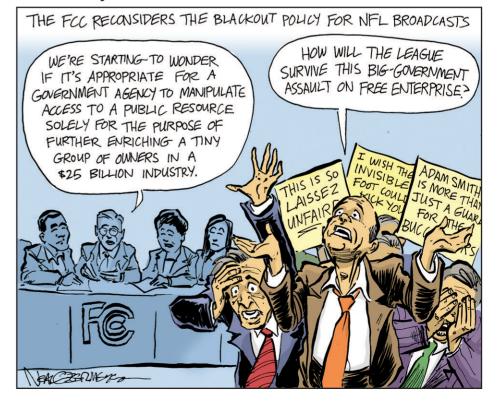
cent," he says.

Kelly Cunningham

Industries that will add a large number of jobs will be those that hire a lot of parttime employees and pay low wages, says Cox. "But that's not good for the whole that less likely.

Cunningham estimates that more than 25 percent of the San Diego economy is related to government. Defense spending, which was almost 20 percent of

Neal Obermeyer



the local economy in 2010, will drop to 16.8 percent this year, he forecasts. This includes contracting, such as aerospace manufacturing and military shipbuilding, along with civilian employment, construction on bases, and benefit payments. "The defense sector was growing until 2010 and since then has been declining," he says.

Defense spending "may get some relief during the year — not strength, but less weakness," says Cox, noting that the local military outlook is "slightly better" than it was prior to the budget agreement.

Another huge chunk of the San Diego economy is real estate — construction, sales, renting, and mortgage activity. Cunningham says it accounts for 25 percent of the economy. And real estate has been coming back. Zillow, Inc., predicts that San Diego will be the eighthhottest American housing market in 2014.

But Cox and Cunningham agree that San Diego's big comeback has been led by institutions buying homes with cash. That institutional buying will probably slow

SAN DIEGO'S TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

	GDP	Perce	Percent of		Constant Dollars*	
Year	(Billions)	Calif.	U.S.	S.D.	Cal.	U.S.
2001	\$114.475	8.54%	1.12%	1.3%	0.1%	1.2%
2002	\$123.271	8.89%	1.17%	5.2%	1.9%	1.7%
2003	\$131.024	8.97%	1.18%	3.9%	3.1%	2.2%
2004	\$141.494	9.01%	1.20%	5.1%	4.6%	3.3%
2005	\$151.388	8.96%	1.21%	3.8%	4.2%	2.8%
2006	\$159.582	8.87%	1.20%	2.2%	3.3%	2.7%
2007	\$166.017	8.87%	1.19%	1.1%	1.0%	1.8%
2008	\$167.732	8.83%	1.18%	-0.8%	-0.4%	-0.7%
2009	\$163.644	9.00%	1.18%	-4.5%	-5.1%	-3.3%
2010	\$163.875	8.88%	1.14%	-0.4%	0.3%	2.4%
2011	\$169.888	8.90%	1.14%	2.1%	1.2%	1.6%
2012	\$177.410	8.86%	1.14%	2.7%	3.5%	2.5%
2013e	\$183.443	8.83%	1.14%	1.7%	2.2%	1.8%
2014f	\$190.073	8.81%	1.13%	1.5%	2.0%	2.8%

Source: Bureau of Ecor nic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce e: estimate, f: forecast by National University System Institute for Policy

down, partly because interest rates will rise along with prices, say the economists.

According to the Department of Numbers, an organization that puts together public data, median prices for San Diego homes peaked in mid-2006 at \$539,225 and steadily plunged to a \$336,250 nadir. Then home values climbed back, and the median is now only 10 percent below that 2006 peak. However, others say the median is still around \$100,000 below that 2006 high, or about \$438,000 a figure Cunningham says is close.

Economists tend to think

that high home prices are a sign of strength. But tell that to homebuyers. Since the local market is shifting from institutional buyers to first-time and move-up buyers, the big recovery in

home prices may not prove to be such a blessing. On the other hand, there is no question that rising home values have a positive wealth effect and stimulate consumer spending. But look at San Diegans' incomes. In 2007 (the year the recession began), infla-

tion-adjusted median family income was \$79,536. Five years later, it was \$10,000 lower, according to Department of Numbers data. Cunningham notes that it has risen sharply of late, but there is no way that it will return this year to the 2007 level. Tech and management incomes "have rebounded and are higher than ever," he says. "But middle-level wages have been flat to down," and workers at the lowest rungs on the ladder are still suffering.

With incomes so anemic, it is no surprise that San Diego's retail sales are depressingly weak. Inflation-adjusted taxable sales hit \$38.7 billion in 2005. This year, Cunningham estimates such sales will be \$35.2 billion, up 2.2 percent from 2013. This means that this year's retail sales will be less than in 2000, when they

UNDER THE RADAR

A cool extra million U-T San Diego publisher and reputed mega-millionaire Douglas Manchester got married on the weekend before Christmas at his Manchester Grand Del Mar resort in the north-

ern reaches of the city of San Diego, and, as is usual with the real estate magnate, waves were made. "Did Papa Doug Manchester have to disturb all of Carmel valley with his marriage fireworks last night? My dog barking like crazy," tweeted one irate neighbor. Manchester's year-end rush to the altar necessitated a hurry-up ending to his drawn-out divorce proceedings with now-former wife

Betsy. Nearly four and a half years after he first filed for the split-up in June 2009, the knot was finally untied this past November 7. "The parties entered into a Marital Settlement Agreement on December 17, 2009," says a stipulation for judgment signed by the

couple and their attorneys on the final dissolution day. "The parties acknowledge the sensitive nature of the information contained in the Preliminary and Final Declarations of Disclosure and do not desire this information to be publicly disseminated,"

But even though most of the details of who got what are off the record, the agreement does contain a few new tidbits of information about the once-jet-setting couple's financial relationship. "Douglas has paid Elizabeth a supplemental equalizing payment resolution of all of Elizabeth's community property rights and interests,"

says the document. "Douglas, as his contribution to Elizabeth's attorney's fees and costs, shall pay on the date this Stipulation is executed, to Gerald L. McMahon of Seltzer, Caplan, McMahon and Vitek... Elizabeth's reasonable fees and actual costs incurred in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$15,000." In addition, the document says, "Elizabeth has recently acquired a membership at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and a membership in the La Jolla Country Club. Those assets are confirmed as Elizabeth's separate property."

The 71-year-old Manchester's new younger bride, Russian immigrant Geniya Derzhavina, filed for divorce from her former husband Brantley Vigil in North County court not long after the publisher's action, in August 2009. She ended up with the couple's 2009 Honda Civic, valued

at \$25,397; her ex-husband agreed to cover debts of \$499,000, as previously reported by Don Bauder.

King of New York

GOP congressional candidate Carl DeMaio, running against freshman La Jolla Democrat Scott Peters, has been raising money in New York City. According to the website PoliticalPartyTime.org, Log Cabin New York threw a December 10 Manhattan fundraiser for At least one dog barked in objection to the former city coun-Doug Manchester's celebratory fireworks. cilman and another GOP congressional hope-

> ful, real estate man and ex-state senator Richard **Tisei** of Massachusetts. The New York group is "is part of Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest organization of gay and lesbian Republicans," its website says. They endorsed DeMaio in July.

> > ... Governor **Jerry Brown** has picked up \$49,000 in campaign contributions to his putative reelection bid next year from La Jolla-based King's Casino. The operation's **Ryan Stone**, a founder of La Iolla's Monarch Group with ex-Coastal Commissioner Pat Kruer,

> > > gave Brown \$5000 in July. King's has been involved in development of a blackjack operation in Citrus Heights, a Sacramento suburb.

Missing in the ranks One big name in local charity salaries of \$1,050,000 in full Log Cabin New York, "the nation's largest organization of gay was missing from a list of and lesbian Republicans," hosted a Carl DeMaio fundraiser nonprofit chief executives on December 10. paid more than \$200,000, compiled recently by U-T

San Diego. Hugh M. Davies, CEO and the David C. Copley director of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, received total compensation of \$451,908 during the 12-month reporting period ending June 2012, the latest for which information is available. That would place him just below the *U-T's* number 23, San Ysdiro Health Center chief Edward Martinez (\$457,190) and above 24th ranked Melissa Hayden-Cook of Sharp Health Plan (\$444,089). ... San Diego State

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SAN DIEGO TAXABLE SALES

	Annual Sales		inflation adjusted*	
Year	(billions)	Change	(billions)	Change
1997	\$27.4	9.0%	\$30.6	7.2%
1998	29.6	8.1%	32.4	6.0%
1999	32.8	10.6%	34.6	6.8%
2000	36.2	10.7%	36.2	4.6%
2001	37.7	4.0%	36.0	-0.6%
2002	38.6	2.4%	35.7	-1.1%
2003	40.9	5.9%	36.4	2.1%
2004	44.5	8.8%	38.2	4.9%
2005	46.7	5.0%	38.7	1.3%
2006	47.8	2.5%	38.3	-0.9%
2007	47.5	-0.7%	37.2	-2.9%
2008	45.3	-4.5%	34.2	-8.1%
2009	39.7	-12.4%	30.0	-12.3%
2010	41.6	4.8%	31.0	3.4%
2011	45.1	8.3%	32.2	3.8%
2012	47.9	6.3%	34.1	6.0%
2013e	49.5	3.3%	34.5	1.0%
2014f	51.0	2.9%	35.2	2.2%

Source: California State Board of Equalization.

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Demonized Unions

With reference to the December 19 cover story, "We're Constantly in Fear," I am fully aware of the disparity in the treatment of adjunct and tenured facultv. You see, I was a tenured professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. My daughter-in-law, on the other hand, has been an adjunct faculty member in the California school system for many years.

Tenured faculty are de facto unionized. Pure snobbism, and a massive media campaign to demonize unions, has prevented adjunct faculty from taking this route.

For this reason, adjunct faculty have only themselves to blame, since they are not unionized. As a result, they are indentured servants, and academic administrations will keep using them this way. This is a direct consequence of our capitalist system.

Emeritus Professor Sorab K. Ghandhi Escondido

Liberal Arts Overkill

Re: "We're Constantly in Fear," December 19 cover

Beyond the pay differences between full-time and adjunct college teachers, who both have the prestige of being "professors" to the public and students, is a much larger issue: We are grinding out many more liberal arts specialists than the 21st Century world demands (defined as willing to pay a living wage for).

I was amused when one adjunct faculty was considering becoming a contractor or making surf boards, as if such ventures were less financially risky than their current occupation. Academia has lost its previous special place above grubby business, and now the institutions, along with their component employees, must compete not only among themselves, but with the abundance of equally competent people who would love to be doing

There is another aspect of the desperation described here, which is that expressing values conflicting with the academic consensus becomes a career killer. The resulting lockstep political correctness, inimical to the "critical thinking" which should be enhanced by liberal arts, thus becomes inculcated into students as well as teachers.

their jobs.

We need to do some painful rethinking of society's relationship with academia, one that is still part of a previous era that isn't coming back.

Al Rodbell Encinitas

The Part-Timing of **America**

I appreciate Elizabeth Salaam's piece, "We're Constantly in Fear" (December 19). I am the English Department Chair at San Diego Mesa College and, as a former adjunct faculty member, remember the worry that job insecurity brings.

As we emerge from one of California's biggest economic crises — and from one of the state's community colleges' biggest hiring freezes, this piece speaks to the awful reality of not only the part-timing of community colleges, but the parttiming of America.

Community colleges in California have fallen into the trap of relying on adjunct faculty to teach about 75% of its classes. And as we hear that the U.S. is adding jobs, the EDITOR

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IMPERIAL BEACH

Puddles change plans

Shuttles necessary for Christmas event

County sewage-spill warning signs that read "keep out" were put up on Monument Road in Border Field State Park recently without the county's okay and without testing the puddles of water.

State park reserve manager Chris Peregrin confirmed that he had the signs put up although the water quality had not been



Monument Road

tested and there were no plans to test it. He said that from his own knowledge and trips to the canyon on the south side, he felt certain that the water was tainted.

On December 14, organizers of the 20th annual Posada celebration at Friendship Park were told that they could not drive personal vehicles the 1.5 miles from the gate to Monument Mesa because of the large puddles in the road — both because of the danger of contamination and because going around the puddles effectively narrowed the road to one lane. However, the park ranger allowed the group to use four vans as shuttles, and attendees were able to ride to the beach, according to organizer Jamie Gates.

Organizers, who obtained a \$90 permit

for the event, were clear that they were not complaining.

"I believe he was acting in good faith and in the best interest of both the road and the other drivers to the event by limiting the driving to just four vehicles," Gates said.

MARTY GRAHAM

LA MESA

Three-car collision in La Mesa "Scary and emotional sight"

On December 17 at 6:45 p.m., a three-car collision on the corner of Fletcher Parkway and Baltimore Drive in La Mesa drew six police cars, a fire truck, and an ambulance. The destruction was said to be the result of a truck advancing on a red light. Cars were mangled and people were crying.

According to the La Mesa Neighborhood Update, it took the La Mesa Police Department five and a half hours to get the intersection back to normal.

Police found two witnesses who saw basically the same thing. Both told police that the red truck that was traveling east on Fletcher Parkway made a left turn onto Baltimore Drive when the left-turn arrow was red. They said they saw a gray Toyota car and a Volvo station wagon both going south on Baltimore Drive when the gray Toyota car crashed into the red truck and then into the Volvo.

The gray car was so damaged that rescue personnel had to force open the door to rescue the woman driver. They took her away on a stretcher in an ambulance. She was talking as they took her away. She said that she was fine.

GLORIA CIPRIAN

OCEAN BEACH

Dumpster dining for the holidays

Environmental activist Rob Greenfield takes up the homeless challenge

After spending a whole week eating nothing but food found in dumpsters of grocery stores, Rob Greenfield hosted a dinner party at his home in Ocean Beach on Friday, December 20. With the goal to educate people

of how much food goes to waste in America, Greenfield is working on a short film named 21 Gourmet Dumpster Meals to inspire people to eat healthier and be less wasteful.

Though Greenfield can afford to buy food and not eat from dumpsters, he does it to draw attention to the food crisis in this country.

With more food than he could eat or share with his friends, he prepared a big pot of homemade soup and a couple dozen friedegg sandwiches and gave them to anyone who wanted a meal outside the post office in downtown San Diego the morning before his dinner event. That's where he met Lee, an older guy who was not interested in his food but had something to say about the camera that was documenting Greenfield's charitable act.

"If you really want to understand, why don't you come live on the streets with me?" Lee scolded Greenfield after he explained that the camera was there for a documentary about food waste in America.

Amused by his response, Greenfield accepted the challenge. With the intention of showing that the differences between the "homeless" and the "home dwellers" are minimal compared to the similarities, Greenfield said he would spend the holidays penniless, out in the cold.

MATTHEW SUAREZ

ENCINITAS

Keepin' it rural

Save Desert Rose vs. City of Encinitas

Residents of Olivenhain, a community within the City of Encinitas, east of El Camino Real, continue their fight against a proposal from Woodbridge Farms Estates, LLC, to raze 7.87 acres of parkland at Desert Rose Way for a high-density apartment complex.

The group spearheading the litigation, Save Desert Rose, maintains that the proposed development will have significant negative impacts on the environment and quality of life in the area, potentially ruining one of the few rural communities in the region.

In addition to traffic and parking impacts, members of the Save Desert Rose group feel that the City of Encinitas violated the California Environmental Quality Act when approving the proposal. They say that the developer



"Don't let Olivenhain become this," reads the Save Desert Rose website.

should have never been allowed to increase the density of the area.

OWEN COBB

Comments

The attorney hired to represent the developer is none other than "environmental attorney" Marco Gonzalez. Yes, that's the guy who was one of the trio (along with Donna Frye) who threw the first salvo against Bob Filner. He has indicated he has a whole new set of core values.

SAGEOFSANTEE

CARLSBAD

Fast verdict for impostor

Teap set with phony modeling gig

A jury declared Matthew Nathan Terrell guilty of assault with intent to commit rape and false imprisonment on December 18. The attack happened in a Carlsbad motel room on June 9, 2013.

The victim testified that she believed she was meeting a professional photographer working for Nike. The young woman responded to an advertisement she received through a website called OKCUPID on the morning of June 8. By the next morning, 28-year-old Terrell had convinced the 20-year-old woman to meet with him in the parking lot of a Motel 6 in Carlsbad.

The impostor photographer asked his victim to make a certain pose with her arms behind her back and gripping each elbow with her hands, and then he came up behind her

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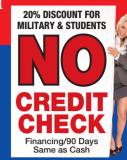
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The nervousness I felt was rote — anxiety is my body's automatic response when I'm awaiting test results of any kind, be they medical or scholastic. This one was called a "personality assessment." It was a "basis for evaluation," an examination of sorts, and the root of that — "exam" — is defined as a test of knowledge or ability. No matter the terminology (pass or fail, positive or negative, high or low), there's only one way my brain reads it — good or bad. And I don't ever want to be labeled as bad.

Major corporations with hordes of middle managers are all about these tests. A friend who works at a mammoth phone company introduced me to the hilariously named D.O.P.E. assessment her bosses have sanctioned. It stands for Dove, Owl, Peacock, Eagle. After taking this test

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and administering it to her team, my friend insisted she was a Dove — peaceful loyal, friendly, change-avoiding; but her husband maintained that she was, in fact, an Eagle — bold, decisive, stubborn, and insensitive to other people's needs. I shared an eye-roll with David and later joked that I thought the whole concept was for the birds.

My sister Jane works for Big Pharma. As with most big corporations, Jane's employers implement the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, an old test based on Carl Jung's theory that there are four basic psychological functions through which humans operate. Because it's couched in generalizations yet leaves little room for the immeasurable categories between its four declared dichotomies, experts in the fields of science and psychology view the efficacy of the Myers-Briggs method as being on par with astrology.

Aside from a handful of silly, generic quizzes online, I'd never take a personality test. This one — sent to me by a colleague at one of the organizations I work with took roughly seven minutes to complete. As I understood it, the test was being administered as part of an overarching strategy to implement some kind of team-building, communication somethingor-other. Seeing as I navelgaze for a living, I wasn't expecting to learn anything new about myself, especially from taking a test that asked participants to provide their own opinions of themselves.

"Barbarella is aggressive and confident," I read the first line aloud to David when the email finally came through. "Yeah, no shit," I added. David smiled and nodded. "Oh, this is funny," I said. "It says I'm a 'team

player." David guffawed. "That's probably because of the one I lied on."

There had been two questions I'd lied on — the one where I'd indicated I was a team player, and another for which I'd selected "optimist" as the word that most described me among the four provided. I wanted to pass this test, and no matter who you're working with, not being a team player is a definite "fail." The optimism thing, well, I realized halfway through how terrible I might come across if I didn't soften my image somewhere.

I skimmed through the summary — an overview of myself as I saw myself. According to the report, I'm opinionated, I like deadlines, I prefer to make decisions quickly, I lack patience for "slower acting people," blah blah blah, nothing new here.

"Oh, wait. Hell to the no, this one's way off," I said. "Listen — 'Barbarella may present information in a form that cannot be easily understood by some people.' That's bullshit, right? I'm communicative to a fault. Other people beat around the bush, whereas I hack right through it with a machete. I spell things out in no uncertain terms, so this conclusion is just wrong. But this next line — ha! 'She may lose interest in what others are saying if they ramble and don't speak to the point.' That's spot-on."

I was about to start kvetching about the pointlessness of the report, but then I got to the next page. Here were recommendations for how others could best communicate with me. "I like this," I said as I skimmed it over. "I should hand this out to everyone with

whom I begin a project. Or just...anyone."

There was a page of "Dos" and a page of "Don'ts" regarding how people should approach me. I cherry-picked some of each to read aloud to a casually amused David. "Do come prepared; Don't ask rhetorical or useless questions' — I love that one. There are few things more irritating to me than unprepared people and stupid questions. 'Do put projects in writing with deadlines; Don't ramble on or waste her time.' Ha! That's my favorite. 'Do verify that the message was heard; Don't try to build personal relationships.' Wait — ouch. Not that one, right?" I looked at David, pleading silently for his agreement. "I love having personal relationships with everyone I work with. Right?" I'd have to ponder that one.

Once I got that the assessment was to be used as a sort of guide for people who interact with me, to help them get the best results, the more I started to really dig the whole personality-test concept. There were even some recommendations for how I might interact with others to be more effective. Things like, "Barbarella needs to adjust her intensity to match the situation," and "display empathy for people who approach life differently than she does." It also said I need more vacations, and I'm not going to argue with that.

There were also some hard truths. Things I knew on some level but rarely considered. Such as being opinionated to the point of obnoxiousness, and my difficulty balancing family and work.

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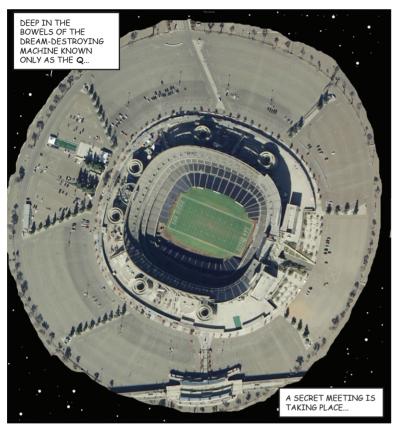
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BY SIOBHAN BRAUN

Boots, boots, and more boots

My favorite part of the coldweather season, if you call 65 degrees "cold," is not hot cocoa or crackling fires, it's digging my boots out of storage. I'm kind of obsessed with shoes. My husband calls me Imelda Marcos because my footwear collection is out of control. Out and about in San Diego, I came across several women wearing lust-worthy boots.



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In El Cajon, Nicole Lettow wore a pair of cognac Intyce riding boots by Steve Madden. They retail for \$149.95. She likes to pair them with everything from skinny jeans and leggings to a pair of fun tights and a dress.

In La Jolla, Michelle Shen sported a pair of over-the-knee boots that featured a killer

lace-up design in the back. She told me of her fashion score: "I got these at Charlotte Russe. They were the last pair they had. They were on sale for \$10."

Word to the wise: if you're going to wear over-the-knee boots, do not pair them with something skimpy. Instead, opt for leggings or a pair of skinny jeans.

In La Mesa, Kami Stringer wore a pair of teal, patterned tights from Forever 21 with a cute pair of platform booties.

"I had been looking for a pair of black ankle boots forever. I bought a pair of soft leather Vince Camutos at Piperlime for \$200+. They looked like witch shoes. I found these last season at Target. They were on clearance. I think I paid, like, \$12 for them. I'm in love with them. They are my all-time favorite boots. I get complimented on them all the time. The only problem is that they absolutely kill my feet."

In Balboa Park, newlyweds Lisa and Dustin Lamont wore adorable his-and-hers boots. Lisa's feminine lace-ups were Steve Madden Troopa boots. They retail for around \$100. Dustin's boots were purchased at H&M.■

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UNREAL **E**STATE

by Dave Rice

This week's estate is perched atop a hill, just a few blocks from the San Diego Bay in the Point Loma neighborhood of La Playa. Included with the 5020-square-foot home's five bedrooms and seven baths is an additional 290-square-foot cabana not included in the official square footage and an adjacent vacant lot, making the property size over half an acre - something of a rarity in such an urban locale.

Architect and inte-



A recent remodel included the addition of a north wing with a basement and two stories, plus a garage expansion.

rior designer Sharon Zell bought the run-down 1951-built home (which, according to records, had been rebuilt once in 1993) at 411 San Gorgonio in 2002 and spent the

next two years remodeling; in 2011 and 2012, she expanded it to its current size. According to a March 2013 profile in San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles magazine,

the project included the addition of a north wing with a basement and two stories, plus a garage expansion.

"No expense was spared, especially when

it came to the wood and stone amenities," notes Home/Garden Lifestyles. "Two examples are the living room's marble fireplace, where halogen spotlights call attention to glass sculptures in niches on either side, and the family room fireplace made of solid eighth-inch silicon bronze."

Interior features include white-oak flooring, a locally made front door, and a floating staircase with triangular treads and a solid bronze rail. All of the cabinet doors and drawer faces, as well as the wood veneer and interior doors, were made at Zell's woodworking shop in Sun Valley, Idaho from "Anigre, Afromosia, Fiddleback Maple, European Pearwood and other exotic materials," according to one of the home's

listings.

The slope of the lot means views of the bay, Shelter Island, Coronado, and downtown are afforded from nearly every window, including in the master bedroom's walk-in closet. Floor-toceiling windows are used extensively throughout the home, and several sets of 20-foot glass doors fold open to create a seamless indoor/outdoor living environment.

Outside, patios on several different levels offer the same views, as does the pool and spa area and a covered outdoor kitchen area.

With work done on the house and surrounding grounds, Zell focused on the vacant lot at 425 San Gorgonio that she'd acquired in 2007 for \$1 million.

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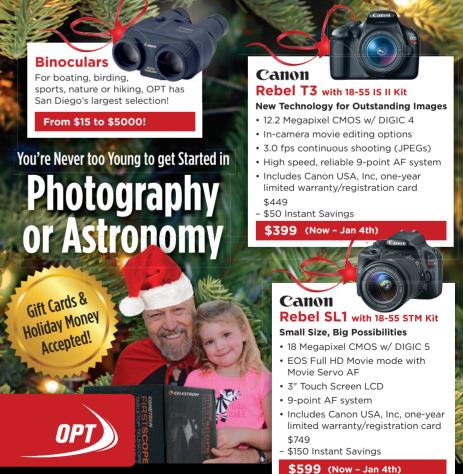
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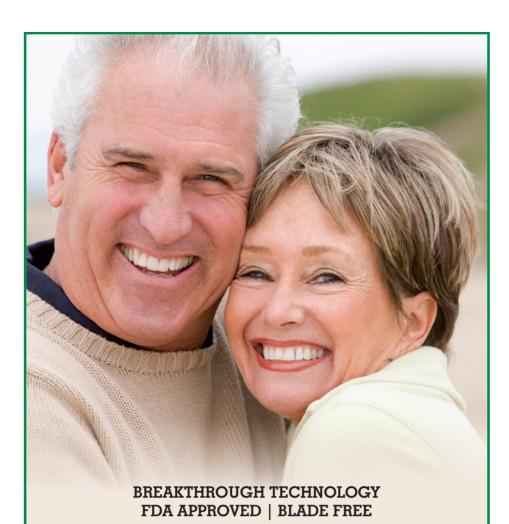


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"It says I see myself as assertive but that others see me as 'aggressive' and 'nervy," I said. David seemed to be avoiding my eyes. "It says, under extreme pressure, I can be perceived as 'abrasive, controlling, arbitrary, and opinionated.' Beh-beh? What do you think?"

David finally met my gaze. "I think you already know all of this stuff. And that you aren't really bothered to be called on it. Just embrace it. It's you. And I love you."

"True," I said.
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David laughed. "I'd say that's evidence enough that the science behind the assessment is pretty solid."

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"I saw an article about food banks in San Diego that featured a well-dressed couple in line getting food. It broke my heart," Zell told the Point Loma Association in the group's 2012 fall newsletter in explaining her motivation for starting the Point Loma Hope Garden.

She had the 10,000-square-foot lot graded, installed sheds and a patio area with a shade cover and picnic bench seating, and opened the plot on an invitation basis to form a semi-public garden. Zell's rule: any food produced on the ground's 16 plots not consumed directly by the gardeners would be donated to charity.

The garden's nowdormant website reports at least two deliveries, one to the St. Vincent de Paul Village in May 2012 and another to an assortment



Views of the bay, Shelter Island, Coronado, and downtown are afforded from nearly every window.

of groups in July 2012.

The residence and its 15,900-square-foot lot is being offered for sale in conjunction with the extra lot next door, which has its own tax parcel number and could later be sold separately to a buyer wishing to build a new house on the property. The home is now listed for sale for \$3,950,000, or \$5,000,000 with the extra lot. It originally went up for sale in early 2013 but did not sell at the initial \$4,295,000 list price. The lot is available on its own for \$1,500,000, though in recent years it's been offered several times for as little as \$1,350,000 and as high as \$2,495,000, each time failing to attract a buyer. ■

LETTERS

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majority of these jobs are part-time jobs without benefits or job security, so that larger numbers of middle class workers join the growing ranks of the working poor. The gap between the rich and poor increases.

These points do not take away from the struggles of our part-time colleagues, but widen the context of Salaam's piece. Most of our colleagues - unfortunately defined by their part-time work status are excellent, professional, extremely hardworking professors whose sound pedagogy and compassion help transform our students' lives. The great majority of our students are taught by these professors.

I realize that it is easy

for me in my position to write that folks should not live in fear and silence. Everything is political, every workplace has its politics. But we have due process through our collective bargaining agreement, and we do have health care for adjunct faculty, a priority of assignment to provide some mechanism for adjunct faculty job security, and too, a large contingent of full-time advocates who began their careers as adjunct faculty.

Part of my job is to remember and imagine what it was and is like to be a student, and what it was and is like to be an "adjunct." I won't forget sitting in the middle of my kitchen floor late one night, feeling out of luck, desperate for job security. That semester I was only teaching three colleges,

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harnessthemadness: loblolly pine tree Parents planted this kind of tree in front of the house they lived in when I was born. The tree wouldn't grow and I was sick when I was born. I was blessed by a Catholic priest and my mom watered the tree with the holy water. I got better and the tree grew.



drewbacca: "Your taste buds can't repel flavor of this magnitude!" When I saw the "Admiral Ackbar Cereal" skit on Robot Chicken, Admiral Ackbar became my absolute favorite Star Wars character, I needed a tattoo of him with his most famous line. and I wanted it traditional style.



dalishik: I got the tattoo because I love popeye cartoons and eating spinach lol. It is a reminder of the best times of my childhood.



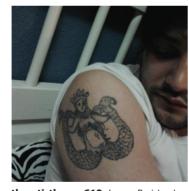
davidoli: The skeleton playing a drum was inked at 18 years old, an image based on tibetan mythology which can be found on an old grateful dead album cover. Finally in 2011 I added the lotus and clouds, a symbol based on the eternal nature of universal energy.



Melissaloveable: I love sea creatures and the ocean, so I decided to get an octopus:) I think there beautiful and they are very smart creatures. I got it at tattoo expo in Tijuana.



josefudeyama: I was always a small girl. I was teased and bullied often. I knew that deep within me was the spirit of a dragon that no one could mess with. This was finally completed in Asia (Taiwan) by master JERRY LIU...and yes now the dragon has been awakened!



theartistbayne619: I am a Barista at Starbucks Coffee. My tattoo is of the original and controversial Starbucks logo I like it because of the irony of a major corparation dipicting nudity and because I'm a Gemini and the two tale siren represents my double personality.



mthands: My left thigh's tattoo: a ship in a bottle. I've always loved mythology, pirates, and history. Also a thing I've always gravitated to draw is ships, definitely a symbol of my love for history. I also love the twist of being in a bottle, its not an average cliche tattoo



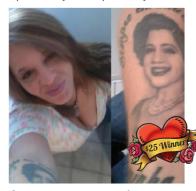
keelylimepie: The women in the tattoo was on a cameo carved in ivory my mother had when she was a little girl. When I moved to San Diego from the L.A. area, my mother gave me this necklace to keep, and I made it permanent.



Tiina: I like dreamcatchers. it's beautiful, chose it earlier this year when I was living in London, had it done in SD, now I'm living here. Living in Escondido, 30, model.



en decided to get my tattoos after a break-up. I had been in a toxic relationship for 8yrs. I finally found the strength to end it and start a new life in a new city/San Diego baby!



doco: My tattoo is a portrait of my mom... taken late 50's era. I got the portrait portion of the tattoo in 2003 and it was after my mom passed away in 2009 that I had the writing added. It reads in Portuguese "Siempre em meu coracao...minha mae" which translates to "always in my heart...my mother."



mrmaticulous: Maticulous. 32 musician. tattoo of money on my face because i like money



eacallahan: I got this done at Body Marks Tattoo on El Cajon Blvd. 4 sessions, 13 hours, and lots of colorful scabs later I had a lifelong reminder that, despite having my (ex)wife leave me for a guy twice her age, I was able to pull myself back up and make something better of myself.



gypsyflood: Sickest mermaid in town. Conclusion: Hip bones aren't for pussies. Chad killed it as usual



Elliot93Til: I really just wants to share this tattoo. Hands down my favorite one. It's for my ex who passed away. Love you Angel.



mojorisin: My tattoo of Jim Morrison, Jimi Hendrix, and Janis Joplin. I love their music, and love the era of the 60's. This tattoo puts them together as the "27 Club", having all died at the age of 27.



mrjanguee: I became a stewardess so I could travel the world & surf. I quickly fell in love with all of the south pacific islands. The culture, the surf, the people, music, and art. I have spent almost 30 yrs traveling these islands, & have brought back loads of art work.



laurlaur: I got this tattoo because ive always loved the day of the dead women portraits. They symbolize beautiful women in a different more unique way. Halloween Is my favorite time of year also. All the credit goes to my tattoo artist Alain Lacoste.



mermaidqueen_lo: This tattoo is "love" in my mom's handwriting from the very last card I received from her before she passed. She passed away 1/20/12 after a long struggle with breast cancer. I got this tattoo at Sleeping Giant Tattoo in Hillcrest by Eric.



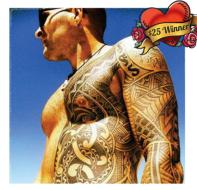
hurricane_kyle: I got the reaper tattoo to finish my heaven and hell theme. I'm 23, tattoo is currently still in progress.



iftomhadinstagram: #ratfink #jay-crocketttattoo #flyingeyeball



selfmade_sd: It was a good day... Didn't even have to use my AK!! Sunday hustle.



Jbrown785: This tattoo represents many of my travels to various corners of the world. Over a 4 year time period, this piece was completed by 4 different artists, one in New Zealand, one in Australia, one in the Philippines and one here in San Diego (Rory Keating at Guru Tattoo).



kennaneal: "Death Before Dishonor"



dallasgillette: Just a country girl and her horse like me, by Asa Crow at Absoulte Tattoo.



theinkquill: I spent years in my home state of Ohio working beside my mother to prevent youth gun violence and promote peace; hence the peace sign. The love of my family, friends and my partner keep me going every day and I honor all of my loved ones with the heart. Lastly, music has saved my life.



Irieryder: This Tattoo represents my Family & Myself. I represented myself as the skull since I was the middle child, the black sheep of my family.



kevinc: its the story of that life changing year I spent hanging around the hospital fighting to recover.



dpg3741: My Buddha is insightful and will bring me enlightenment and good fortune forever. I got this tattoo because I have become more successful in my life only because I had to become enlightened about myself and learn to strive to always be better.



indiabarton: I got the outline of India tattooed on me as homage to my unique name! I got it done by the lovely Drew at Tahiti Felix's Master Tattoo Parlor & Museum in downtown San Diego.



clopez1986: I choose my foot for the tattoo cause I like how it can add something different to each different shoes you wear. I got mushrooms because growing up I always saw my mom like the mushroom design and garden gnomes and different mystical stuff.



1shyvixen: I got this arm band 10 yrs ago as a gift to myself for having a baby at 40. I've always loved dolphins and have felt a connection with then. I actually found a shirt at sea world that had the look I wanted.



carlilux1984: For Carlos/Carla and my favorite designer, got it to show courage to myself and keep working towards the ultimate goal. To me it means courage and hard work and still being glamourous. Got it from DeadGlory tattoo.



sdstang: The Phoenix Rises

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SLOG FOR A GREEN CARD

"The accusations the government makes against immigrants are almost 100 percent accurate." "m listening to attorney Eleanor ers). As of 2009, immigrants composed 12.5 Adams, who's been practicing percent of the population — 38 million souls. A immigration law locally for 25 little less than half of those are naturalized; the years. By phone, she's outlinrest reside here legally or illegally. ing, breathlessly, our labyrin-I dare not interrupt Adams: such a semithine federal system of pernar is like a first-semester course at Thomas centage quotas, monthly Jefferson School of Law. resets, and congressional Seventeen minutes into her monologue, reform proposals for I'm muzzy-brained from listening to her legalthe two big categoese: status, exemptions, chargeability tumble ries of immigrants: together like Cirque du Soleil performers. family-sponsored Finally, I find a space to enter: maybe, I say, we can take a step back and define legal and (relatives) and employmentillegal. based (work-"It's very easy," she says, "to say that this person is legal and this person is not legal then you feel like these guys are the good guys and those guys are the bad guys." Adams says that when people come to her she tries to determine whether they have "potential status," that is, they may have a legal case. Some people she helps "apply and are put into a court proceeding. Some go in or out of detention. There's a lot who are in between. You get to stay so long as you do not fall out of status." This limbo is your home long before you get that most prized possession, a green card, making you a permanent legal resident. Here's an example of limbo: A Mexican woman, a client of Adams's, came to the U.S. as a child. When the child was a teenager, her mother, a U.S. citizen, applied for her daughter to stay permanently on the basis of hardship — she needed her daughter to care for her. The daughter received a temporary work permit or visa and was allowed to stay. But she cannot travel outside the country. If she did leave and reenter, she'd be detained and deported. Eighteen years later, the woman, whose work permit is renewed yearly, is still waiting, despite her being married to, and abandoned by, her American-born husband. Why? Adams says it's the quotas.

Mexican nationals have one of the longest waits for dependent visas of anyone except Filipinos. Some Mexicans have been in America and idling, legally, since 1990. For Filipinos, only now is the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service *processing* those who applied 24 years ago.

Adams says that people come to her for a consultation; they listen; they nod their heads; they seem to understand. "But then a point comes when their exasperation erupts: 'This doesn't make any sense.' And then I say, 'Ah, you do understand."

The moment of levity is such that we both burst out laughing.

Is it true, I ask, that we can label these folk "legal" immigrants?

True, she says. There are 4.4 million on the so-called waiting list (it's an estimate, not an actual list), with actual or potential status. Forget the 11 million illegals whose plight the media and anti-immigrant politicians concentrate on far more than the plight of the legal. Though legal immigrants follow the rules, they are largely silent, fearing immigration officials will investigate their claims or send them packing. I know; I could find few who would talk about their

From the Philippines to Canada to America

One who did is Kare, a nurse in her mid-30s, who asks, her voice as thin as Bible paper, that I use no identifying details about her, beginning with her real name. Kare spoke with me beside her lawyer, Harun Kazmi, an immigration attorney in the Kearny Mesa offices of Kazmi and Sakata.

A Filipina, Kare came to San Diego via Canada. Growing up, she wanted to go abroad because of low wages there and the high wages everywhere else. "Sixty percent of Filipinos want to come to America," she says. After nurse training, she emigrated to Canada to work. ("I thought I would like Canada, until I felt those winters") and became a Canadian citizen. But she always wanted to come to the U.S. To work. Not to be a citizen. To practice nursing. That was her goal.

Within two months of her November 2006 arrival, she was hired at one of San Diego's two monster S-initialed hospital chains. She loves her job. Her boss supports her and reminds her each year to renew her temporary work permit: go out of the country and come back in at a port of entry with her job offer letter.

Another reason she came is that under North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexicans and Canadians can come to the U.S. for job interviews as part of the trade agreement. The government classifies certain jobs — nurses, software engineers, doctors, scientists — as necessary to our economy. Half of scientists and engineers who have doctorates are immigrants. We simply do not graduate enough in those highly specialized fields.

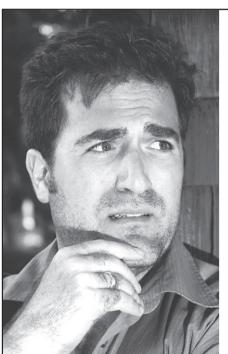
Though she was given a one-year temporary visa and earned a driver's license, hers is not a secure position. "Every year when I renew my visa," she says, "there's the possibility that I'll be denied. I might answer the questions wrong." This, she says, made her nervous, especially the first few years before her work experience here gave her confidence.

The irony is, "the longer she extends her visa, the more it appears" to Immigration and Customs Enforcement "that she's going to be here forever," say Kazmi. The agency starts to "red-flag" her, asking, in essence, what is her plan and why doesn't she go back to Canada. Kare says that she intended to stay and work for five years but now wants to get a green card because "I love my job."

We hear all the time about the nursing shortage. Hospitals fill the breach with nurses from other countries. Not a surprise, there's also a high turnover in the field — the hours, the patients' and the doctors' demands, the emergencies — which means that Kare is needed more than ever. "In my department, U.S. nurses come in, work six months or a year, then quit." Overstressed, they move on to clinics where they hear things are a bit calmer. Another plus is that a shortage of nurses means the immigration-renewal process for temporary,







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So, after three years at the hospital, in 2010, Kare met with Kazmi to become permanently legal. Now her problem is the backlog. In her case, he estimates, six years from 2010. Kare tells me that the whole slog for her green card will take ten years, to 2020. And that as long as her employer renews her visa and the government doesn't renegotiate her "chargeability."

Video interview with immigration lawyer Harun Kazmi at sdreader.com/videos

A fine example of doublespeak, charge-ability means the degree to which your nationality is over- or under-represented in the system. You're charged though you've done nothing. Some nationalities (Filipino, in her case) are "oversubscribed," Immigration and Customs Enforcement's word, while Cubans and certain Africans have



Immigration attorney Harun Kazmi says his clients feel a lot of anger toward illegal immigrants.

slots perennially open. The country order from shortest to longest waits is China, India, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Kazmi says that five years ago the nursing shortage was so severe that the government was processing applications to move from temporary to permanent immediately. Those days ended, but "there's always the hope that they'll speed up the process again."

This is one of the most quixotic elements about legal immigration: one's flotation in the backlog. Typically one is bundled by education level — highly skilled, skilled, unskilled — and

there are seldom preferences extended to critical professions. Moreover, Immigration and Customs Enforcement can push the backlog back to open up another category — say, Iraqi refugees in 2002 after the Iraq War began. The bureaucratese for pushing the legal immigrant back down the line is "retrogress a cut-off date."

Kare gets frustrated. She just came back from Europe, going through a port of entry in Philadelphia. "They weren't familiar with my visa, so they looked at me, they looked at my card, my passport, they called someone over." It's often a committee decision to allow her in, even though they can check to see her status is legal on a computer.

Kazmi explains the risk differently. He says that when Kare first came here, she said it would be temporary — work for several years and go back. That went on her record. Now he's filed for her to be permanent because the hospital has offered her a permanent job — work here indefi-

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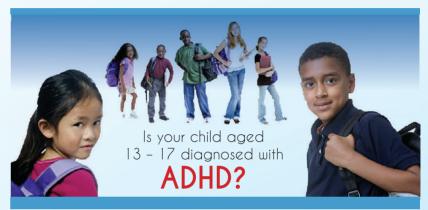
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He says that officials could detain her at the border and despite her job offer and despite her stellar employment history and valid driver's license, they could say, "Since you have applied for a green card, why not return to Canada and wait for it there?" "That," which he doesn't see coming, "is the worst-case scenario."

Finally, Kare says that her sympathies for immigrants doesn't extend to illegals. She sees too many in her hospital environment — whether working there or as patients. "I think the U.S. should be stricter about illegals than it is."

Kazmi agrees. "I think about the lives of my clients — they go through a lot of money and time. Doing it legally. And then they hear news reports about the 'other side.' [Anger at illegals] is a common feeling to have. 'Why am I bothering?' my clients think. 'Why?"

Post-Boston bombing

The most egregious example of a broken system is the Tsarnaev case, the Boston Marathon bombers. Brothers

Dzhokhar, who survived, and Tamerlan, who died, came to Boston as minor children refugees with their parents and sisters in 2007. With green cards, they joined the five-year wait to apply for citizenship. After the bombing, the New York Times reported that Tamerlan's application for U.S. citizenship had been held up because the FBI was investigating him. He was interviewed in January 2011 because he may have had ties to Chechen terrorists. Dzhokhar's application for citizenship was approved.

The government is not saying which crack the brothers slipped through. Immigration officials may have been monitoring terrorist ties in both. And vet even Tamerlan's known associations were, apparently, not enough to get the FBI's full attention. It's one thing to collect mountains of information and crossprocess it among dozens of agencies. It's another thing to search a stack of needles for the sharpest and most deadly needles.

Post-Boston, and in a non-election year, here comes Congress with immigration reform. A slew of measures are on the table, including one to fasttrack investigations of suspected terrorist ties in the 4.4 million. But given sequestration, a government shutdown, and another debt-ceiling crisis — despite Band-Aid fixes — nothing with immigration is getting done.

Enter the American Civil Liberties Union, which has condemned the government's surveiling of noncitizens such as the Tsarnaevs, made public in its Department



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of Homeland Security's Controlled Application Review and Resolution Program for immigrant visas. In a recent report, the ACLU argues that the FBI cast too broad of a net over individuals, typically with "ethnic" and religious identities, it deems "national security concerns." The watchdogs criticize the government for creating "secret exclusions," as Jennie Pasquarella, an ACLU attorney, put it. "Before we learned about" this program, "we were seeing patterns of delays and denials, but nobody understood what was behind this." The ACLU says it amounts to targeting people because of their Muslim faith.

Another immigration attorney I emailed, Allan S. Lolly, added a few more qualms about reform. "If the backlog is reduced," he writes, "the U.S. population would mushroom quickly without end. Families," who are waiting for visas, "do not need to live in the U.S. They live in the Philippines or

in other countries too. Why here?" He's also suspicious of so many family-sponsored claims. "Why hand out too many privileges to those who are not immediate family members. A minor child, OK, but an adult child? Wait. Why is that person even in the U.S.?"

Yet another injustice, Lolly notes — and an "incentive not to change the system" — happens with "private companies" who may "benefit by keeping illegals in jail." Plus, there's pressure from labor unions not to reform. "If you allow too many work visas, it

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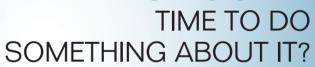
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In California, where legal noncitizens are 10 percent of the population, the state has

enacted several new laws: legal immigrants can now serve on juries and monitor voting polls while their misdemeanor crimes will not be reported to federal authorities. But, in the national debate, legal change is kneecapped

by politicians, political action committees, and vocal constituents who object to a "path to citizenship" for the undocumented. Congress appears unwilling to legislate the two statuses separately and, thus, the

waffling continues.

Legal is invisible

At the breakfast-busy University Club atop Symphony Towers,

Mexican nationals have one of the longest waits for dependent visas of anyone except Filipinos.

Brian Johnson is enjoying his scrambled eggs. The 31-year-old tells me that he began practicing immigration law in 2004 as a clerk in the office of the Department of Homeland Security's chief counsel. He discoving

ered soon that any expertise in the Byzantine complexity of immigration law was an asset; he went from Homeland Security to private practice, fil-

> ing deportation and green-card cases in Houston. Four years ago he relocated to San Diego to open the Guerra & Johnson law firm.

Johnson says "there's no question" that people whose cases end up in immigration

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Two recent changes have helped open the logiam and unleashed volatile public reaction. President Obama directed immigration courts to use "prosecutorial discretion," meaning government attorneys could select whom and whom not to deport. In 2012, a new law, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, allowed those who came to the U.S. as children to stay without fear of deportation for two years.

I pose the slippery query: What is the line between legal and illegal?

Johnson says that people who have "claims to status through their families" are legal. "They might think they are illegal, but if they were detained they'd be released because they have documents." Even if the person has no documentation, immigration will find out they are in the system, have a case pending, and "allow them to stay."

Illegal, he goes on,

means a person who either has snuck over the border and has not made a claim for status or has violated his or her status by overstaying a visa. The standard is, "Are you in compliance with the law, or are you violating the law?"

As for the 11 million illegals, he says, "it's hard to get your mind around that number. How many of them are border crossers? How many of them are criminal immigrants? How many are overstays? How many have a few

violations here or there and need to get legal counsel to have their case resolved? I don't know what percentage that is."

Really, the odds are not in a legal immigrant's favor unless one is highly educated or has an "extreme hardship" case. Even if the government allows in 400,000 immigrants per year — a number that changes based on complex percentages, the occasional political wind, and congressional representatives who go to bat for separated spouses,

military cases, and asylum reviews — only one in ten of the "qualified" get permanent legal residency. Poor odds, but not impossible.

Johnson says most of the 4.4 million are safe. Even though they have restrictions — they could be deported if they violated their status via drugs or crime or if they left the country and tried to return — they do have status and their cases, by definition, are pending. Though it may sound counterintuitive, he

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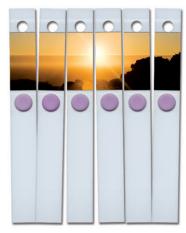
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Why won't Congress separate legal and illegal immigration reform?

Johnson's answer surprises me. "It's hard

to address one without understanding the other. Let's say your concern is border crossers. Do you want to build a wall, add officers? In my experience, everyone who crosses the border — it's

all family. It's the father who goes back and forth." And they've been doing this border run for decades. They use the mountains, not the port of entry. "Legal clients," he says, "have the same motivation, family and work. Whether they do it

legally or illegally seems to be more their personal option than what the immigration system sets up. They're going to come either way."

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Green card happy

Not all in Immigration Land are sitting in a stalled van on the freeway. For every ten cases in the race, one crosses the finish line. How easily we forget that for many the goal *is* citizenship. When I speak with new

citizens or immigrants, it's as if I'm meeting my grandfather — once a 16-year-old Swede, traveling steerage across the Atlantic in 1882, then by barge down the St. Law-

> rence River, and by train through Ontario to the Iron Range of northern Minnesota, where he toiled with pickaxe and wheelbarrow and dynamite charges in the open-pit mines and saved money

to sponsor a brother who came later. How little English he would have known, how dependent he was on his employer, how frightened he felt.

But how free, too, no longer to be in Sweden where military service was compulsory.

I'm reflecting on his adventure and trial when I meet Octavio, 40, an immigrant who has shown the patience of Job in his long haul from Mexico to Fallbrook.

We're in the North Park immigration "familv law" offices of Barbara Strickland, a secondstory set of rooms as busy as a hospital ward. A half dozen young Hispanic women, a couple of whom chase and shush two-year-olds, do office chores and make calls for Ms. Strickland, who's been helping for decades. The office lingua franca is Spanish. "Ninety percent of my clients are from Mexico," she tells me, "so I had to learn the language."

Octavio arrives dressed all in black: flimsy nylon shorts, snug black shoes with no socks, black T-shirt, and a cap with a sports logo and frayed bill. He wears black-framed rectangular glasses.

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Having freewaystruggled from Fallbrook where he runs his own body shop, Octavio cannot repress a smile: "I'm happy," he says, "I just got my green card."

Like an adoring son, he looks at Strickland, who lowers her expression, though I catch beams of pride and satisfaction.

In 2006, Octavio came to America.

Yes, he was illegal, "hiding" in the shadows, he says, but in his mind he had potential status. He arrived because his father, a first-generation U.S. citizen from Mexico, had applied for him to come. His "papers" took too long to get to him, so he just walked across the border.

Strickland tells me that with her help Octavio was categorized F1, a son or daughter of a U.S. citizen. In 2006, his group was current, which is to say there was no

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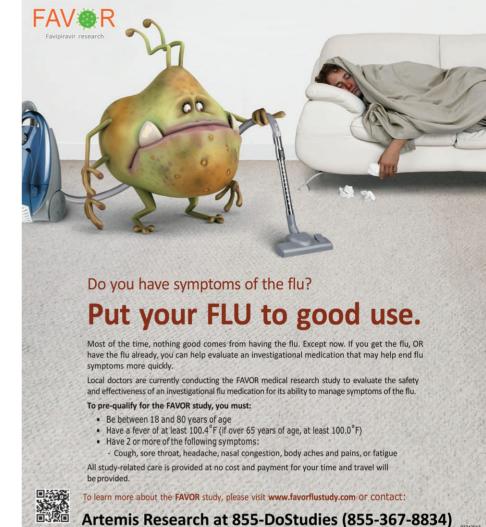
wait. But not long after his arrival, the F1 numbers were lowered and the category lost its currency. Octavio thought he'd get a green card "pretty quick." He also hoped to bring his own family — a wife and two children — to America once he qualified for permanent legal residency.

In Fallbrook, he began working in his father's body shop. Family-sponsored, he had obtained a work permit. With a cell phone, he talked with his fam-

ily in Mexico "almost every day," sometimes using Skype. He sent money home and saved to pay Strickland. But then, he says, months of languishing turned into

years and his slot, based on the date he applied, kept getting pushed back due to "retrogression." As a result, he hasn't seen his wife and kids in seven years.

I ask, once more, the infelicitous question—legal vs. illegal. Strickland says, yes, there's a difference. But any legal clarity











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falls apart when "looking at the whole family. It's not unusual where some in a family are citizens, others have green cards, and others are undocumented." Her job, she

says, is to get the undocumented documented. She does warn that if an immigration officer came in and found one of her clients undocumented. he could arrest and place that person in custody. "Subject to removal," it's called. "And then he or she has a problem."

But immigration officials

"rarely chase illegals. They almost never raid a law office or detain the undocumented in a Home Depot parking lot because such immigrants may be "in extreme hardship. Even if you are here illegally, your deportation may not happen because your citizen spouse or citizen children would lose support. Or you may have a serious illness that, with removal,

would go untreated." Immigration judges have to be very careful because there's a limit of 4000 "extreme hardship" exceptions given each year.

"Whether they do it legally or illegally seems to be more their personal option than what the immigration system sets up"

> Octavio says he doesn't "feel sad about," missing his family because he's "happy right now. I was okay waiting. It takes what it takes." The main difference between living here and in Mexico is, "you work harder over here but you live more comfortable."

What's the biggest change having a green card brings? "I have a lot of responsibilities

now that I am part of the society. Plus, I can go back and forth to Mexico." He'll soon be on a plane flying home. A reunion, at last. Ironically, the green card's

> great advantage for many is to be able to leave the

Strickland says Octavio can petition for green cards for his children. But his daughter will soon turn 21, which means she'll have to follow in his footsteps — slotted in the backlog. "It may take her years to get here," Strickland says.

At 21, she is no longer eligible to emigrate on her father's new status. "That's a real tragedy," she says. Octavio's son is 18, so he may get to come once he applies for a visa.

Does Octavio think of himself as an American, a Mexican, in between?

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Holiday in South Africa

"THE MAN WAS AN INFORMER."

Riggs and I are sharing daytime fun, a black guy and a white guy driving around black townships, at risk both from South African security forces and enraged blacks who, understandably, might regard a white inside a township as turf provocation.

Riggs directs me around a corner, and the thing is done before I see a cluster of armored cars at the next intersection. Instantly, I turn into a side street.

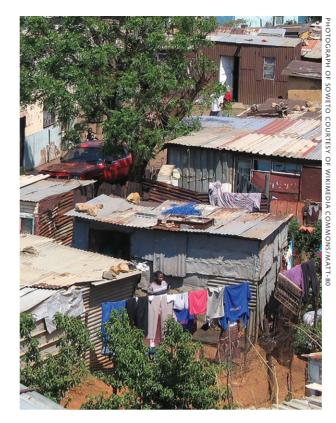
"Riggs!" I say, making a left turn, "I'm here illegally, remember? Bad things are going to happen if we keep driving into the goddamn army."

"Do not get excited," says Riggs in his quiet way.

"I'm excited. I'm very, very excited."

A township is one of those governmental service units that has given South Africa the worldwide reputation it currently enjoys. Townships come in all shapes and sizes. Their populations can be as small as 6000 or as large as the 1.5 million-plus estimated to be living in Soweto. Older, established townships were built close to urban centers, you enter on normal streets as if driving into any neighborhood. Newer townships are built well out of town, ringed off, accessible by only two, three, four entrances, each entrance manned by army patrols.

Townships come in all races. Indian townships look like middle-class American suburbs. Colored townships have the look of a working-class San Diego neighborhood. Black townships represent the place where every-



thing went wrong. But, even here there is variety. In large black townships there's a full range of living standards, from flatout perpetual misery to a section in Soweto called Millionaires Row. It's the proportion that's out of sync, a handful of livable islands surrounded by an ocean of slum.

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Riggs is my handler. To arrange entry into a township (it's illegal for me to be in the country, mucho mucho more ille-

Black townships, like Soweto, represent the place where everything went wrong. gal for me to be in a black township), a traveler needs to find one of the legal progressive organizations (United Democratic Front, Black Sash, South African Council of Churches) that have offices downtown. I've

learned to walk in, introduce myself as an American journalist, and chat up whoever happens to be there. At least one person, typically two or three, will volunteer to show me around, protect me, introduce me to anyone I'd care to talk to.

Which is how Riggs and I met. I arrived here a couple nights ago after a merciless trek from Joburg. I found the UDF office in Cape Town yesterday. Been cruising





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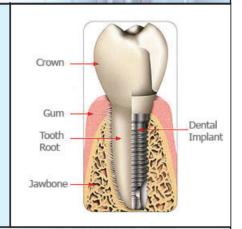
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townships ever since, courtesy of the able Riggs. It's been three months since his release from Robben Island prison. He'd done two years for firebombing a collaborator's house. "The man was an informer," Riggs explains. "He's responsible for the detention of many activists. He was warned many times."

Riggs is black, 25, five-foot ten inches, thin, graceful body, conspicuous intelligence. His brown eyes are deep set, his posture Marine Corps-erect. I'm struck by his immense energy, also his steadiness. He has a quality of purpose, of absolute knowledge about who he is that is so intense you feel it across a room with your back turned.

Riggs and I hurry along in my rented Golf, now home to several weeks of to-go coffee cups, newspapers, and pieces of animal flesh, the greasy, fatsoaked kind humans purchase when traveling long distances in automobiles.

Riggs directs me into the colored township of Bontelheuwel, where, he says, there has been unrest recently. The township's high schools have a long boycott history, usually initiated by students, usually protesting police actions or detentions. Two days ago, security forces detained a mathematics teacher. Students have planned a demonstration, with a boycott to follow.

Since Bontelheuwel is a colored township, buildings, though old, are maintained. There is electricity and running water, primary streets are paved. We drive in, keeping to side roads when we can. I make a turn onto a

wide, newly paved street and, boom, there's Arcadia High School.

The place is filthy with police. We stop. Up ahead are three cops who, in unison, realize that directly in front of them is an automobile occupied by one black and one white.

Fresh meat.

Three cops advance. Now an ambulance arrives, squeals to a stop in front of our car, momentarily blocking police. At this same instant, several students are being dragged down school steps into the street. Once outside, police begin beating them with rubber sticks (slamboks). Our three approaching cops hesitate, decide to join the fun already under way. I throw the Golf in reverse, back up, make a U turn.

My companion gazes out the passenger window. The son-of-a-bitch actually appears serene. He says, "We will go over to a comrade's house. There are some people you should meet."

Riggs has "organized" a braai for me in the black township of Langa. Braai is South African for barbecue. We stop at a colored shopping center for beer. Inside, every customer stares at my white face, then at Riggs. It's the second look that turns dead faces into delighted grins. Hands shoot forward to shake his hand. "Riggs,

how long have you been free? How are you? You look so well!"

It's somewhere around nine o'clock in the p.m. I count 13 of us around a big, oval, well-used barbecue pit. Beer is opened, chicken is barbequed. It's a fine, clear autumn evening. I'm thinking how few stars there are down here and how brightly they shine.

Activity alternates between talking politics and singing freedom songs. Everyone believes America is supporting South African racists, no one can understand why. They think that if they can get people to see apartheid, see the living conditions, see the humiliations, see the army, the entire world would be on their side. At least half the men here have been arrested or detained. One man rolls up his trousers to the knee, points to two bullet scars. Another has done three years on Robben Island. Another was detained for six months: when it was over, his jailers walked him out the police station's front door, rearrested him, walked him back in, laughing.

Chicken is flipped, our cook remarks that his detention meant solitary confinement. "I was very afraid because I didn't know if I could survive. But now that I've done it," he says, "I'm not afraid







anymore." Everyone nods. Doing it once takes fear away. In fact, Robben Island prison is called the University of Robben Island. Political prisoners are housed together, spend time studying politics, discussing strategy. They call being detained, "going on a government holiday."

One of tonight's guests is an Arcadia High School teacher, the same school Riggs and I fled from earlier in the day. I ask what happened after we left.

"It was vicious. Police came into school, into classrooms, pulled students into the hallway. Waiting in corridors were more police, who beat, whipped students as they ran past. Forty children were injured severely enough to be transported to the hospital."

"What's next?"

"I don't know. Students are having a meeting. They will probably boycott school again."

"This is student-run, no adults?"

"Oh, yes. They don't trust us."

The conversation turns to whites in the struggle. I ask, "Are they doing much? I can't believe they are. If shooting starts, whites aren't going to be there. They've got no experience, no training, no lifetime of being abused, only an intellectual commitment. They'll go home anytime they want a break."

Riggs protests. "No, no, whites, many whites are with us. A great many more than you think. It is an interracial struggle. Whites are welcome, whites have fought, whites have joined."

This is nuts, a white guy in a South African black township, enjoying a barbeque and arguing that whites can't be trusted. Eventually, conversation moves on, singing conof Washington has not.

tinues, too, as does gossip,

who's in jail, who's been

killed. Stories of beatings

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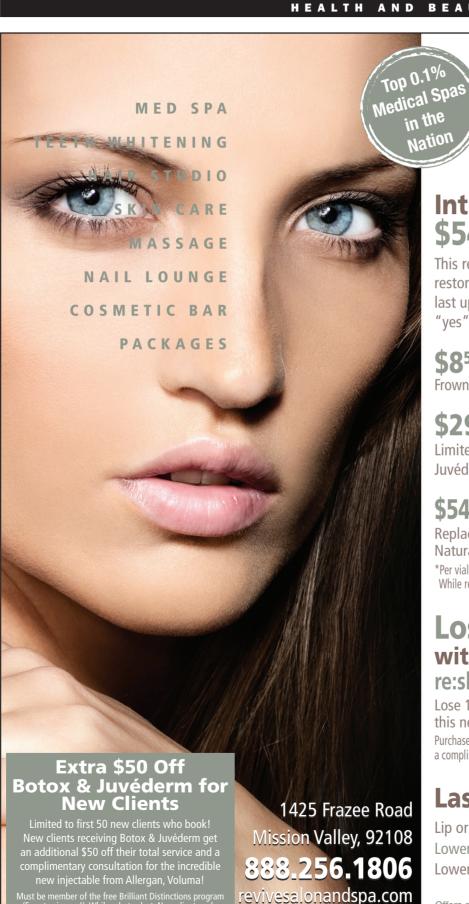
Morning begins with Riggs pouring abominable coffee. "I've been thinking about what you said in regards to whites. There is someone you must meet."

We drive Marcia to work, then push over to white, residential Cape Town and a large English Tudor home. "Gracious" is the word I'm looking

for. Riggs rings the bell. A plump, distinguishedlooking white woman, dressed in bathrobe and curlers, answers the door. She invites us in, apologizes for the confusion. "I've had a very busy morning. My daughter is having her first hangover."

Sara, 56, is small verging on tiny, with crackling, energetic black eyes and short black hair. She puts on water for tea, goes upstairs to dress. Twenty

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minutes later, after tea and sweet rolls, served by her daughter, are dealt with, we settle in to talk.

Sara says that as a child she used to hike the hills outside Cape Town and read revolutionary poetry, thinking it all very dramatic. As a young teenager she joined the Modern Youth Society, a nonracial group that provided night schools, games, lectures, and foreign-language classes. The Nationalists came to power in 1948 and immediately began building the structure of apartheid. She says it really hit her, the brutality of it, when the Group Areas Act was passed. The government forced blacks and coloreds to move from neighborhoods they'd been living in for 20, 30 years. On one street in her neighborhood, two elderly colored men killed themselves rather than leave.

In 1951, then 18 years old, Sara joined the first protest against apartheid. It was a matter concerning benches, ancient wooden benches located in Cape Town's post-office lobby. She and four white women sat down on benches marked for blacks.

No one noticed. All morning no one noticed. Finally, someone called police, who eventually appeared but had no idea what to do. Ultimately, the protesters were charged with creating an obstruction, taken to jail, and held for four hours.

That led, she says, to the first defiance campaign. Ten thousand people were put in prison. In those days, punishment for defying apartheid laws was ten days to two weeks in jail. But, as opposition grew, the government changed the laws, handing down five-year sentences plus lashes. That crackdown broke the back of the defiance campaign and marked the modern era of repression.

In 1954, Sara was involved in the Call to Congress of the People campaign, which established ANC's political charter. Urban committees were formed, and entire villages held discussions on the proposed charter. Sara's committee received thousands of notes written on torn-up scraps of paper, cardboard, anything that could be used as a writing surface. Letters, postcards came from villages all over South Africa. Every section of the country elected ad hoc delegates to represent them at the congress in Johannesburg.

Sara's trip to the con-

gress started off in the back of a two-ton truck, along with a dozen blacks and coloreds. Police stopped them 80 miles south of Johannesburg. The driver was arrested, their truck impounded and taken to an impound lot adjacent to a police station. The lot was surrounded by a high fence. Delegates were left to fend for themselves.

Sara found a nearby phone but could not contact anyone who would drive down from Joburg to pick them up. She attempted hitchhiking with two colored men. They were unsuccessful. Twilight turns into night. Things are getting tense, hazardous. Sara directed everyone back to the police station, told her group to climb the fence, actually break into the police station's impound lot in order to safely pass the night. "In those days, for a young white woman — I was sexy then — to be seen with colored men was very dangerous for them. We had nowhere else to

go." Later, past midnight, a friend found them. The man scaled the impound fence and discovered Sara under a canvas tarp. Sara and all the delegates re-climbed the fence and made their way to the congress. That convention adopted the Freedom Charter, a document calling for a nonracial, democratic South Africa, which remains the ANC's primary political declaration.

Sara met Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg a few years later. She calls Mandela "a great, very handsome man. He was always exercising, sleeping on the floor. I felt very special when I was around him." At that time, Mandela posed as a chauffeur and drove around South Africa in an expensive Jaguar, making contacts, doing

political work. It was a cover that allowed him to get into any section of the country. Once, Mandela needed to be in Durban and arranged to drive a rich American there as camouflage. On the way, the American became ill. It was obvious the man was very sick. Halfway to Durban, Mandela detoured into an Indian township and helped the American into the home of a doctor, who was also a political colleague. The traveler received treatment and recovered well enough to proceed. When Mandela arrived in Durban, the American leaned forward, thanked him, and said, "I don't know who you are or what your name is, but I have never in my life seen a doctor receive a chauffeur with such respect."

lion-signature campaign supporting the Freedom Charter. She was banned in January 1957. She stayed banned until 1973. Sara was required to report to the police station every Monday for 16 years. She was not allowed to attend any social gatherings, forbidden to be in a room with more than two other people, including family members. The three of us, seated in the same room with teacups, she points out, constitutes a social gathering and would have been illegal. "Even now I glance out the window, listen for the odd footstep."

Sara joined the mil-

I ask what it was like, coming into the world after being banned for 16 years. She says the most difficult thing was going to a restaurant or a movie, the noise seemed phenomenal, overbearing, distracting in the extreme.

Sara was arrested again in 1960, placed in solitary confinement, not for any particular crime, but merely as a potential

state witness. She was warehoused in an eightby-ten-foot cell for 94 days. "I was always anxious," she says, "that someone would come in when I was on the toilet. I was lucky, too. My husband found a way, every day, to let me know he'd been there. Legal documents to sign, court orders, property bonds, a friendly guard. I never saw him, but I knew he was there every single day. That meant everything to me."

Sara's retired from active politics. Lately, she's been working part time for a local trade union, occasionally speaking to college groups. Her slant on the unrest differs from the blacks and coloreds I've interviewed. "I would rather see apartheid made unworkable than the government ungovernable." (One month after this conversation, Sara was detained.)

Outside, Riggs asks, "So, what is your assessment of Sara?"

"A heroic, tough-asguts woman, and I still don't think whites are going to be there for you."

"I cannot tell you how deep my hate is."

It's Saturday morning in Durban, Natal Province. I am tired, brutally tired. Can't remember a night's sleep. Body functions are running metal on metal. Coffee, cigarette, junk food, and alcohol intake are reaching teenage levels. From here on in, it's going to be a race between adrenalin and collapse.

Businesses are closed. I take a drive, climb a hill, come across the University of Natal. It's a contemporary, generic college that shares its campus with the recently fire-bombed Howard Law School.

The grounds appear deserted. I walk buildingto-building, seeking some-





one to talk to. Eventually, I bump into a colored student and ask directions to the history department. He replies, "Oh, you're from the States. I've been to San Francisco and Minnesota."

His name is Peter Nakoman, 20 years old, on his way to the campus commons to meet his girlfriend for lunch.

"Mind if I come along?"

So, this is where all the students are. The cafeteria is full, and there's a long line of white students waiting to enter. Peter, his colored girlfriend, and I take positions in the rear of the line. As if one organism, the queue turns, stares. Stares are hard, mean, and sustained. Once inside, well-groomed white students ignore their meals and stare at us.

After midday gruel, three of us walk to Peter's dormitory. Only a few colored students are allowed to live on campus. His room is small, one window, one desk top bolted to a wall, one chair, and a bed.

Two years ago Peter attended high school in Minnesota by way of an American exchange program. On the wall over his dormitory bed are photographs recording that year. There's Peter with six white Minnesotans, standing in front of a farmhouse door. There's Mom, Dad, four teenagers, and Peter. It's wintertime, snow lies fresh on the ground, sky is clear, cloudless, everyone is dressed in bright down jackets. Arms around one another, they look directly into the camera, each person has a sparkling smile.

Snap. Another photo of Peter dressed as a football player. He's a running back on the local highschool football team, and here he is on the sidelines holding a helmet under his arm, ready to enter

the game, excited, attentive, full of himself. *Snap*. Peter at a party. It's in a basement, what used to be called a recreation room. The room is crowded with teenagers. Everyone seems happy, having a good time. There's more — a shot of Peter wearing a tux with a white carnation pinned to its lapel. Prom night. Big date. Nervous. Everyone in all the pictures is white, except Peter.

Peter reaches under the bed, retrieves his Minnesota high-school gym bag. "I always keep it with me." His exchange program lasted one year. When Peter's plane landed in Johannesburg, all the white South Africans on board applauded. Peter cried. "I know a man shouldn't cry," he says, "but I started and couldn't stop."

Peter says only one or two white students, and an equal number of professors are friendly. He spends his time with the few colored students who live on campus. "But you cannot escape." Three weeks ago, at 3 a.m., police broke into a friend's room, the room next door, and trashed it. Officers threw his mattress on the floor, ripped it open, smashed a stereo, shattered records, destroyed the student's radio. Looking for banned literature, they said.

Peter has been so soft, so gentle, I decide to ask, straight out, what he thinks of the government. I'm curious how he'll phrase his answer.

"I hate them. I cannot tell you how deep my hate is." ■

—Patrick Daugherty

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were \$36.2 billion.

Comparisons have been worse. Cunningham points out that in 2009, when inflation-adjusted taxable sales plunged 12.3 percent, "they were the lowest they had been since 1996." And in 1996, the county's population was 2.7 million. This year, it is likely to be 3.2 million. In recent years, county population has been growing at 0.7 percent a year. In the 1980s and 1990s, 3 percent annual growth was not unusual.

Tourism is one of San Diego's major industries. Here again, the county is lagging. In 2007, the average annual hotel occupancy rate was 72.9 percent and the average room rate \$138.89. But the county has not climbed back to those 2007

levels. Jerry Morrison, a hotel expert, says that in January or February of this year, San Diego should finally struggle back to 2007 levels.

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But coastal California competitors have topped their 2007 figures for some time. "San Francisco is a strong international destination — travel is huge from Asia and strong from Europe," says Morrison. Los Angeles is also a big international market. Anaheim has Cars Land of Disney California Adventure, which opened in June of 2012. Anaheim also has Mickey Mouse, of course.

San Diego tourism has been hurt by the reduction in military travel, as well as the sharp cutback in travel marketing expenditures. That money has now been restored, but the county will lag other major California markets until the end of this year, he says.

All told, with government spending one-fourth of the economy and sputtering, and real estate another one-fourth and only doing so-so, half the economy is vulnerable. With tourism, another of the major industries, having problems, it's no wonder that Cox and Cunningham use words such as "struggling," "lackluster," and "mediocre." ■

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Santa Claus?

Scott Peters doles his dough to San Diego **Rescue Mission**

San Diego — Congressman **Scott Peters spent Friday** morning, December 20, making a few public appearances in the downtown area, stumping for policies to promote access to food for the disadvantaged and elderly at each.

Peters started the morning at Third Avenue Charitable Organization, protesting a federal plan likely to cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Plan, or food stamps, by \$8 billion over ten years. Republicans had originally sought \$40 billion in cuts to the program as part of a farm bill that's 14 months overdue.

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The next stop was at **Senior Community Centers** in support of the group's "Fill a Plate" fundraiser, which aims to replace \$233,000 in federal funding the organization lost as a result of sequestration cuts.

"Senior meals that we fund today keep people in their homes so that they aren't forced into nursing homes, which would actually cost us more on the Medicare side," Peters said.

Peters ended his morning at San Diego Rescue Mission, presenting a \$2000 check to CEO Herb Johnson. Peters has donated a total of \$7500 in recent weeks as a symbolic gesture of refusing to accept his congressional pay during the October shutdown of federal government.

"I don't think it's fair for me to take a paycheck while the government is shut down," Peters said. "So I divided my pay amongst some of the San Diego charities that are helping people most hurt by [federal budget cutsl."

Johnson said his operation's \$19 million budget was almost fully funded by private donations. The organization provides longterm shelter and rehabilitation services to nearly 300 people.

"We're also the only shelter in San Diego that takes in women and children at night," Johnson added.

Dave Rice

No chance of a peaceful resolution

Former dean sues

University of San Diego

Linda Vista — **University of** San Diego's Joan B. Kroc **School of Peace Studies is** more a crock than a well-run, properly managed school, says a new federal lawsuit filed by the school's former dean, Dr. Edward Luck.

Luck is suing the school and its top administrators for misrepresentations given during the application process, for breach of contract and for violating his privacy, among other claims.

Luck, who once served as United Nations assistant secretary-general and special adviser to secretarygeneral Ban Ki-moon, has numerous degrees from Columbia University, took over as dean of the Joan B. **Kroc School of Peace and** Studies in August of 2012, and served in that capacity until October 28 of this year. **During that time, Luck said** the school, which opened in 2007 with a \$75 million gift from Joan Kroc and was meant to be a center to "not only teach peace but make peace," was dysfunctional

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Upon taking control of the school after a yearlong courtship initiated by university big-wigs, Luck soon learned how poorly managed the school had become. According to his lawsuit, he wasted no time in trying to implement change, but his efforts proved fruitless and decisions were overturned by high-level administrators and board members. One issue was with Dr. David Shirk, then director of the school's Trans-Border Institute, one of the two schools within the Kroc School of **Peace Studies. Luck claims** that he discovered that Shirk was disregarding various rules. Then, "on May 15, 2013, the University discovered that Shirk was storing nude photographs of himself on a University computer account. Additionally, there were nude photographs of women. These

were accessible by workers and undergraduate students associated with TBI."

Shirk wasn't the only professor that clashed with the new dean. The complaint also alleges that associate professor Ami Carpenter was combative, especially after learning Luck doubted her qualifications as principal investigator in charge of working with "human subjects, including prisoners and local gang members, and its focus on sex trafficking and children."

After Luck relayed his concerns, Carpenter accused the dean of discrimination against women. In October of this year, interim provost Andrew Allen approached Luck with demands that he change his management style. Less than two weeks later, Luck resigned.

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and by 11:30 p.m., having begun the day teaching a 7 a.m. class at Southwestern College and ending my teaching at 10 p.m. at City College, I was thinking of getting out of teaching.

Like many districts nationwide, we are beginning to hire again. This will not end the over-reliance on contingent labor. At Mesa, we do strive to treat our part-time colleagues with the dignity and respect any hardworking colleague doing the important work of teaching deserves.

Shame on those who don't.

No effective work for change has ever been done in silence. I commend my colleagues for speaking out, working for positive change, and not losing hope. Hope is a moral obligation. And to Elizabeth Salaam, thank you for bringing us this valuable perspective.

Jennifer Cost Chair, English Department, and Chair, Committee of Chairs at San Diego Mesa College AFT Guild, Local 1931 executive board member

Fat Days Still Here

Is there a reason why the Under the Radar article about Cliff Albert and Roger Hedgecock ("Off the Cliff," December 19) neglected to mention that, in addition to his gig with the *U-T San Diego* cable channel, Mr. Hedgecock also has a regular program on KFMB AM 760?

Not sure why "the fat days are over" for Hedgecock. He seems to be doing just fine!

> Robert W. Harrison Pacific Beach

A Couple Token Homilies

How come in Sheep and Goats you always provide a physical location for the Christian churches, but never any info on other belief systems? A couple token homilies on other schools of thought is an incredibly anemic portrayal of the spiritual practices of San Diego.

Thanks for nothing.

S. via email

Lay Off the Dope During Working Hours

I have noticed an increase in articles that are not "Continued on page 42," along with an increase of restaurant reviews that do not include the addresses of the establishments. The occasional lack of News of the Weird, followed by a reprinting of previous News of the Weird articles, as well as the general decay in professionalism displayed by your publication, has me wondering, Does the increase of medical marijuana shops advertising in the Reader have any influence on the overall decay exhibited?

Perhaps your staff should leave the free samples alone during working hours. Not only will you produce a more refined product, your staff will have a bigger pile of dope waiting for them when they get home!

> Raymond Taylor Golden Hill

No Noteworthy News

Regarding your Neighborhood News section. At what point did Tijuana become a neighborhood in the community of San Diego? We've got plenty of worthy news happening within our borders to report, but your staff seems to be preoccupied with the news from south of the border — and news of no interest, really.

Sadly, as a whole, News Ticker isn't hardly noteworthy news either.

> Christina Koch North Park

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Thursday | 2

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WHEN:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park. Registration: 619-238-1233, ext. 806; *rhfleet.org*

Friday | 3

ASIAN SHABBAT

Experience the fun and excitement of a Chabad Shabbat dinner with a twist: Oriental food and decor. \$12–\$25.

WHEN:

Inspirational services 6:30 p.m.; feast 7:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Chabad of East County, 8691 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-387-8770; jewishec.com

Saturday | 4

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WHEN: 2:45 p.m.

Civic Theatre,
1100 Third
Avenue,
Downtown.
619-570-1100;

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Sunday | 5

ART-A-THON

Over 20 artists from San Diego County will create artwork for 24 straight hours, and the public is invited to watch.



As works are finished, they will be added to the ArtHatch gallery space and auctioned off for a one-month period following the event.

WHEN: From 2 p.m. Saturday,



January 4 to 2 p.m. Sunday, January 5.

WHERE: ArtHatch, 317 E. Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-781-5779; arthatch.org

Monday | 6

BLABBERMOUTH

Writers of prose, poetry, and fiction as well as musicians and performers kick off the annual Blabbermouth series.

WHEN: Monday, January 6,

WHERE: The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 858-534-8497; *theloft.ucsd.edu*

Tuesday | 7

SAN DIEGO ARTISTS INTERPRET OUR LANDSCAPE

A roundtable conversation with curators (Bram Dijkstra, Charlotte Cagan, Alessandra Moctezuma, Daniel Foster) and artists (Wick Alexander, Lynn Schuette). The group will discuss contemporary landscape painting. Complimentary for San Diego History Center and Oceanside Museum of Art members; \$10 for nonmembers.

Wednesday | 8

HOW TO BECOME A FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR

WHEN: Tuesday,

January 7, 6 to 7:30

WHERE: San

Diego History

Center, Casa

de Balboa, 1649

6203; sandiego-

history.org

El Prado, Balboa

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With Brian Beevers, owner of the Simply Local marketplace and manager of several San Diego farmers' markets. Start your business and learn what sells, plus info on regulations and requirements for selling your products. \$15.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 8, 6 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Centre City, 1400 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-388-4600; *sdce.edu*





Read before you go



Multnomah Falls continually carves out the colorful, moss-covered cliffside, "bringing this mammoth to life."

Explore the Columbia River Gorge

By Johnny Caito

When you think of the Pacific Northwest, Seattle is most often the city that comes to mind. After all, it's the "Emerald City," home to the famous fish market, Starbucks, a beautiful downtown waterfront, and a soaring Mt. Rainier looming in the distance.

Oftentimes Portland is left out of the conversation when one discusses this part of the country. Perhaps it's because it hasn't been glorified in movies the way Seattle has, or maybe it has something to do with Seattle's large tech companies

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and booming coffee culture. Located 175 miles south is Portland, the "Rose City."

Autumn in the Northwest is a stunning time of year to visit.

On my second day in Portland, I awoke to a light mist and a sky thick with clouds. The day may have been gray, but I refused to let it dampen my plans to go out and explore some of the nature outside of the city limits. The plan was to head east along I-84 to explore the Columbia River Gorge.

After 20 minutes of driving, the clouds began to break and specks of blue sky appeared. To the right, large stone cliff faces began towering above, while the Columbia River came into view on the left-hand side. The river starts in Canada and stretches more than 1243 miles down through Washington and then into Oregon before it turns westward, out to the Pacific. Steadily, the clouds began to disperse and rays of sunlight appeared in the distance. I had hoped to see Mt. Hood, the 11,250 peak that sits just to the southeast of Portland, and with the sun beginning to shine, I was expecting to see it tower above the treetops each time I came around a

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Continuing the trek east, the forest continued to grow thicker and the autumn leaves began to intertwine among the bright green backdrop.

After about 30 minutes, I took exit 28 onto E. Historic Columbia River Highway toward Hood River. The historic highway runs parallel with the main highway, but is more scenic, meandering slowly through the thick forest and past old farmhouses.

After a few miles, I came upon a picnic area with several off-street parking spots. To the right, appering out of nowhere, was Wahkeena Falls, a 242-foot waterfall high up on the hillside that drops down and then gushes underneath the roadway, snaking its way downward. A brief quarter-mile hike led me to the falls. I was close enough to feel the mist,



Our traveler sought but never saw the elusive Mt. Hood.

look down at the flowing water, and north toward the Gorge.

With car parked, I continued on foot east toward Multnomah Falls. The hike led through a lush forest of mosscovered trees, wild mushrooms, large boulder formations, and water that

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Other Adventures



heather2881: Mono Lake National Park



brvant2amanda: Avenue of Oaks



MeganDellaPenna: My 2012-2013 trip to London, England. Such a beautiful city! I was inspired everywhere I went.

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EAST SHEPHERD CANYON

Walk, jog, or bike in this friendly community park that has a pond.

Distance from downtown San Diego: About 11 miles, Allow 20 minutes driving time (Tierrasanta), From CA-163N, take I-8E then CA-15N. Exit east onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd., then go north on Santo Rd. Take an abrupt turn onto Remora St. to park. No facilities. Hiking length: Approximately 3 miles. Difficulty: Easy with less than 200 feet elevation loss/gain. The trail is mostly wide, hard-packed soil with a couple of wooden planks to cross water. Hikers, dogs on leashes, and bicycles are allowed.



The entrance to East Shepherd Canyon is clearly marked.

ast Shepherd, or Greenbelt, trail is interesting in all seasons, with a combination of native coastal sage scrub and nonnative plants in the canyon. Walk north on Santo Road for about 160 feet. where the trail starts just past the

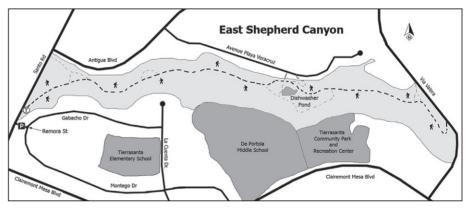
signed gate that separates traffic by a nonnative hedge on the left. The beginning of the hike is a good place to contemplate the history of the area.

The area was first inhabited by the Kumeyaay and then was



Good place to contemplate the history of the area

managed from 1769 to 1833 by the Mission San Diego de Alcalá Franciscans. Under a decree of confiscation in 1834, the mission lands were divided into ranchos and given to officers who fought in the war of independence against



Spain. The mission was not restored to the Catholic Church until 1862 by president Abraham Lincoln. In the late 1840s, the old mission lands fell under the use of the U.S. military.

In 1941, Camp Elliot was roughly the shape of a parallelogram within the confines of I-15 northeast to Pomerado Road/ Beeler Canyon to Sycamore Canyon before going south to Mission Gorge Rd. and before returning to iust west of I-15. Use of the area included tank and artillery training plus communications training for the WWII Navajo Code Talkers (navajocodetalkers.org).

Later in 1960, 13,277 acres were annexed into San Diego with different land-use plans finally evolving into East Shepherd Canyon, which became one of San Diego County's first community parks in the 1980s. Take seriously

the warning sign at each point of entry stating there is a possibility of unexploded shells that might still surface in the park.

Just past the entrance gate to the right are laurel sumac, California sagebrush, prickly pear cactus, and black sage. To the left are examples of male and female chaparral broom plants. The male flowers are a cupped, cream color whereas the female flowers are white with long, slender "hairs." Wind dispersal of the mature seeds can be seen when the plant branches are lightly shaken.

Follow the trail to the right along a small creek, then over a fallen tree trunk to continue. There are a couple crossings where a board has been placed to keep your feet dry. Toyon, an evergreen

member of the rose family with its serrated leaf edges and red berries in the fall/winter and white flowers in the spring, are along the trail and redwood fence.

The origin of the name Dishwasher Pond is unknown. The pond is a small body of aerated water where sometimes ducks and damsel and dragonflies can be seen among the willows and cattails. Continue hiking under eucalyptus trees to Via Valera, then return.

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

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ART

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. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, January 19, free-\$17. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

ArtHatch's Art-A-Thon A marathon of artistic creation to benefit the non-profit art center's teen program. 20+ artists from San Diego County will seek donations to create artwork for up to 24 straight hours. The public is invited to watch artists create during the entire 24 hours live. As works are finished, they will be added to the ArtHatch gallery space and auctioned off for a one-month period following the event. From 2pm Saturday, January 4 to Sunday, January 5, at 2pm; free. ArtHatch, 317 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO

Drawing in the Galleries: Line and Tone Drawing This informal drawing workshop gives adults and teens the opportunity to draw from objects in the collection while being guided by an instructor. Meet in the rotunda. Registration fee includes all supplies. Friday, January 3, 2pm; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hostel Takeover Art Show Every three to four months, Hostelling International opens their doors for an exhibition of over 40 local artists, featuring musicians, free food, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities with international guests. \$3 suggested donation. Music by: Aki Karmicel Gajit The Eskimo Bros. Dre Trav MC? Sunday, January 5, 5pm; free-\$3. Hostelling International, 521 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Portrait Project at Outside the Lens Outside the Lens presents The Portrait Project, a juried selection of portraits from members of the OTL's Youth Council. Plus Modern Portraits by Kris Hodson Moore, a photographic collection of young faces and news of the day. Friday, January 3, 5pm; free. NTC at Liberty Station: Barracks 15, Studio 103, 2750 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Repetition, Rhythm, and Pattern This group exhibition revisits the reductive aspects of modernist abstraction and explores its impact on in a contemporary context. The ten participating artists critically digest the visual tools repetition, rhythm, and pattern. Curated by Lindsev Landfried, Saturday, January 4, 7pm; free. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Americano Abroad Book-Release Party Local author Dominic Carrillo's second book Americano Abroad, a Year of Travel in Stories is a collection of offbeat travel stories, some previously published in the San Diego Reader. Thursday, January 2, 6pm; free. 21 and up. Starlite, 3175 India Street.

Friday Night Liberty Multiple new exhibitions from local artists. This Friday, meet the author of An African ABC, Janet White, in store at Yellow Book Road. Friday, January 3, 5pm; free. NTC at Liberty Station Arts and Culture District, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (LIB-FRTY STATION)

HOLIDAY EVENTS

A Culture Shock Nutcracker A holiday hip-hop dance production. Culture Shock's modern re-

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flowed slowly down pink and green moss formations, giving the illusion of icicles.

After a half-mile, the trail dumped me out onto asphalt, where I was confronted by a large stone lodge, a restaurant and gift shop, and a small stand selling coffee and snacks. The area was busy with tourists, but being somewhat off-season, not too crowded.

As I made my way around the corner of the lodge, the majestic waterfalls came into view. The initial 542-foot drop of the tiered Multnomah Falls free-falls straight downward into a pool, before then plunging another 69 feet. The water crashes against a massive, moss-covered wall, carving out new sections and bringing this mammoth to life. The towering trees were soaked in vivid colors and provided a beautiful contrast between the golden hues and dark evergreens. The short hike to the viewing bridge is worth the few minutes' walk and provides upclose views as well as a stunning view to the north.

After leaving Multnomah Falls, I continued my journey east along the Columbia River, admiring the scenery and continuing my quest to see Mt. Hood. After another 30 miles or so, I exited toward White Salmon, Washington. The town sits high up on the hillside, just on the other side of the river. The center of town is home to Everybody's Brewing, a small brew company with a large deck and a gorgeous view across the river.

If there was going to be the perfect opportunity to see the mountain, this was it. The sun was shining, blue skies were practically falling on me, and the mountain couldn't have been more than 30 miles away.

As I ventured out onto the deck, I couldn't see anything. Nothing. Where's the mountain? I thought. Though it was a sunny day, there was a thick haze obstructing the view. I ordered a delicious pork sandwich and washed it down with an Everybody's IPA. As the fall leaves rustled, there wasn't a care in the world.

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interpretation stays true to E.T.A. Hoffman's story and honors the brilliance and beauty of Tchai-kovsky's score, set in the present amidst a fusion of contemporary music and fashion. Friday, January 3, 7pm; Saturday, January 2:30pm and 7pm; Sunday, January 5, 2:30pm; \$10-\$20. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

Covered California Insurance Enrollment Workshop Covered California and Family Health Centers of San Diego, Inc. will be at the library to help you enroll to get affordable health insurance. Saturday, January 4, 9:30am; free. 18 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Fight Fit Camp Learn to defeat your assailant and be fit and ready for any situation. Instructor Ka'imi Kuoha, 7th-degree black belt in Kara-Ho Kempo. Sunday, January 5, 1pm; free-\$199. Kwai Sun Studio, 5620 Lake Murray Bl., Suite B. (LA MESA)

Free Meditation Class Wear comfortable clothing. Sundays, 11am; free. 18 and up. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Fun with Glass In this four-part class, participants will be introduced to the art of working with stained glass. Create a stained-glass panel that will be framed in metal or wood and fuse glass to make a dish or a standing work of art that will sit in a metal frame. All tools provided. Info: zelda1970@cox.net. Saturday, January 4, 9am; \$125. 21 and up. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

How to Buy a Used Piano Learn to save time and money while finding a piano that fits your family's budget and needs. Saturday, January 4, 10am; free. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

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

The Nuts and Bolts of Acting Learn theatre terminology, how to analyze scripts, build a character, and work effectively with a professional stage director. Students will rehearse and perform staged readings. This introduction to practical theatre is designed for adults 55 and older, however, anyone 18 and older is encouraged to attend. 619-



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SHEEP and GOATS

Sir David Brewster

I shall see Jesus, and that will be grand!... Oh, is it not sad that all are not contented with the beautiful simple plan of salvation — Jesus Christ only — who has done so much for us. "Notwithstanding his talents!" That disgusts me; merit for a man to bow his intellect

to the Cross! What, what can the highest intellect on earth do but to bow to God's Word and God's mind thankfully! When I find a doctrine plainly stated in the Bible, that is enough, God knows. I can depend on God's Word. We should not expect in this world to be free from things obscure to us, and

beyond our ability to explain.... To believe in the Lord Iesus Christ is to live; I trust Him and enjoy His peace. — Sir David Brewster, quoted in *Short* Biographies for the People, Vol. II, by John Macauley

Sir David Brewster (1781–1868) was a Scottish physicist, mathematician, and astronomer best known for his invention of the kaleidoscope in 1817. Founder of the science of optical mineralogy, which made great advances in light polarization, he also founded the British Association for the Advancement of Science. A licensed minister of the Church of Scotland, he only preached from the pulpit once in his life, giving up theology to indulge his passion for natural scientific knowledge. Brewster was also instrumental in improving the stereoscope — the forerunner to today's binoculars — and the optical technology used in England's lighthouses.

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388-1873. Thursdays, 2pm; free. 18 and up. San Diego Continuing Education West City Campus, 3249 Fordham Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Painting & Vino: Orange Birds

Recreate Orange Birds while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, January 5, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Pop-Up Art Workshop "Song of the Green Bird" artist Johnny Nguyen on how to approach photography with a photojournalistic eve inside the market. Workshop artwork will be displayed at the Hill Street Country Club gallery. Thursday, January 2, 10am; free. Mainstreet Oceanside Farmers and Sunset Market, 701 Pier View Way, Oceanside CA 92054

Young Engineers Winter Camp

Thursday, January 2: Tinkering Day. Have you ever wondered how a toaster toasts or what a computer

looks like on the inside? Disassemble and tinker with household objects in this hands-on class. Tools provided. Friday, January 3: High Flying Creations. Engineer planes, gliders, and rockets. Make object soar and learn the art of floating objects using wind tunnels. Registration: 619-238-1233, ext. 806. Thursday, January 2, 9am; Friday, January 3, 9am; \$45-\$50. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

COMEDY

Robert Kelly Robert Kelly has overcome many hardships, all of which have made him the actor/ comedian he is today. From his early days growing up in Boston in and out of Juvenile Hall, Kelly's unique, honest take on his own life and his relationships makes his comedy clever, abrasive, funny, and yet refreshingly vulnerable. Thursday, January 2, 8pm; American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

Afro-Cuban Percussion and Dance Class Taught by Master Artist Juan Carlos Blanco, La Chancleta Cubana is a series that focuses on the comparsa/conga dances from Cuba's Orient (eastern Cuba), La Conga Santiaguera, or the Conga of Santiago. This dance is done with chancletas de palo, wooden sandals. Chancletas are used to accompany percussion rhythms as well as create rhythms. New students welcome; all levels welcome. Sundays, 12pm; \$5-\$10. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, (BALBOA PARK)

Argentine Tango with Colette

Take a first free class Monday, January 6 at 7pm or Wednesday, January 8 at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday thereafter) at Dance Place San Diego. No need for a partner. We will introduce you to the passion and magic of tango. Visit tangowith colette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Move As One Dance Instruction Fun, friendly, affordable social dance classes. Singles class Wednesday, January 8 at 8pm. Couples Class Thursday, January 9 at 8pm. Escondido Social class/ mixer Tuesday, January 7 at 7pm. sandiegodanceinstructor com. 858-248-0593. Art Studio 4, 340 N. Escondido Blvd (Escondido) or Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Ave. (HILLCREST)

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

Roaring '20s Tango Dinner Show Pampas Argentine Grill is ready to whisk you away through space and time to the romantic streets of Buenos Aires in the 1920s. Feel free to get in the spirit and dress the part Ñ dancing shoes and flirty '20s attire are always welcome. Watch an authentic Argentine tango show as you sip a glass of Malbec and dine on a delicious three-course meal. Tango dancers Noelia and Shane Darcey, of Tango Darcey and the famed Se-or Tango in Buenos Aires, are pros who will ignite the audience with the passion and power of their dancing. Saturday, January 4, 7pm; \$60. Pampas Argentine Grill, 8690 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Tango Dinner Show Watch an authentic and passionate Argentine tango dance show as you enjoy a three-course meal at Pampas Argentine Grill, named "Best Steakhouse in San Diego" by the San Diego Reader. Professional dancers Camille and Michael of the Positive Energy Dance Company will help transport you to the romantic streets of Buenos Aires.

The restaurant hosts San Diego's only weekly tango dinner show and also boasts an extensive selection of South American wines. Friday, January 3, 8:30pm; \$60. Pampas Argentine Grill, 8690 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Ask an Atheist The Humanist Fellowship of San Diego will join other nonbelievers at the "Ask an Atheist" booth at Balboa Park on the Prado near the reflecting pool. Nonbelievers and believers alike are welcome to stop by and learn more about the many humanist and atheist community organizations that are part of the San Diego Coalition of Reason. For those of you who enjoy debating issues regarding religion, science, and separation of church and state, you'll enjoy the welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Info: 619-952-5353.

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Have a nice day. Have a memorable day. Have (however unlikely) a life-changing day. Have a day of soaking rain and lightning. Have a confused day thinking about fate.

Have a day of wholes.
Have a day of poorly marked,
unrecognizable wholes you
cannot fathom.
Have a ferocious day, a bleak
unbearable day. Have a
riotously unproductive day;
a grim jaw-clenched, Clint Eastwood vengeful
law enforcement day.
Have a day of raging, hair-yanking
jealousy and meanness. Have a day
of almost grasping
how whole you are; a finely tuned,
empty day.

Have a nice day of walking and circling; a day of stalking and hunting, of planting strange seeds and wandering in the woods. Have a day of endearing nonsense, of hopelessly combing your hair, a day of yielding, of swallowing hard, breathing more deeply, a day of fondness for beetles and macabre spectacles, of irreverence about anything you want, of just sitting and wondering. Have a day of wondering if it's going to help, or if it just doesn't matter; a day of dark winds and torrents flowing through the valley, of diving into cool water and gasping for breath, a day of sudden hunger for communion.

Have a day when the crusts you each were given are lost and you stumble with your fellows searching endlessly together.



Lou Lipsitz was born in Brooklyn in 1938 and was for many years a professor of political science at the University of North Carolina, where he taught democratic theory and political psychology. He is currently a psychotherapist in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with a focus on men's issues. "Have a _____ Day" is

from his 2011 collection *if this world falls apart*, which won the 2010 Blue Lynx Prize and is published by Lynx House Press. It is used with permission.

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Saturday, January 4, 10am; **free**. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Take Shape for Life With Dr. Wayne Andersen. Lunch may be purchased during the Saturday event for \$25. Friday, January 3, 6:30pm; Saturday, January 4, 9am;

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OUTDOORS

Batiquitos Lagoon Trail Maintenance Event Batiquitos Lagoon is an all-volunteer organization and welcomes the public every first and third Saturday to maintain the North-shore trail, removing non-native plants and trimming plants that overhang the trail. All ages welcome, but young children need to be accompanied. Tools provided and instruction and supervision provided by Batiquitos Lagoon board members. Meet at the Nature Center at 9 am and work until noon, weather permitting. Saturday, January 4, 9am; free. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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

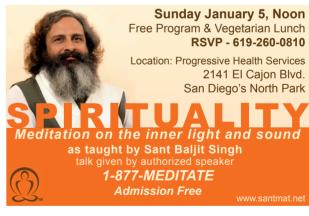
Easy New Year Resolution: Trail Walk Keep your exercise pledge and recreate with a trail guide-led nature walk. Appreciate scenic wonder as you learn facts about indigenous animal and plant life. Meet inside Visitor Center. Saturday, January 4, 9:30am; Sunday, January 5, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Jun'pero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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 DIFGO)

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Almost hog wild

Hoo-wee! Zingy, but tasty. And this little pot of fire is a meal in itself.

came in here for a notebook. I end up eating the house out.

I'm in the Northgate González Market, which everybody calls Mercado

González.

It's the new supermarket in Barrio Logan. Took the community 30 years to make it happen. But now it's up and running, and guess what? It's great for pretty much anything and

cheaper than any other place I know. Everything's labeled in Spanish first, of course, and Latino items get pride of place. But they have all the regular groceries, plus items like school notebooks. Which is why I'm here. 'Cause here they go for 99 cents to \$1.99. Try finding that price in North Park.

But, uh-oh: when you come in, you more-or-less have to pass by the in-store eatery, La Fonda de Doña Tina ("Doña Tina's Inn"). Outside, the neon sign reads "Cocina [kitchen] de Doña Tina." Whatever. It's a combo of deli-type south-of-the-border foods such as stews, pork skins, menudo, goat meat, tortillas (flour, corn, and nopal, which they make here), big bags of rice (for 99 cents), and a restaurant with seating inside and outside on an umbrella-strewn patio.

I was here a year ago, soon after the place opened. Ordered a \$1.99 pork taco al pastor. Delish, especially with the mix of brown, red, and green salsas they had.

"Would you like something, sir?"

It's this restaurant guy. Label on his waist-coat reads "Rene." There's an urgency in his voice that gets me checking my watch. Oh, man. I've done it again. Come in late. Almost nine o'clock here.

"You're closing, right?"

"We're going to have to start cleaning up pretty soon," he says. "But you've still got time to order."

Problem is, there is so much to pick from. Starting at the vertical spit for adobada pork, past a rack of chafing dishes loaded with shrimp soup, pork chops, chicken soup, frijoles, octopus, goat, spuds'n cheese, menudo, on and on. Prices are by the pound, mostly. Like,

the goat goes for \$6.99.

Just to get things rolling, I ask for an adobada taco. Same as I had last time. And — hey hey! It's still \$1.99.

Rene starts slicing the meat off the stacked slices, and slaps a couple of corn tortillas on the

hot plate. Then he puts the meat in a small frying pan. Guess the vertical kebab heaters are already off.

He sees I'm still searching the menu. "We have the special combo deal, too," he says. Oh, yeah. Two meats or veggies from the chafing dishes steaming away here, plus frijoles or rice, for \$5.99.

But, uh, need for speed. I almost go hogwild and order pork chop and mushrooms and chicken soup. But I end up choosing a combo of barbecued goat meat, potatoes with grilled cheese and peppers, and frijoles (you get four hot corn tortillas to go with that).

Then I can't resist ordering a 16-ounce pot of *caldo de camarón* (shrimp soup) as well. Looks so luscious with peppers, shrimp, celery, and other stuff simmering in an angrylooking liquid you know is going to blow you away. So that's \$1.99 for the taco, \$5.99 for the combo, \$4.99 for the pot of shrimp soup, and a horchata, the rice drink (\$1.99). Lord. With tax, that comes to \$16. Feel bad, but not that bad, because I know Carla and I can have a leftover feast later.

So, pretty soon I've got this way-heavy tray, loaded and steaming. Before I sit down, gotta check out the salsa bar that fills up one end of the counter space. Ooh. Beautifully evil-looking pools of green, brown, and burnt-orange salsas. I try two.

I find a table in the seating area, near a couple of other Spanish-speaking families and teens and a couple of Caltrans guys talking about the dangers of doing work on freeways.



The chafing dish counter



My adobada taco

Rene and his buddies are already hauling out the chafing dishes, covering them with foil, and scrubbing down hotplates. So I get into my main food. The adobada's as good as I remember it, though, yes, meat's been cookin' a few hours. The spuds and cheese are comforting and familiar. But it's the goat that's interesting. Has that gamey goat taste I've come to love. Richer than beef, sorta like bison, but darker, richer. It's like drinking Arrogant Bastard. You have to get used to the taste kick it gives you. Only then you start to appreciate the almostmolasses intensity of the taste.

But today, have to say, the prize goes to the shrimp soup. Hoo-wee! Zingy, but tasty. And this little pot of fire is a meal in itself. Five bucks worth of protein, TNT-strength heat



Rene serves up the spuds, cheese, frijoles, and goat

with help from some chilies, and a generous amount of *camarones*.

Just to help Rene and the others out, and also not to pig out too much, I pack half of it all to go. Can't wait to get back and fix us a latenite combo snack of epic proportions.

I head out into the dark and down toward the trolley. It's an odd, but good feeling. I feel like I'm coming back from another country. I mean, the barrio has tons of totally Mexican restaurants, but there's something different about having a modern, 35,000-square-foot supermarket where everything is Spanish and English is the second language. How great that must feel for Loganites, to have shelves stocked with goods for them, to reverse the order of things, even if it's just for an hour's shopping.

Or an hour's eating, natch. ■

(@SDReader_EdBed)

The Place: Cocina de Doña Tina, in Northgate González Market, 1950 Main Street (at César Chávez), Barrio Logan, 619-237-8022

Prices: Adobada taco, \$1.99; combo deal: two meats or veggies plus frijoles or rice, \$5.99; barbecued goat meat, \$6.99/lb; pork chop and mushrooms, \$6.99/lb; 16-ounce pot of caldo de camarón (shrimp soup), \$4.99; horchata (rice drink), \$1.99

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An essay in good design

Photographs deceive from the virtual walls of restaurant website image galleries or the constructed space of press releases, providing would-

be guests with a virtual tour of a restaurant's interior. Enhanced colors create an extra lustrous

elegance. Fisheye lenses make inside spaces look like the fantastic castles from The Hobbit. Devoid of humans, professional photos of dining rooms appear serene and beautiful. Nothing about them reflects the experience of sitting in the restaurant at the peak of service when the dining room teems with guests at their most raucous. Reality has a frustrating habit of defying PR campaigns,

substituting its ugly self for primped and spit-shined visions.

Yet, for every sad rule, there are splendid exceptions. Witness the Rose Wine Pub (2219 30th Street, South Park), where reality trumps fantasy, and that's in spite of languid website copy, like, "We spent time bringing in essence of the earth, because we

firmly believe it nurtures the love we have inside of the Rose Wine Pub." Most restaurants resort to such exuberant indulgences in self-description, but few actually meet the lofty expectations of their own language.

Rose Wine Pub's small dining room delivers precisely what it promises. At its best, it's bathed in a more subdued lighting than photography can properly capture. The eclectic blend of bar seats and quasi-patio furniture makes every seating relaxing and casual. A ridiculously low table, surrounded with chairs that might be chaise lounges on somebody's lawn, would be laughable in most dining rooms, but at Rose it somehow works. Reclaimed wood - often used purely to appeal to 21st-century "green" aesthetics highlights the building's Craftsman roots without fetishizing them.

Simply put, it's urbane and **FEAST!** relaxing, without succumbing to a too-precious sense of over-design.

> Or maybe it's just that they "put a bird on it." "It," in this case, being the menu, which features a little sparrow motif and a short selection of bar food that hasn't changed much in the past few years. Staple wine-bar items prevail, like some compelling flatbreads (squash and harissa looks particularly nice), or a bowl of chips smothered in buffalo-wing sauce and blue

cheese, an inexpensive signature dish.

Nothing exotic or terribly exciting marks the menu, but deft hands in the kitchen give dishes like "lamb pops" (i.e. petite Frenched lamb chops served with a medley of roasted vegetables) subtle appeal. In the lamb's case, the delight is the gentle use of mint that offsets the

earthy vegetables and meaty lamb chop.

A smartly curated, moderately affordable wine list suffers only from too-precious description. Wines themselves cannot be "adventurous," having no means of adventuring. Other than that, the selection of by-the-glass delights offers plenty of above-average surprises, though the lovely dining room remains the biggest one.

by Ian Pike



Undefeated Seafood Taco with grilled, blackened mahi-mahi

The line between real and good

San Diegans reserve a special sort of judgment for Mexican food — one where quality is less associated with fine dining than it is a feeling that the food could have been wrapped up and tossed over the border fence by a short-order cook whose abuela taught him how to squeeze the most flavor out of a tub of lard. Ask locals the best place to find great Mexican, and they'll often refer you to some tamale cart in a liquor-store parking lot, or a 24-hour drive-thru affixed with the suffix "-berto's." Attempt to make it healthier or more refined, and risk receiving the sneered-at label, "inauthentic."

So, what to think about Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop? Named for Mexico's cultish masked wrestling culture, Lucha Libre doesn't merely conflate the notions of gourmet and taco, it dresses them up with an absurd, over-the-top decorative motif that makes TGI Fridays look like a public library. Sparkly masks hang from bright pink walls alongside framed photographs of luchaderos, in a room where any object that casts a shadow seems to have been coated in

For a city of casual diners who half-expect their Mexican food to be served through bulletproof glass, this trumped-up vibe could be a big turnoff. Broom plants. This sort of kitsch may be great for tourists, but not for those of us who

know what real Mexican food is all about. Still, something about the place seems to work, and you'll often find a line out the door. Maybe the food really is a step above; maybe the decor makes for a quirky yet affordable date night; or perhaps its freewayadjacent location just means it's easy to get to.

The truth may be a little disappointing: behind the glitzy exterior, at its core, Lucha Libre essentially is authentic. You wait in

line to order grilled tacos, California burritos, or bacon-wrapped hot dogs, fill small plastic cups at a salsa bar, then — when your number is called — pick up your food, which is served on styrofoam plates atop plastic cafeteria trays. Your beef or potato rolled tacos will still come piled high with grated cheese and cabbage, and still result in greasy heartburn whether you order them in batches of three or five.

Of course, that's only half the story. While it's embraced these cheap So Cal Mexican tropes, Lucha Libre does also try to rise above them. The salsa bar includes mango-and-cilantro-cream options in addition to various shades of picante and verde. The California burrito features "fresh" french fries and an option to include shrimp. Vegetarian offerings factor zucchinis and mushrooms into the mix, and the ingredients are, let's say, at least comparable to the best cuts available from the carnicería.

I picked out a grilled-fish taco as sort of the baseline dish for cheap Mexican food, though at four bucks and a quarter, it's a mite costlier than I typically pay when I head to Baja for the genuine article. It tasted fine, well seasoned, but ultimately unremarkable. So, I turned my attention to taco number two: the so-called Flaco Taco. What's the gimmick here? Rather than a soft corn, or even a — blasphemy! — flour tortilla, the Flaco gives you taco ingredients wrapped in a fold of crispy lettuce. Inside, I opted for







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grilled chicken, which had just enough flavor to hold its own against the salsa I poured onto it. But what really sold me was the inclusion of sliced avocado. Not some watered down take on guacamole, but fresh avocado. Such things can make a huge difference, and however many times I try, I cannot get my favorite go-to taco joints to do me this favor.

Lucha Libre can't compete with the authenticity of our regional abundance of cheapass taco shops, though it's willing to try. Order any of the basics, and you'll need repeat visits to the salsa bar to satisfy the experience. To make the most of the amusing ambience, ditch your expectations and go for the unusual items you would never find at any other taco shop in the city. The ingredients and preparation will be better and won't

suffer the comparison to those special in-the-know spots you hold dear to your heart. If it helps, pretend for a moment you're just visiting town from Seattle

by Ian Anderson

Looks pretty good, but...

There's just something about 1263 University Avenue. Restaurants there are always already doomed to failure. How many have come and come in recent years? Most recently, the Range (which wasn't any good) made a go of it, couldn't make it work, moved across the street to commandeer and revitalize a struggling nightclub...and then closed down.

Now, 1263 is home to the Commonwealth Ultra Lounge, flashy cousin to the Merrow, a facelifted version of the old Ruby Room. It took a bunch of downtime and probably half-a-million dollars, but Commonwealth looks like

someone smashed together random elements from Craft and Commerce mustache-and-flannel fetishism with Hillcrest gay-bar glitz. Chandeliers, pianos, graffiti, and a bit of seedy/grimy/cheesiness all hang over the place. Perversely enough, it looks pretty good. From the warm mezzanine (which would be sweltering when the place gets packed) it's downright cheerful, especially with Christmas decor all around.

But the curse of 1263 prevails. Already, management has scaled back the menu from what the website *claims* is available. Fifteen-dollar steak dinners and plates of fish 'n' chips have vanished. Only fried bar snacks and a few salads remain, and it's not pretty.

Hoisin glazed chicken wings? Overcooked strips of breast meat with a thick coat of panko and not enough sauce.

"Common" street tacos? Overpriced at \$10 and hard to finish a plate of three. Weak guacamole shows signs of age, having oxidized as it languishes in a six pan somewhere back of the house, waiting for dinner guests who aren't coming.

Deep-fried balls of macaroni and cheese? Edible. Unremarkable.

Cocktails? Yes, but stuck somewhere between the "I love bitter and spicy" school of thought and the "umbrellas, pineapple juice, and lots of well booze" style that's great for getting smashed. A price of \$6 would be okay, but \$9 or \$10 doesn't fly.

Commonwealth has only been open a few months, but the thin veneer of prosperity has begun to crack. Absent crowds and pared-down menus reek of a plummeting bottom line. Even if that's not the case, that's how it looks and people will pick up on that. If a clubby restaurant is going to succeed at this location, it will have to truly excel. Inferior food isn't going to do it. You need to have the eats be good enough to bring people in from 6-10 for dinner, and the drinks be good enough to get people in and drinking until closing.

Commonwealth, if it's not too late, kick your game up and stop trying to compete with Baja Betty's. You will lose, just like everybody else has and always will. 1263 University Avenue could be something great, but so far nothing has hit the mark.

by Ian Pike

Sriracha shutdown inspires burger

The 33-day Sriracha shutdown ordered by the California Department of Public Health on Huy Fong Foods in Irwindale caused a heated reaction by the owner of one Southern California burger chain.

Slater's 50/50, which has six locations, including one

in Liberty Station, has created a Sriracha burger that blends in the reddish-orange-colored Asian hot sauce with the chain's trademark half-beef, half-bacon patties.

The pepper-sauce-soaked patty rests on Sriracha coleslaw and is topped with a Sriracha mushroom sauteé, pepper-jack cheese, thick-cut bacon strips glazed with more Sriracha, Sriracha mayo and, finally, straight Sriracha on a brioche bun.

Slater's 50/50 owner Scott Slater was hot for the idea since he first heard that Huy Fong had been ordered to partially shut down while the Health Department investigated claims that spicy smells from its plant are irritating neighbors' eyes, noses, and throats.

"I told our chef, Brad Lyons, 'There's going to be a shortage, so order a bunch and make a burger," he says. "We ordered every single bottle we could. The shutdown's only for a month, so I think we're covered."

The Sriracha burger is the latest specialty burger offered each month at Slater's 50/50. Past burgers have been made with Korean bulgogi, kangaroo meat, and a meatball sub made from wild boar and pork.

But the Sriracha burger is personal to Slater.

"I fell in love with Sriracha during college about ten years ago," he says. "When you're living on 25-cent burritos, Sriracha makes even microwave food tolerable."

Huy Fong isn't the only company that makes Sriracha, but it might as well be, according to Slater.

"The Sriracha they sell at Whole Foods and Trader Joe's is garbage," he says. "I bought some at Trader Joe's by mistake, put it on some eggs, and threw it out right away. It was

terrible. It's like if I replaced Heinz ketchup with Hunt's: I'd be crucified."

Lyons said creating the burger was fairly easy, but the key was not just making it "a ball of Sriracha."

"I wanted to add some gourmet ingredients while still keeping it simple," he says.

Stories of Sriracha packets being offered on eBay for \$10,000 sound like worst-case scenarios (or fear-based marketing), but Lyons hopes that restrictions on Huy Fong's Sriracha are lifted as soon as possible.

"If they're not, we may have to try and make it ourselves," he says.

by Patrick Henderson

High-concept sandwich shop aims for the sweet spot

Fusion's not a difficult a culinary concept to embrace. Combining the flavor profiles of unrelated global cuisines makes for a great narrative — just as appealing to bored young chefs as to bored young foodies. However, while it shows up in subtler ways on happy-hour menus, you rarely see fusion as driving force behind a restaurant these days, especially one specializing in grilled sandwiches and wings.

North Park's recent addition, Twist Sandwiches and More, attempts to do so, putting a proverbial twist on American pub fare. There's not much to the tiny storefront location; just some no-frills counter seating and a couple of sidewalk two-tops facing that unfortunate section of University that's a few blocks too far west to be hip, and on the wrong side of the Georgia Bridge to be trendy. But the place manages to keep busy with an exceptionally friendly





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vibe and well-appointed takeout menu.

The fusion begins with owners' cultural backgrounds, which clearly brings their respective Thai and Moroccan roots to bear. However, a quick scan of the menu reveals a lot more going on here. Twist burgers, steak and pulledpork sandwiches boast toppings including Hoisin syrup, pickled papaya, guava cream, and chipotle labne (strained vogurt). Because we live in Southern California, there's also a fair amount of bacon. guacamole, cilantro and for good measure - smoked gouda. The mind reels at all the possible permutations. Adding to the intrigue, Twist's proprietors proudly source their ingredients fresh each morning, which means they're a solid step up from heat-andserve frozen patties, bland iceberg lettuce or mostly-tendon chicken legs.

I started with some wings and found them beautifully fried, with the batter crisped just about to the brink of perfection and surprising me with seasoning I never saw coming, and found a touch too sweet. A healthy dose of house-made chipotle buffalo sauce added a welcome, tangy kick, though I couldn't overcome the expectation this would be a savory dish and craved a little salt.

Cue the fries. Seasoned fries are offered as a side with most orders — at Twist and around the universe in general. Like the wings, the thick, long-cut fries looked home-made as opposed to flash-frozen by a corporate foodstuffs distributor. Also like the wings, they were fried to an ideal, with a crispy outside and surprisingly light, almost fluffy interior. I refrained from salting them so as to better appreciate the seasoning, and admittedly ate a good couple of handfuls before I realized that, while unique among all potato seasonings, this herb blend skewed significantly sweeter than I wanted or expected. So, cue the ketchup and salt.

Finally, I turned my attention to the sandwiches. In the interest of variety and general gluttony, I tried both the Asian Swine, Twist's take on a pulledpork sandwich, and the Thai Spice, which one Yelp reviewer rightly termed "banh mi on steroids."

The Swine features the aforementioned Hoisin syrup and smoked gouda. Served on







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a grilled Telera roll, it looked every bit the part of this meal's savory savior, with tender chunks of pork amid the shreds, giving it a nice tooth. The Thai Spice-topped lemongrass steak with plenty of julienned cucumber, papaya, and carrots, also on grilled Telera. Each featured "spicy aioli" and well-cooked meat.

I could call these well-made sandwiches, and in terms of sheer construction, they are. I can call them flavorful sandwiches, and in both cases I'd be accurate. I could label them complex, innovative, and several other hallmarks of the fusion experience. But once the napkins have been wadded and soaked with sauce, what lingers after eating at Twist is the sweetness. A fusion of flavors done right can reveal undiscovered top notes of your favorite ingredients, shining through inventive combinations of ingredients kept apart for centuries by xenophobia and geography. Here, the prevalent flavors often baffle each other and almost universally hide beneath a sweetness that fails to bring worlds together.

There's a lot going right at Twist, and anyone with an insatiable sweet-tooth should probably try their signature Moroccan steak fries. Just maybe don't try to wash them down, as I did, with a Mexican

by Ian Anderson

Wine like beer

While not wholly unique, the concept behind San Diego Cellars is fun. The novelty lies in putting a fully functional winery, kitchen, and tasting room within the confines of the city, rather than exiling winemaking operations to the more conventional countryside. Done up in the rustic "barn door chic" style so popular today, the place manages to be hospitable in addition to being functional. It's a trip, stepping into SD Cellars and walking past oak barrels of future vintages, just chilling out and aging right there on the floor, bedecked with shiny lights for the holidays.

SD Cellars predominantly sells their own wines, with a few from other vineyards mixed in for variety. Since the majority of the wine rests in casks, sale is by the glass or in 1L "cruzers," which are like growlers for wine and can be refilled. Prices hover at \$6-\$9 per glass and \$20-\$32 for a cruzer-full. That is to say, they're reasonable.

The results vary.

A \$6 glass of "San Diego County Syrah"? Tremendous at that price. Boldly tannic and earthy, it would be interesting to see this wine age a few years.

A \$5 glass of Pinot Noir rosé may very well "change your attitude towards 'pink' wines," as the menu suggests. The change just might not be positive. The bizarre wine has beerlike qualities, as if designed to please the palate of a Belgian farmer. Certainly not the picnicker's rosé of choice!

Even when flawed, it seems SD Cellars' wines at least manage to be interesting, and it's hard to deny the chance to sip around the wine list at such fair prices.

In addition to the wines. the wee kitchenette turns out a menu of <\$15 wine bar standbys. Flatbreads, crostini, cheeses, and salads could come from the menu of any other tasting room. That's neither bad nor exciting.

The pistachio-and-burrata flatbread, enthusiastically recommended by several diners, makes an impression more with its whole-wheaty

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crust than with its toppings. It's hard to get worked up over pesto flatbread, but it certainly does the trick and doesn't disappoint in any way.

Porcine pâté is not a type for "porcini"! Beyond mushrooms, which are there, the pâté includes plenty of pork. Spread thinly over brittle crostini, there could be more of it. but what's there tastes good

So, too, it goes with Caesar salad. It works. That is all.

More interesting food would make San Diego Cellars a better destination, that much is certain. But even with a pedestrian menu of snacks, the novelty of the vino alone makes it worth a visit for wine lovers.

by Ian Pike

Cold-weather comfort food in a warm-weather town

The mildly cold days of winter descend on San Diego as early as November some years, forcing us to don knit beanies and hooded sweatshirts for as many as two or three evenings in a row. Some winters it gets so bad, San Diegans even begin to wonder whether it may be cost effective to buy an umbrella or a scarf.

Whenever it gets like this — and pretty much only when it gets like this — everybody

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wants a bowl of soup. Enter the San Diego Soup Shoppe, which opened in Autumn 2012 after its proprietors enjoyed some success as the O.B. Bread Co., serving grilled paninis and lobster bisque at the O.B. Farmers' Market. Their cozylooking North Park storefront invites you in with the promise of liquid warmth, of comfort. Of feeling sunny on the inside.

On cold days, opening a soup shop seems like the best idea in the world. Which means on the overwhelming majority of days it seems like just about the worst idea in San Diego. Which probably explains why the business occupies maybe 300 square feet of real estate, including kitchen. Having a mere six seats in the dining room sends a clear message that this business may not be designed to serve a bunch of people on a daily basis.

And on those majority days, that's not a problem. A couple of outdoor tables probably get a fair amount of traffic during warmer months, when the lovingly crafted assortment of paninis and salads take center stage. But this is not called the Salad Shoppe or even the Panini Shoppe. So, I waited until a storm system rolled in and the temperature threatened to dip into the upper 50s, and I amped myself up for what was going to be the perfect heartwarming salve against the bad weather that promised to empty our beaches

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Turns out, I'm not the only person who wants soup on such a day, which either makes me a genius or an idiot. Due to a high volume of orders, I was told to expect a 30-minute wait time. Also, the Mushroom & Brie soup was sold out.

Now, I won't claim the place was completely jammed up there were a few square inches of standing room. However, I did have to awkwardly shuffle to make way for a constant inflow of customers picking up to-go orders (okay - they're the geniuses, I'm the idiot). Adding to the discomfort, a relatively open kitchen allowed me to see just how manically the owners/chefs hustled to keep up with demand. It also allowed them to see me, just hangin', milling about, trying to pretend I wasn't desperately eager for them to finish my order and warm my gullet.

With the rain coming down heavy outside and no shelter in sight, I had little choice but to stand by and keep up this dance as I stared at the menu, given too much opportunity to wonder whether I should have ordered the Roast Beef & Muenster Panini or taken a chance on their So-Cal take on clam chowder, complete with sourdough bread bowl.

Instead I took advantage of the soup and half-sandwich special, opting for Italian Wedding with a Prosciutto Caprésé panini, and Red Pepper & Gouda alongside Pastrami & Swiss. Luck eventually fell my way when a table opened up after 18 minutes, and my food followed, a welcome 10 minutes ahead of schedule. I gladly dug in, particularly enjoying the tiny clumps of melted gouda peppering the red-pepper bisque, and the way balsamic dressing soaked through the middle of the rosemary bread on my caprésé

I will make it back to ye olde Soup Shoppe — homemade soup is, after all, tough to come by in this part of the world, and I enjoyed the ones I tasted enough to eventually try them all. But, given the shoppe's seasonal success is also its failure, I will learn to be that savvy sort of regular who phones it in and hope traffic allows my bread bowl and hot



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ProSound: unplugged.

"Carlos Santana picked up an unplugged electric guitar I had here in the office and he played three notes." Michael Krewitsky sits in what used to be the mixing studio at ProSound in Mission Valley, surrounded by boxes of

repair and professional supply shop for an astonishing number of touring musicians and recording studios, ProSound is closing. Rafael leaves, and Krewitsky and his wife Lynn return to the task of sorting through three decades of memories.



crated gear; a walking cane is within reach. "And in just those three notes, on an unplugged electric guitar," he says, "you knew it was Carlos Santana."



After 35 years, Krewitsky's ProSound closes shop in Mission Gorge.

Just then, singer/songwriter Joel Rafael pokes his head in the studio door. The look on Rafael's face is pained. He has come to pay his respects. After 35 years as the go-to

"Carl Evans — that big box right there? It has a memory moog I bought from him," Carl Evans being the Crawford High School grad that founded Fattburger. Another Crawford grad who went on to fame with Whitney Houston and Eric Clapton was also a client: "Nathan

East. We used to work on his

equipment all the time."

Krewitsky has likewise done business with rock stars such as Graham Nash, Jerry Garcia, JJ Cale, David Gates, and Jewel, to name a few. "I built her a home recording studio when she still lived in Rancho Santa Fe. A guy called from her record company. He said to give her whatever she wanted." Krewitsky smiles. "She hired us to take it all apart when she moved to L.A."

ProSound opened its

doors in 1977 as Musician Repair Service on 54th Street in East San Diego. In 1991, the business was relocated to a large warehouse on Mission Gorge Place that Krewitsky purchased. "Slightly Stoopid's practice studio is next door. They told me they took the space there because of us being here."

In recent years Krewitsky sold the property with a lease-back option, the proceeds of which served as a float in tough times. "That's what kept us alive," he says, citing market pressures from big-box retailers like Guitar Center, the internet, and his own declining health. Last year, Krewitsky suffered a stroke that affected his ability to run the shop. He cut the operation in half but still couldn't make it work. "I don't have the energy to go out and do the big installations that were keeping us alive," he says, recalling audio designs he and his team created for the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theatre and the new elephant exhibit at the San Diego Zoo.

"We used to have 23 employees. Now we're down to 5." Krewitsky has a good idea of what he will be doing in the New Year. "I'm going to be a consultant. This whole electricity thing isn't going away anytime soon. As long as musicians have to deal with it, I'll be there. Otherwise," he says, "I don't know.

It's hard to swallow this whole going-out-of-business thing."

- Dave Good

Stevie's no identity

thief. The Styletones were paid a one-time fee for the use of their version of Sam and Dave's "Hold on I'm Comin" that ran in a Super Bowl TV ad for milk last February.

Steve Harris knew that, as lead vocalist, he and backup vocalist Ben Moore would also get paid royalties each time the ad ran. But there was another benefit.

"They made me become a member of SAG [Screen Actors Guild]. At the time I signed up I didn't know that, legally, they became my employer. I just found out that SAG covers my health insurance."

Harris, a '90 graduate of Hoover High, admits he is in the ranks of "struggling musician" as a front man for the funk/R&B cover band the Styletones, and as the singer/ guitarist for Stevie & the Hi-Staxx, an original rock/ soul trio.

But, he has insurance. "The only other local musician I know who is in SAG is Erika Davies who did a Toyota commercial."

Harris says the Super Bowl song's upside had a downside.

"When the song first aired, people thought it

was Sam," says Harris. "He started doing press about it. He wrote letters to the band, to the ad agency, and to the milk people, at first saying

Harris's SD music history includes a 1992 band that was the predecessor of the Greyboy Allstars. He then left for L.A. to do a development



Rock 'n' soul local Stevie Harris talks highs and lows of his showbiz

I was doing identity theft. Then he turned around and said it was a horrible version and I was ruining his image. But it's been a year and it doesn't look like he's going to sue anybody. But it did kind of squash the momentum of the song. But it's a song the Styletones don't play, anyway. We do the more obscure, raw soul songs. We don't do the

Harris admits that the Sam Moore legal threats have made him apprehensive about the original band name Hi-Staxx, which is an homage to two famed Memphis record labels Hi (Al Green) and Stax (Otis Redding). "I added an x to Staxx, so I hope it's okay. It's like naming a band Ford and Chrysler. I keep thinking, Somebody's bound to say something."

deal with then-new label Modern Records, owned by Stevie Nicks and distributed by Atlantic. Harris says Modern was paying him \$2000 a month and covering recording expenses and pay for his backup band. He recorded some 24 tracks at high-end L.A. recording studios.

"Modern Records' first two releases were by Foghat and Stevie Nicks. Both of those albums crashed and burned. I was supposed to be the third album, but when they bombed, the guy at Modern couldn't push my album through."

Harris says he then took a flat six-figure fee to sign with San Diego's Cargo label. "I was told that was the most they had ever paid anyone." Cargo released two CDs by

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Sam Moore (of Sam & Dave) made some noise but seems to have dropped the case

that San Diego wasn't supporting me. I regretted saying

Harris became a Muslim and fronted an Afrocentric hip-hop collective called Remarkable Current, which toured the country.

"We would wear our kufis and have beards and pray in the airport at 4 in the morning waiting for our flight. This was right after 9/11. We would freak people out. But for some reason we never got called into secondary."

A divorce and a new lady prompted him to move to

Florida for two years. Harris and family have been back in town for six years.

"The Bay Area is all about a DI culture. There was no music scene at all in Florida. So even though it's a struggle in San Diego, there is a vibrant scene here, and I always have cats I can call to

play for a gig."

Stevie & the Hi-Staxx appears January 11 at Seven Grand in North Park.

– Ken Leighton

Not really church music.

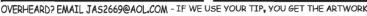
"The number could be off by a few in either direction, but I think it's been around 520." Carey Driscoll says he's lost count of the number of shows he

has produced over ten years as part of his AMSD Concerts at the Normal Heights United Methodist Church, but that's over. He is moving the series to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Euclid Avenue in East San Diego. The reason, Driscoll says, is that the Normal Heights church has retained a new minister and he wants to change the footprint of the seating.

"He's going to an in-theround setup that wouldn't work for concerts, and the change will reduce capacity,

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audience that, as Driscoll

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The new location appeals

for the same reasons, he says, including "affordable rent that will enable me to continue bringing in the excellent acts that were virtually unknown in this area, but with enough seating capacity that I can also book the acts that draw 200 to 250." Over the years, AMSD has brought to town concert notables such as Al Kooper, Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks, Loudon Wainwright

III, Dave Alvin, Janis Ian, Ambrosia, the Strawbs, and Judy Collins. The new venue will also allow Driscoll to use multiple rooms for intermission and post-concert gatherings and performer meet-and-greets, a kitchen, and an artist's green room. Driscoll says he looked at a

number of churches before

making the deal.

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"I'd guess that the only people at the new venue who even knew we existed are the couple of longtime AMSD concertgoers who suggested that their church might agree

to rent to us, and [they] made the case on our behalf to the decision-makers there." As of press time, the first

show listed at the new venue is bluesman Guy Davis, appearing on February 7.

— Dave Good



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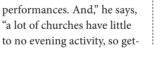
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production on July 25, 2003, with a single concert at the now-defunct Valley Music store in El Cajon before moving the series to a community center in Normal Heights where he staged a half dozen more shows. The Methodist church on Mansfield worked better

for Driscoll's needs because of the superior acoustics, the central location, and an AMSD's Driscoll finds a new church to continue concert series.

performances. And," he says, "a lot of churches have little





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JAY ALLEN SANFORD

he Casbah is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month with a slate of local-centric reunions and all-star jams, and it's hard to

pick just one night worth showcasing. For my money, the January 17 Penetrators reunion will probably outshine all the others. Not

only because Pens frontman Gary Heffern, flying in from Finland, told me it will probably be his final San Diego performance, but the packed bill also features Sunset Strip-inspired retro-rockers Sidewalk Scene, a set from the Executives, and perhaps our city's most underrated purveyors of Pretty Things/Yardbirds-inspired mod-lovin' psychedelia, the Loons.

"We play psychotic beat music, tapping into the most exciting elements of mid-to-late '60s rock and roll and channel it into new, intense, original songs of our own," says bassist/singer Anja Diabolik, who cofounded the band with hubby Mike Stax (the Crawdaddys) in the mid-1990s. "We find it a lot more interesting than opting to be a mere '60s garage-band jukebox."

For once, you'll get no argument from me!

WHAT'S ON YOUR TURNTABLE?

- 1. MC5, Back in the USA. "Their second album and my favorite. It doesn't get any better than 'Lookin'
- 2. 13th Floor Elevators, The Psychedelic Sounds of the 13th Floor Elevators. "Real psychedelia, Texas-style."
- 3. The Misunderstood, 1966 Recordings. "Glenn Campbell, not the Rhinestone Cowboy guy, transforms the steel guitar into a psychedelic hurricane of

4. The Monks, Black Monk Time. "This German-American über-beat crossover masterpiece from

1966 is still ahead if its time."

5. The Outsiders. "I love everything recorded by this old-fashioned '60sera band from Amsterdam."

HOW OLD-FASHIONED ARE YOU?

"I don't think girls are supposed to pay for dates."

GOT ANY GOOD ADVICE?

"The late Rob Tyner of the MC5 said it best when he sang 'Kick Out the Jams.' Words still worth living and playing by."

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

- 1. "Facebook is convenient to have all your friends from near and far at the same place."
- 2. "Craigslist is great for searching for '60s clobber and furniture."
- 3. "RetroRenovation is the place for obsessive '60s interior design and more."
- 4. "Etsy has more of all of the above, which is great because eBay sucks."

BEST THING YOU EVER WON?

"A San Diego Music Award. No, just kidding. Anybody can get one of those."

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The Loons played a bad show while Brian Wilson looked on.

FIRST BOOK YOU REMEMBER READING?

"An Enid Blyton kids' book called Mallory Towers, which concerns English girls at boarding school playing tricks on their teacher. My first grown-up book, though, was probably Stephen King's Nightshift."

TOPICS FORBIDDEN AT YOUR FUNERAL?

"Flutes, the Grateful Dead, and for sure don't mention the war. Any war."

WHERE AND WHEN WOULD YOU SET YOUR TIME MACHINE?

"I'd go to London and L.A. in 1966 with an unlimited amount of money, to purchase clothes and records and see bands.'

FAVE CELEB ENCOUNTERS?

- 1. "Brian Wilson was watching us play at the Troubadour many years ago. Unfortunately, we sucked super bad that night."
- 2. "I had some great conversation with Michael Davis, bass player of the MC5, about music, life, politics, and history. What a cool guy. R.I.P."
- 3. "I'll never forget meeting Roky Erickson [13th Floor Elevators] at a kid's ice cream social show in L.A. and having our then-five-year-old son getting his favorite record signed by him. The record was Easter Everywhere and he played it to shreds. Roky was so cool with the kids. It was very touching."

WORST MOVIES

"Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked. I got roped into this by a bunch of first-graders at the time and, two minutes into this 'chipwreck,' I wanted to slash my wrists and cry hysterically. I still have issues dealing with it, as you can tell. Crappy, auto-tuned music, a lame story, and badly animated cartoons. Need I say more? Even the kids admitted it was lame afterwards.'

LAW YOU MOST WANT TO SEE **CHANGED?**

"Ban all guns. For obvious reasons."

SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

"Red currant jelly."

BIGGEST LIE YOU EVER TOLD?

"Great set. You guys are really tight."

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

"Romy Schneider."

THREE THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT

- 1. "I did special-effects makeup for a couple of English B-movies."
- 2. "I make the best schnitzel."
- 3. "I'm a book and history nerd and know more about the Tudor and Victorian era London than Henry VIII or Charles Dickens." ■

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Belly Up:

Thursday, 8pm — Matthew Sweet. Friday, 8pm — Pato Banton. Saturday, 8pm — Tower of

Power. Sunday, 9pm — The Pettybreakers. Tuesday, 8pm — James Durbin (acoustic), Kelley James. Wednesday, 7:30pm & 10:30pm — Snoop Dogg aka Snoop Lion.

Brick by Brick:

Friday, 8pm — Poison Idea, Attitude Adjustment, DEA. \$12-\$15

Casbah:

Thursday, 8pm — Neil Hamburger. Friday, 9pm — Paladins, Big Sandy & His Flyrite Boys. \$18. Saturday, 8pm — Dragons, Creepy Creeps, Phantoms. Sunday, 8pm — Schitzophonics, El Vez, Diana Death.

Tuesday, 9pm — Three Mile Pilot, Tit Wrench, ANA. \$20. Wednesday, 8pm — No Knife, SISU, Modern Rifles.

Dizzv's:

Friday, 7:30pm — Mikan Zlatkovich and Brian Levy. \$15.

Eastbound Bar & Grill:

Saturday, 8:30pm — Samantha Aiken Band Free.

House of Blues:

Friday, 8pm — Groove International: Sin with DPI, more, \$12-\$15. Saturday, 5:30pm — Reel Big Fish, Pietasters, Maxies. \$20-\$60. Saturday, 8pm — DSB: Tribute to Journey. \$10-\$30.

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Thursday, 7pm — Cadillac Wreckers Friday, 8:30pm — Detroit Underground. Saturday, 7pm — Rising Star. Sunday, 10am — Brunch: Robin Henkel & Billy Watson. \$43. Tuesday, 7pm — The Bill Magee Blues Band, Free. Wednesday, 8:30pm — The Bayou Brothers. \$5.

Lestat's Coffee House:

Friday, 7:30pm — The Lovebirds. Monday, 7pm — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.

Prohibition:

Thursday, 8pm — Piano Joe & the Wheelers. Friday, 8pm — Jon Ji & the Moonshiners. Saturday, 8pm — Lady Dottie.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:



BY DAVE GOOD

"Yeah, the music is dark. It's what comes out, but it's kind of heartfelt. But some people think it sounds like nightmares." Music from one of Dante's seven circles of hell: ex-metal guitarist Tristan Shone, from New Hampshire, performs solo on a robotic assortment of repurposed machines that make a range of concentrated and often demonic sounds. "I have this tone in my head, and I keep trying to reinvent it, like maybe the way a guitar would sound playing through a combination of four really trashed amps. Maybe like late-'90s Deadguy, the Melvins, or maybe early Neurosis. I've spoken to a producer about doing sound for a movie, but video games...if I could do the sound and the voice for a video-game character,

that'd be really cool.

"After the heartbreak of many band breakups, I decided to go back to school and start Author & Punisher. I'm going on my tenth year now." Shone, 36, recipient of the award for Best Hard Rock Album at SDMA in 2013 came to UCSD from Boston to earn an MFA, and he staved. "That's where my money comes from, by the way. I work as a mechanical engineer in a neurosciences lab.

"My music is best performed in a bright room where people can see that you are sweating and working really hard. New York, San Francisco, and London have all been good towns for what I'm doing. Portland, Oregon was probably the best audience. They're not very progressive here. People like garage rock in San Diego. They like to see the machines. They say, "Hey, it's that guy on YouTube." I made some new voice-modulating masks. I'll be using them for the first time at my show at the Soda Bar. They're kind of like



gas masks. They're brutal looking, really. Sound comes out a door that opens and closes like a big sphincter."

Corrections House and Wrekmeister Harmonies also perform.

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Sunday, 8pm — Open Salsa Dance with DJ.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Mark Hummel Blues Harmonica Blowout. Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout will perform a tribute to Sonny Boy Williamson II, featuring John Mayall, Mark Hummel, Curtis Salgado, Rick Estrin, Little Charlie Baty, and others.

Soda Bar:

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Stage Rock Bar & Grill:

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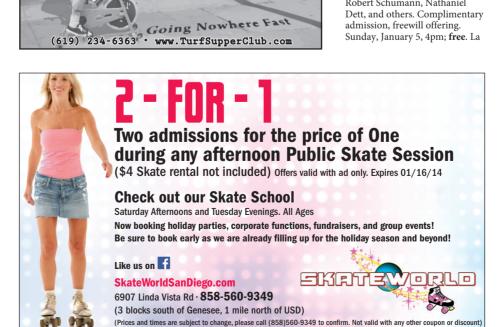


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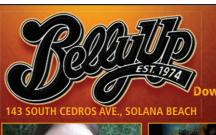
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January 17 — Natural Selection.

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February 7 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Melophobia Cage the Elephant By Richard Dotson

Many of my friends will give me grief for this review. Until the release of Melophobia. I loathed Cage the Elephant, Their previous songs were so unbearably cheesy to me that I dismissed this album the second it was announced. Fortunately, my friends are a bit more forgiving than I am and coaxed me into listening. Thank you, friends

For an album that claims a "fear of music," *Melophobia*

is surprisingly musical. The melodies are rich ("Take It or Leave It"), the structures are bold and captivating ("Spiderhead" and "Teeth"), the arrangements are fearless (horns?!), and the overall tone is consistent and



A colorful and rewarding redemption

appropriate. Perhaps *Melophobia* is an ironic, self-aware title that refers to the band's vapid musical history? (I still can't listen to "Ain't No Rest for the Wicked" without groaning.) Who cares? *Melophobia* is a colorful and rewarding redemption.

Despite its successes, however, *Melophobia* is not flawless. Matthew Shultz's lyrics, though more personal, occasionally fall into cliché and the band still struggles to escape the realm of cheesy butt-rock on songs like "It's Just Forever." Taken as a whole, though, these problems are easily overlooked.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Rock and roll at its chilling best By Cesar Esquer Diaz

Canadian indie-rock quartet Besnard Lakes has honed its skills to perform a show that does justice to their records, songs that rely heavily on studio work.

Jace Lasek and his wife Olga Goreas do an impressive job of harmonizing lyrics on the new album tracks, which are carried more by Goreas's lead vocals than by Jace's high-falsetto Beach Boys pitch. And the Lakes have learned

where to stretch out the studio takes to elevate an audience to a new state.

Most of the songs on the set list had a



e Besnard Lakes knows how to elevate an audience to a new state.

shoegaze intro, slowly building to an explosive crescendo that was intensified by a bare-bones but effective light show — a few LEDs go a long way.

Cranking through a best-of set from their past three albums, including "Albatross," "Devastation," and "Specter," the highlight of the show came during "46 Satires," when Goreas sings, "The first day I saw you, sun came with the rain." Rock and roll at its chilling best.

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January 11 — Nerd Herd and Hott Mess. January 12 — Funhouse/Seismic.

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

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Bullpen Bar and Grill: Monday-Tuesday, 2-6pm: Drink specials. \$5 double cheeseburger, chili-cheese dog, hot wings, carne asada fries, crab cakes, potato skins. 10pm-close: \$3 you-call-its, \$5 Patrón, cognac, specialty drinks.) Wednesday-Friday. 2-6pm: Drink specials, \$5 double cheeseburger, chili-cheese dog, hot wings, carne asada fries, crab cakes, potato skins.

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.

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

Flavor Del Mar: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3 Coors Light, \$6 red/white house wine, \$5 wells. Select cocktails. Sunday, 2pm-close: \$3 Coors Light, \$6 red/white house wine, \$5 wells. Select

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

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

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.

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

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, 1/2off 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.

Time Out Sports Tayern: 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

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

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

EASTLAKE

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

EL CAJON

Black Angus Steakhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm; \$3.50 select bottles, select 16 oz. draft, all well drinks, \$4,50 margaritas, martinis, select wines. \$3.50 onion rings, three-cheese garlic bread. \$4.50 potato skins, fried zucchini, chicken tenders, \$5.50 wings.







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HERE'S SDEAL

Desi N Friends, 2734 Lytton Street, **Liberty Station, 619-224-6409**

The Naval Training Center in Point Loma closed in 1997, but nearby dives remained popular with the military crowd until around 2001, when many shipped out to the Middle East.

"I had never seen anything like it," recalls Desi Langdon, who reluctantly began working at the Horse and Cow in '97.

"It used to be a total Navy bar. It was about 10 women and 500 guys. There were people throwing up. It was just crazy. I had never in my life been in a bar like that, and there was just no way I could work there. Not because I was above it, but because I didn't think I could handle it."

Langdon decided to stick around when she saw how much money the mariners were willing to throw at her (she admits skimpy outfits and body shots on the bar helped), until 12 years ago, when the Horse and Cow's owner relocated to Bremerton, Washington.

"For me, it was much easier to buy the bar than look for a new bartending job," Langdon says in her light Swedish accent.

So she stripped away the military memorabilia, gave the façade an elfish green trim, renamed the place Desi N Friends, and reinvented it as a neighborhood bar and grill.

"Anything goes, everything goes, everybody loves us," Langdon recalls of her vision for the location. "More women-friendly, more neighborhood-friendly."

Since then, several bars and restaurants in the area have closed down, but the completion of Liberty Station's second phase of redevelopment last year has brought nightlife back to the historic base with spots such as Stone Brewing Co., Slater's 50/50, and Wine Steals.

While all of these developments have their virtues, nothing quite compares to a Tuesday night at Desi's, when house guitarist Jerry kicks off island-rock anthems at 7 p.m. and you can sing along from

Hours: MON, 3-11 P.M.; TUES-

For Desi Langdon, it was easier to buy the old bar than look for a new job.

the bar or smoking patio.

On a recent Tuesday, I even had the pleasure of being drunk under the table with Fireball shots by a 90-some-year-old woman in a wheelchair, who was celebrating her birthday amid a gaggle of friends.

Sure, the name Desi N Friends may ring of a '90s sitcom, but Langdon is quick to admit that it's "more of a Cheers kind of place" — just a straightforward, no-frills bar that prides itself on a great burger, fine company, and strong drink.

— Chad Deal (@chaddeal)

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Desi N Friends: Monday-Friday,

Cards: YES

HAPPY HOUD

grilled artichoke, steak quesadilla, shrimp cocktail.

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

Encinitas Ale House: Monday. 4-6pm: \$2 off premium drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off all starter appetizers. Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off premium drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off all starter appetizers.

ESCONDIDO

Vintana Wine + Dine: Daily, 2:30-6:30pm: \$7 martini. Seven different apps for \$7 each.

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

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

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

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

IMPERIAL BEACH

The Salty Frog: Daily, 4-8pm: \$3.50 wells, imported bottles.

JAMUL

Brody's Burgers & Beer: Monday-Friday, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, \$2 off drafts, \$1 off potato sides.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 glass house

wine, \$2.75 draft beer; \$9 draft beer pitcher, \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 margaritas, free buffet.

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

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

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine flights

LA JOLLA

Eddie V's: Daily, 4-7pm: All libations \$2 off

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3.25 mug or Bud Lite draft, \$3.50 house wine glass, \$4.50 margarita, single well drinks. 1/2-off select

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

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

LAKESIDE

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

LEMON GROVE

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

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.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewerv: 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

The Aero Club: Daily, 2-7pm: 50¢ off beer, wells, and calls

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, wells, \$1 off other drinks. Snack specials.

MISSION VALLEY

Dave & Buster's: Monday-Thursday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers. Friday, 4:30-7pm: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers. Sunday, 10pm-close: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers.

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4.50 well drinks. \$1.50 off pints of beer, \$1.50 off wine by the glass, \$2.50 off appetizers.

NATIONAL CITY

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

NESTOR

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

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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

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

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls, \$1 off Heineken.

Imig's Kitchen and Bar: Monday Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wine, \$4 beers, \$4 well cocktails. Wednesday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wine, \$4 beers, \$4 well cocktails. 1/2-price wine bottles. Friday, All Night: \$2 off wine, \$4 beers, \$4 well cocktails.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Sabuku Sushi: Daily, 4-6pm; \$5 Shiso Crazee, \$5 Buku Bites, \$5 Buku Nachos, \$7 Twice Baked Mussels, \$8 Seared Ahi Tacos. \$5 Large 20+oz Asahi or Sapporo, \$5 Rock Sake's, \$7 All cocktails & wines (by the glass).

OCEAN BEACH

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

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

Winstons: Daily, 2-6pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

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.

Breakwater Brewing Company: Tuesday, 5-8pm: \$1 off all single guest IPAs. Wednesday, 5-8pm: SD beer night \$3.50 select guest pints. Thursday, All Day: half off wings. Sunday, All Day: Bloody Mary's and french toast, football specials.

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: 50% off select appetizers, \$3.99 select drinks.

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

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Daily, \$3 drink specials all day/all night.

Sinbad Café: Daily, 11am-8pm: \$1.50 domestic drafts, \$2.50 craft drafts, \$4.50 appetizers, \$12 hookahs/\$10 hookah refills.

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

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

POINT LOMA

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

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 draft beer, well drinks & selected wines. \$3 off all appetizers.

The Pearl: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 selected draft craft beers, \$4 wells, \$5 house wines. Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 selected draft craft beers, \$4 wells, \$5 house wines. Half off select bottles of wine all night!

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)

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off beers on tap, \$1 off appetizers.

RAMONA

Cheers: Monday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. Tuesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks, \$1 tacos, Wednesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. Thursday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

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

RANCHO PENASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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

RANCHO SANTA FE

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

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.





Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, bottle beers. \$1.50 food specials (bar only). Saturday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, bottle beers.

SHELTER ISLAND

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

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

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

SORRENTO VALLEY

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$4 pints, flights, house wine, and well drinks. \$5 wings, hummus, calamari, chili lime sweet potato fries and spinach dip.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 local draft beer, \$3 well drinks,

\$2 off wines by the glass, street food specials.

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

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

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

UNIVERSITY CITY

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$8 martinis and signature cocktails, \$7 wine by the glass, complimentary steak sandwiches

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Bourbon Street: Tuesday-Wednesday, 7-8pm: \$4 wells, \$5 Svedka drinks. \$2-off drafts, \$5 specialty cocktails. Food specials. Thursday-Sunday, 5-8pm: \$4 wells, \$5 Svedka drinks, \$2-off drafts, \$5 specialty cocktails. Food specials.

Cheers: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$5 tall wells all day. Drink specials all night. Sunday, 11am-7pm: \$1 mimosas, \$2 bloody mary's.

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

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

Chili Coast Burgers: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$.50-\$.75 off tap beer.

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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The Year in Review

We no longer need Broadway to validate our treasures.

or musicals, San Diego must be World Premiere Central. We see all kinds, in varying stages, and send two or three to Broadway each year. But once in a blue moon, one's produced here that's so polished and terrific, it looks like the result of years of rehearsal.

Des McAnuff's *Jersey Boys* was one such production. Opening night felt fully wrought and wonderful.

The local production of A Gen-

tleman's Guide to Love and Murder made 2013 a Blue Moon year. The musical — book by Robert L. Freedman and music by Steven Lutvak — world-premiered elsewhere. But the Old Globe's staging was more than a pre-Broadway shakedown. The story of a pauper's rise to high nobility by murdering all relatives in his way, Guide was wall-to-wall entertaining, super smart, and funny. Song after song — from homages to Mozart and bawdy music halls — enchanted.

The musical showcased Darko Tresnjak, former artistic director of the Old Globe, who directed the piece brilliantly, and Jefferson Mays, graduate of the MFA program at UCSD, who played eight distinct characters with genius (he also sang "Looking Down the Barrel of a Gun," which must rank among the most loopy/psychotic in musical theater history).

Guide earned raves on Broadway. Big deal. We

no longer need them to validate our treasures.

The most exciting new musical score? Easy: the numbers Gilbert Castellanos "composed and curated" for the Rep's *Federal Jazz Project*. A world-class trumpet player and local icon, Castellanos's score traced the history of Latino Jazz and its con-

nections to San Diego: boogie, bop, Cuban-Mexican, *danzón*, and contemporary styles.

Musicals flourished all year, but two others stood out: Lamb's Players klezmer-ized *Fiddler on the Roof* and the San Diego Rep's *In the Heights* — something old, something new. Both concerned threats to traditional ways: Anatevka, a Jewish shtetl, by Russians; Washington Heights by gentrification. Both were splendid (Lamb's is reprising *Fiddler* this January at the Lyceum).

Robert Smyth directed *Fiddler* and Sam Woodhouse directed *Heights*. They also directed two of the year's best dramatic productions: Smyth did *Wit* for Lamb's Players and Woodhouse (codirecting with Kim Rubenstein), *Venus in Fur* for the Rep. There's no award for such masterful double-duty, probably since it's so rare. I can't recall it before, in the same year, let alone by two directors. But there should be. So if it happens again, I propose the honoree receive a Smyth-Woodhouse Award or, better still, a Woodhouse-Smyth, which gives it a tony, British



The Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder was wall-to-wall entertaining, smart, and funny.

lilt, for outstanding directorial versatility.

Wit mesmerized. For some, the production might have been too powerful, since it followed the last days of a woman dying of cancer and did not hold back. At first, Vivian Bearing, self-stuffed scholar, refuses to go gently. After painful stages, she finds hard-won peace. Deborah Gilmour Smyth, her head shaved, her struggle blazingly felt, gave one of the year's finest performances as Vivian.

Gilmour Smyth's approach, you could say, was vertical: she dug deep, then deeper, then punched through the bottom line. What Caroline Kinsolving

did in *Venus in Fur* was more lateral. She played two women, over a century apart: Vanda, a dufus "acktreece," auditions to play sophisticated Dunayev, a fictional, 19th-century dominatrix. Kinsolving shot from one period — and acting style — to another with astonishing spontaneity. And precision. And clarity.

This year also saw familiar faces, Randall Dodge and Linda Libby, shining in role after role: Dodge in South Pacific (twice, at Welk Resort and at Moonlight Stage), The Wizard of Oz (Moonlight), and The Sound of Music (San Diego Musical Theatre); Libby





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Claudio Raygoza, whose Ion Theatre had another banner year, did a monologue in Shining City that must have been 15 minutes long, maybe more, but never felt it, Raygoza was so spellbinding. Jeffrey Jones's Randall P. McMurphy, in New Village Arts' One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, was a mile-a-minute, riffing whacko — and unforgettable.

Directed by Adrian Noble, Miles Anderson's Shylock, in Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice at the Old Globe, was also outstanding. He began as the most charitable person in Venice (it's in the text, though "comic," or just ignorant stagings overlook it); he turned the other cheek and forgave in advance, until pushed too far. Anderson gave the role a complete and anguished arc.

2013 marked the final year of Adrian Noble's reign as head of the Globe's Summer Shakespeare Festival. His work, including last summer's Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead, was consistently excellent. Let's hope Noble doesn't wait 'til the next Blue Moon to return to San Diego. In the meantime, actors interested in performing the Bard should memorize his book/master class: How to Do Shakespeare (Routledge paperback, 2010).

Paul Tazewell's costumes for

the La Jolla Playhouse's otherwise misbegotten Side Show were a cut above the rest, especially his gaggle of freak-outfits. I remember watching the Playhouse's The Tallest Tree in the Forest (which could also use earnest tweaking) and being struck by the clarity of the sounds. They recalled the design for the Old Globe's Opus, about a string quartet, back in 2009. A program check for Tallest Tree's sound designer turned up Lindsay Jones, who also did

Three sets stood out this year: Robert Brill's micro-realistic reporters' room for His Girl Friday at La Jolla Playhouse; David F. Weiner's extraordinary design for Mo'olelo's Extraordinary Chambers: huge, strangler fig tree roots engulfed an Angkor Wat-like space; and Alexander Dodge's palatial interior of a Palm Springs House Beautiful in Other Desert Cities: tall windows, a fireplace like a rocket ship, and a living room wide as a tennis court. Some people said the set was so big it dwarfed the actors. But that was one of its points: that and "people who live in glass houses," etc.

In local theater history, 2013 was the Year of the Festival. From the time theaters first went indoors, there's always been a nagging sense that other, less formal venues - and "nontheatrical" kinds of performances - might be just as effective. In the past few decades, following the famous Edinburgh Fringe, festivals have sprung up around

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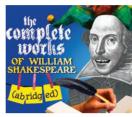
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the world. Just about everywhere but San Diego, so it seemed.

Since 2010, the La Jolla Playhouse has offered its Without Walls program, designed to break down the "walls" of traditional theater: plays staged inside cars, at a botanical garden, in Little Italy. This year the Playhouse offered an entire festival of nontraditional, site-specific works. By all reports, it was a

As was the inaugural San

Diego Fringe Festival, a three-day affair held at various downtown venues. Fringe brought in acts from around the country, even overseas. The only persistent criticism: it was too short.

Which allowed almost no time for word-of-mouth to spread, in particular about Sean Sullivan's "Best of Fringe" solo performance in Baby Redboot's Revenge. Word has it that both festivals will have longer runs in 2014. ■

FILM FESTIVALS

CENTRAL LIBRARY 330 Park Bl., East Villag 619-236-5800



Film Forum: Walk on Water Eytan Fox scales the height of Middle Eastern machism in this triangle of murder, friendship and fate Eyal (Lior Ashkenasi), a fierce agent for the Mossad, is assigned to track down an aging Nazi war criminal. By posing as a tour guide, Eyal befriends the Nazi's free-thinking grandchildren, following them to Germany. What began as a deceptive mission dissolves into a journ of conflicting ideologies and histories. English, Hebrew, German with subtitles. 2010. 104 min-utes. Rated R. Sunday, January 5, 2:00pm

Director Jennifer Devoldere navigates the mine-field of love and family. Melanie Laurent stars as Justine, an aspiring artist with commitment issues. After a trail of boyfriends, Justine thinks she has found her soulmate, but her temporary happiness is shattered when her neurotic father suffers a delayed midlife crisis. French with English subtitles. 2012. 98 minutes. Not rated. Monday, January 6, 6:30pm

Film Forum: The Day I Saw Your Heart

Film Forum: In Search of a Midnight Kiss Alex Holdridge captures the swoon o

infatuation in this retro romance. A brokenhearted Texas transplant (Scott McNairy) and aspiring actress (Sara Simmonds) meet cute via Craigslist on a lonely New Year's Eve where they bicker banter and maybe fall in love 2009 utes. Not rated. Monday, January 13,

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Film Forum: The Spectacular Now
Tom Tharp's lauded novel is the basis for this
peppy, restless, bittersweet ode to the fleeting nature of youth. A charming high school senior (Miles Teller), with little ambition but a large capacity for alcohol, bobs along aimlessly until he befriends the class wallflower (Shailene Woodley). Special Jury Award at the Sundance Film Festival. 2013. 95 minutes. Rated R. Wednesday, January 22, 6:00pm

THE PEARL

ns St., Point Loma 619-226-6100

Dive-In Theatre A weekly "cinema social" Dive-In Theatre A weekly "cinema social" combining electic film choices, along with food and drink. Steeped in mid-century design, the Dive-In takes place at the poolside lounge and outdoor theatr. Films are projected onto a 10" x 13" foot projection screen with full sound, overlooking the hotel's vintage, oyster-shaped swimming pool. Wednesday, January 8, 8:00pm, Wednesday, January 15, 8:00pm, Wednesday, January 22, 8:00r

POINT LOMA LIBRARY

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Film Forum: All Is Bright Phil Morrison's follow-up to Junebug is a scruffy screwball fable of thieves and other lost causes tangled up in a Brooklyn Christmas tree lot. Two Canadian thieves (Paul Giamatti, Paul Rudd) make a vague effort to go straight by selling Christmas ees in Brooklyn, Sally Hawkins co-stars 2013.107 minutes. Rated R. Tuesday, January

Film Forum: The Willow Tree In Maiid Majidi's visionary parable, a blind, tormented university professor has his sight restored. The dazzling new world of sight and color plunges him into a labyrinth of temptation and confusion, Farsi with English subtitles, 2010, 96 min utes. Not rated. Sunday, January 12, 2:00pm

Film Forum: Cold Souls A frustrated New York actor (Paul Giamatti) decides to lighten Tork actor (rau Gamatti) decices to Inginer the burden of his existential agony by having his soul removed and frozen in storage. Complications ensue. David Stratharin and Emily Watson are also featured in this philosophical fantasia. 2011. 97 minutes. PG-13. Tuesday, January 14, 6:00pm

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

619-232-7931

First Friday Films: So Proudly We Hail In the midst of World War II, Hollywood cranked out a number of films meant to depict the events overseas and stir up patriotism at



home, Director Mark Sandrich's So Proudly We Hail focus on the experience of women in the war effort of the Pacific theater. Featuring Paulette Goddard, Veronica Lake, Claudette Colbert, Sonny Tufts, and George Reeves, this film serves as an example of the ways in which nim serves as an example of the ways in which women were portrayed during the war. Before the film, producer and director Gregory Cooke will lecture on his documentary, currently in production: Invisible Warriors: African Ameri-can Women in WW.II. Mr. Cooke's project examines the contributions of African American omen to the wartime, home-front industries and their struggle for equality in the process Friday, January 3, 7:00pm

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Film Forum: Take Me Home Little does NYC cab driver Thom Colvin know when an attractive lady hops into his cab and says, "Take me to California" that this journey winding across America will become the adventure and misadventures of their lifetimes. 2012. 97 minutes. PG-13. Wednesday, January 15, 7:00pm

AUDITIONS

Becky's New Car

POWPAG

13250 Poway Rd., Poway Open auditions at PowPAC, Poway's Community Theatre, upstairs in the Lively Center, Call backs (if necessary): 7pm. Wednesday, January 22, Performance dates: Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm, March 14 through April 13, at PowPAC. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Copies of the script are available by email from the director, Jay Mower, at iavmower4@gmail.com Auditions: JAN. 20, 21 7PM

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 cap pella); 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. Pat Larmer director; Sue Gilson, choreography; Ken Bell, music director. Info: plarmer@ gmail.com

Auditions: JAN, 15, 16, 17 7PM

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La Jolla Playhouse **Auditions**

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE 2910 La Jolla Village Dr., UCSD For Chasing the Song, The Orphan of Zhao, The Bald Soprano, Kingdom City. Prepare a contemporary monologue or a short contemporary musical-theater song and a monologue (three-minute max for each). Bring sheet music (accompanist provided), plus picture and resume. Equity EPA procedures in effect. Auditions: JAN, 3

The Motherf**ker with

the Hat

CYGNET THEATRE 4040 Twiggs St., Old Town Audition request: auditions@cvgnettheatre.com. Deadline: Friday, January 3. Include a digital copy of your headshot and resume. Prepare two short contrasting monologues. By Stephen Adly Guirgis; directed by Robbie Lufty. Auditions: JAN. 6 10:30AM

Old Globe Theatre Auditions

SCREENI AND STUDIOS 10501 BUR. BANK BLVD., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA Equity male and female actors for Othello, Quartet, and Two Gentlemen of Verona. Preparation: Two one-minute contrasting monologues. Auditions: JAN. 3 10AM

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San Diego Follies

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THEATER 1545 Pioneer Way, El Cajon Christian Community Theater's 7th-annual San Diego Follies Goes Hollywood, a musical/dance review of Hollywood blockbusters. Features seniors ages 55+ performing dance numbers, solos, duets, instrumentals, and comedy routines. Broom plants. Friday, February 7, 6:30 to 8:30pm: Vocalists, solo and groups, Saturday, February 8, 10 to 11am: Dance, kick-line, and showgirls; 11am to 1pm: Specialty acts, solos, and ensembles. Auditions limited to one minute. Bring a CD or sheet music. Must be 55 or older. Appointment: 619-588-0206. Auditions: FEB. 7 6:30PM, FEB. 8 10AM

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The cruelest month

t's hard out there for a film critic.

It's especially hard right now — January. People say, "Happy

New Year." People think of new beginnings and better times. A chance to slough off the encrusted crud of the past 12 months and begin afresh, however arbitrarily. Some people even make resolutions. From this moment forward...

MOVIES

But, apparently, the studios (and even the

indies) have figured out that a great many people resolve not to go to the movies in the coming year. Why else would they save all their post-Christmas turkeys, the stuff that maybe didn't test so well in Camarillo, and then dump them into January? In many parts of the country, January is a lousy time to be outdoors, confronting the gray reality of winter. Which makes it a great time to be indoors, enjoying the joyous Technicolor fantasy of movies. But, no.

What's opening wide this week? Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones, the fifth entry in an overachieving found-footage horror series. You guys, there is so much found footage out there. And that's it. Happy New Year. Maybe the movie is great. I don't know; it didn't screen for critics. Critics are not the audience here. I'm guessing this means that people who read the critics are not the audience here. Or maybe it's just that the critic is unnecessary here: you know what this is. The film may startle you in places, but it isn't likely to surprise you in any way at all.

Perhaps I'm being overly harsh. It's not like *Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones* completely ignored the critics. Shortly before Christmas, the folks behind the film sent me a lovely kit, marked with an image of a Virgin Mary statue with a skull face. Inside was a card listing "10 signs of paranormal activity in your barrio," including this: "9. Apariciones or physical manifestations of an espiritu or entity." Foreign words are spooky, especially when they're not rendered in italics!

On the other side of a card was another list: "How to protect yourself from paranormal activity in 10 steps." First step is to visit a curandera. Then get "an egg, Virgen de Guadalupe candle, protection oil, holy water, and a protective charm or amulet." Inside the kit: the candle, the protection oil, a plastic vial marked "Holy Water," a glass jar, a Guadalupe medal, and a foam egg. Well and good, except how am I

supposed to use a foam egg to perform the "limpia de huevo (egg cleansing) procedure"? Because it clearly says I'm supposed to break the egg into a clear glass of water. "If there are bubbles in the water, you have mal de ojo (evil eye). If the egg yolk is bloodstained or the water turns dark, you have a brujeria

> hex." So elaborate, and so utterly silly — the kit, I mean. Why not just let me see the film?

Speaking of unnecessary critics: having been at this since late 2010, I am now eligible to apply to be assimilated into the Borg that is RottenTomatoes. com. What saddens me is not so much that, even if accepted, my voice will be but one among the millions. It's that all of those voices will get converted into a number and a brief summary judgment. "The critics have spoken: 75% for second *Hobbit* movie." But I'll still apply. Oh, you betcha. Because that's where the critical action is these days. Who knows, but someday, some poor soul might click through to an actual review I've written? A man can dream. Maybe if I'm devoted and diligent enough, I'll get a letter like the one Scott Marks got a couple weeks back, the one that accused him of hating everything and everyone, save "Marty."

I'll keep at it. See you next week. By then, maybe your resolutions will start breaking down and you'll be ready to go see *Her*.

— Matthew Lickona

DIG A HOLE: TOM LAUGHLIN

When news hit this desk that Tom Laughlin died earlier this month of complications from pneumonia, I... just...went...BERSERK!

You want berserk? I was in the audience the night Laughlin four-walled the UA Cinema 150 in Oakbrook, Illinois, to screen an advance 195-minute rough cut of his speechified magnum opus on politics, *Billy Jack Goes to Washington*. The pain was so brutal that to this day, thanks to Laughlin, any sudden shift of my framework results in a pinched coccyx nerve.

BJGTW was the fourth and final installment of the author, director, and political activist's quartet of Billy Jack films that began in 1967 with *The Born Losers*, the series' first, shortest, and far and away most-entertaining entry. The laughably low-rent motorcycle-gang riff on *High Noon* was directed by Laughlin under the pseudonym T.C. Frank and



Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones: remember when you used to black out eyeballs in pictures with a Sharpie?

co-starred an on-the-skids Jane Russell as the mother of a teenage daughter abused by bikers. Wanting to cash in on the success of *Billy Jack*, American International Pictures re-released *The Born Losers* in 1974, calling it "the first appearance of Billy Jack," which led to Laughlin filing a lawsuit.

Watching it again, if you remove the speeches and musical numbers — this thing has more singing than *Cats* — from *Billy Jack*, all that's left is a fight scene in which ten guys take a number and wait in line for the privilege of having their asses kicked by our derbytopped hero.

With a running time just ten minutes shy of three hours, the only one put on trial during *The Trial of Billy Jack* is the audience. The film is less a sequel than a bloated remake of the original.

Before *Close Encounters* and *Star Wars* brought about the multiplexing of America, Thomas Robert "Tom" Laughlin's *The Trial of Billy Jack* forever changed the manner in which films are marketed. The shrewd promoter bought commercial airtime during national newscasts, and his film is credited as being one of, if not the first, film to have a nationwide opening-day release.

His follow-up film, *The Master Gunfighter*, was directed by Laughlin's son, Frank. Not surprisingly, without BJ's coattails to ride on, the tedious shoot-'em-up (co-starring Barbara Carrera and Ron "Superfly" O'Neal) tanked. My comment card must have done the trick, as *Billy Jack Goes to Washington* barely found distribution. A final installment, *The Return of Billy Jack*, featuring our hero waging a oneman war against child pornography, was filmed but never released.

Laughlin could just as easily have returned to acting, where he got his start in 1955. Before Billy, Laughlin appeared in Vincente Minnelli's *Tea* and Sympathy, Robert Altman's *The* Delinquents, South Pacific, and as "Lover Boy," a role essential to the plot of *Gidget*.

Laughlin remained married to his leading lady, Delores Taylor, for 59 years. He leaves behind three children.

His longstanding feud with critics who found little to praise in his work culminated in a full-page manifesto published in the April 2, 1975, edition of *Variety*. In it, Laughlin called out the press for encouraging their readers to seek out works by Buñuel, Renoir, and even Scorsese over his pretentious kickboxing fantasies.

Laughlin sought out the candidacy of president of the United States three times, in 1992, 2004, and 2008. (Insert your own joke here.)

In 1978, Laughlin spoke before the student body of his alma mater, Washington High School in Milwaukee. In his address, the fascist stalwart admitted to being a greaser while attending Washington High and that he once beat up fellow student Gene Wilder.

Laughlin was 82 when he died on December 12. He's with Gilda now.

- Scott Marks

MOVIE LISTINGS

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12 Years a Slave — Hollywood continues to pay reparations for *Gone With the Wind* with this elegiac adaptation of Solomon Northrup's autobiographical saga of a free black man forced into bondage for a dozen years. They might just as well have named it *The Passion of the Slave*. Chiwetel

Ejiofor suffers well under the immutable tongue and whip lashings of Paul Giamatti, Paul Dano, and Michael Fassbender, all playing scenery consuming variations on animalistic crackers we've come to despise in much better surroundings. (Say what you will, your money would be better spent renting Mandingo and Beloved.) In its own saintly manner, it's as exploitative as anything critics accused Django Unchained of being, minus Tarantino's eye for idiosyncrasy and sense of humor. After correctly likening the film's torture porn quotient to that of a Saw sequel, a colleague asked, "Who would want to see this movie?" Answer: Every voting member of the Academy. Steve McQueen (Shame) directed. 2013. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

47 Ronin — Because sometimes seven samurai just aren't enough. Keanu Reeves stars as the mysterious outcast the titular ronin pick up on their way to avenge their murdered master. 2013. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

American Hustle — A heaping helping of period pleasure from director David O. Russell, Irving Rosenfeld (a gutty Christian Bale, resplendent in combover and ascot) is a '70s Jay Gatsby without the class anxiety, a man comfortable with the notion that everybody is, like him, working the con — getting along by lying about themselves (and often, to themselves). And of course, he's got a Daisy Buchanan in Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams, acting her heart out), his partner in love and hustling. But even a happy Gatsby may run afoul of a bully afflicted with overweening ambition and delusions of superiority - in this case, Bradley Cooper's FBI agent, who ropes the pair into helping him go after bigger game. And then there's the Other Woman (Jennifer Lawrence), the sexy blonde who's only half as dumb as she looks. There's a suitably twisty plot, but the point here is the people. It's a bit overlong and overmuch, but it's still a helluva party. 2013. - M.L. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Anchorman 2: The Legend Con-

tinues — Having romped around the harmlessly inane world of local television news in the original, well-coiffed anchorman Ron Burgundy & Co. (Will Ferrell, Steve Carell, David Koechner, and Paul Rudd) enter a world that is much more serious and in much more need of lampooning: the nightmare of infotainment, pandering, and propaganda that is cable television news. It's the sort of embiggening that a sequel demands, but the film isn't much interested in the challenge. (If anything, it makes fun

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of the challenge: Carell's weatherman, once merely simple, goes full nutjob in this one.) This isn't satire, or even spoof — it's farce. If you expect more than that, *fart noise*. The great majority of the proceedings are devoted to Ron's ridiculous personal life, '80s callbacks, and an endless barrage of gags. It's very likely that you'll laugh at some of them. Possibly in spite of yourself. With Christina Applegate. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Frozen — Like the Broadway-bound Ice Capades holding its first out-of-town tryout that it's destined to become, Frozen is a glacially stiff, perpetually unamusing animated musical with a talk-singing score that will leave one pining for the lifeless soundtrack to The Princess and the Frog. Chris Buck (Tarzan) and Wreck-It Ralph co-author Jennifer Lee shared the directing duties. Come for the feature, leave after the five-star featurette. Lauren MacMullan's Get A Horse, the new vintage Mickey Mouse short that opens the show, is a whirlwind animated history lesson 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-goround 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)

Grudge Match — A match between Rocky Balboa and the Raging Bull would have set box offices ablaze were it 1983, but back then, Robert "the Greatest Actor of His Generation" De Niro was too big to spar with a cauliflower-eared Rambonehead like Sylvester Stallone. With three decades and countless flops under their tarnished championship belts, there's no time like the present to cash in on nostalgia. Surprisingly, Stallone and De Niro have a field day spreading their self-deprecating cheer, with the intentional yucks far outweighing the accidental snickers. In the Burgess Meredith role of Stallone's trainer, supreme being Alan Arkin is given plenty of stuff to strut, this time from the comfort of a personal mobility vehicle. It's laughter, guaranteed, every time he opens his mouth. Two major setbacks: the profanity-inhibiting PG-13 rating (O for a "fuck") and the kid who plays De Niro's vexatious grandson, who deserves a fate worse than Clubber Lang. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Hobbit: The Desolation of

Smaug — Peter Jackson continues his mad quest to transform a ripping children's book into an all-encompassing epic. The result is a road movie with entirely too much baggage, a slog through the mires of exposition and special effects. With all the dwarves, wizards, hobbits, orcs, wargs, elves, spiders, dragons, man-bears, enchanted forests, magic keyholes, prophecies, rings, arrows, gems, political themes, love stories, comic relief, fight scenes, and general spectacle Jackson has managed to cram in, he can hardly be blamed if there's not much room for character or felt life. Getting all the pieces in place, that's the main thing; motive and personality can be adjusted as the occasion warrants, and acting is often optional. But if you look closely, you might notice Martin Freeman doing his best with the titular role. And even if you close your eyes, you won't be able to help noticing Benedict Cumberbatch's booming, growling, rasping take on the dragon Smaug. 2013. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire —

Katniss Everdeen won her murder tournament in The Hunger Games. Now she has to deal with the aftermath. Once again, the best reason for seeing a Hunger Games movie is star Jennifer Lawrence, whose protean, Old Hollywood visage brings to mind the line about how They Had Faces Then. And once again, the second best reason is the just-committed-enough supporting cast: Stanley Tucci as the game show host from hell, Elizabeth Banks as Lawrence's style-islife 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. $\bigstar \bigstar$ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Inside Llewyn Davis — The Coen brothers, as successful a pair as any in show business today, consider the fate of a '60s folk duo after one of them jumps off a bridge. (This being the Coen brothers, it is of course the wrong bridge: the George Washington instead of the Brooklyn). Surprise, surprise: the surviving half doesn't regenerate into a stunning solo success. Instead, it — or rather he, the titular Llewyn (a long-suffering Oscar

Isaac) — limps along, leaving some artistic integrity here, some biological material there, some hopes and dreams in the other place. Not everybody gets to be Dylan. Not everybody even gets paid. New York City looks grayly fantastic, and the '60s folk music scene is well and truly (and thoroughly) evoked. But if you're looking for your vicarious suffering to have meaning — well, maybe listen to some folk songs. With Carey Mulligan, F. Murray Abraham, and a scene-munching John Goodman. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST; LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Last Vegas — A wealthy stag finally settles on a trophy bride, and three lifelong friends join him in Vegas for a senescent bachelor party. The Hangover with Depends. Michael Douglas tries, Kevin Kline succeeds, De Niro can barely summon the strength needed to hold a permanent scowl, and Morgan Freeman — engulfing the crowd with an endless stream of incontinence jokes — deserves better, like narrating a penguin picture. Whoever dreamed that the union of director Jon Turtletaub (Phenomenon, National Treasure) and screenwriter Dan Fogelman (Cars, The Guilt Trip) would produce one, let alone a dozen or so intentional laughs? (For fans of inadvertent amusement, there's Bobby D's bewildered "WOW! POOF!"breakdown) One look at lounge chanteuse Diana (Mary Steenburgen, in effect playing a ripened version of Melvin and Howard's Lynda Dumar), and you'll understand why the four oldsters are instantly infatuated. You really can't go wrong with this rare example of a film both good and bad enough to recommend. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom — Idris Elba stars as the late, beloved South African leader, who was not always so

African leader, who was not always so beloved. 2013. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones — The found-footage franchise heads

for the barrio to investigate the world of curanderas, Catholic trinkets, mal de ojo (evil eye), and brujeria hexes. 2014. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Philomena — A snooty journalist (Steve Coogan), remiss when it comes to covering human interest stories, rides shotgun on a road trip with a bemused mother (Judi Dench) in search of the son who, decades earlier, was taken from her and sold for adoption by corrupt Irish Catholic nuns.

Coogan tries his hand at serious drama for the first time here, and the enormously talented writer-comedian — unable to put aside the mugging and under-his-breath oneliners - frequently steers this fact-based. remorse-laden-enough-as-it-is jaunt in the direction of another gooev 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. ★★ (ÎN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Saving Mr. Banks — Walt Disney spent over 20 years of his life struggling to bring author P. L. Travers' Mary Poppins to the screen. As if the story behind the making of Uncle Walt's greatest commercial success didn't provide enough fodder to craft a compelling narrative, screenwriters Kelly Marcel and Sue Smith squander half of director John Lee Hancock's film in dreary flashback, serving up a beanpole backstory concerning Travers' alcoholic father who died of consumption. Live-action Disney by any other name. Emma Thompson's cartoonish take on the fussy Ms. Travers proves one must be Cruella to be kind, and Tom Hanks is probably the only actor in America the studio would trust in the role of venerated showman. Worth it for production designer Michael Corenblith's spot-on recreation of the Disney empire in the early '60s and B.J. Novak and Jason Schwartzman's whimsical performances as the "Poppins" pair of songwriting siblings, Richard and Robert Sherman. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty —

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photo turns up missing, it's up to Stiller to spring into action, transforming from schlub to stud in the process. How happy do you like your endings? With Kristen Wiig, Sean Penn. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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. ★ (AMC LA JOLLA; REGAL ESCONDIDO)

The Wolf of Wall Street — Martin

Scorsese's latest, most outrageous essay on common denominators living the life of upscale, drug-enhanced, and power-infested businessmen to the manner born. Set to the tune of the Master's metronome camera moves, protagonist and unrepentant jerk Jordan Belfort's (Leonardo DiCaprio) first day on the job in a strip-mall penny-stock shithole finds him delivering a master class on how to "sell garbage to garbage men." The energy level in this scene and in Belfort's hilarious third-act, time-released Quaalude crawl suggests the work of a director in his early 30s, not that of a man who just turned 71. Belfort is Scorsese's ultimate surrogate auteur, an evangelical trafficker in power, preaching moxie to his ductile minions. But film remains a collaborative medium, and it would have been nice if screenwriter Terrence Winter hadn't written any scenes whose only purpose was to suck up to the director. Actor-wise, it's Leo's show, and the script calls for the actor to dominate every scene, leaving the supporting cast little to do but bounce off him. It's the weakest entry in Scorsese's cocaine trilogy — which began with Goodfellas and Casino — but running third in that company is no mean feat. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE - SEE SHOWTIMES)

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and zip-tied her arms together, the woman testified. Photos in a camera recovered from the room supported her story.

Two off-duty firemen from Texas were at the hotel; they testified that they heard screams and went to investigate. James Todd Thibodeaus said he witnessed a tiny woman rush from room 107. "She was really distraught when she came out. She was still screaming for help." Thibodeaus then saw a man come out of the room, "So, I yelled at him to sit down when he walked out."

"He said it was a big misunderstanding," Thibodeaus told the jury.

Prosecutor Laurie Hauf said that Terrell could be sentenced to just probation or up to six years in prison. "He doesn't have a criminal record," the deputy district attorney stated.

EVA KNOTT

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Gone is the old-school gym Former customers see opportunity

In business for over ten years, CardifFit, a weight-training gym, recently notified its hundreds of members that it would be clos-

ing on December 31. The announcement came five months early, according to some members, who believed it wouldn't close until May of 2014.

CardifFit is not a place where one might go to lose weight. It is an old-school gym with dumbbells and barbells; it is for the thick-neck/thicker-arms crowd. There are no motivational posters on the two-story-tall white walls, no aerobics classes led by ex-cheerleaders, and no juice bar.

Elvia, a Cardiffit member for nine years, says she will be opening a gym called 8Fitness, on Saxony Road near Encinitas Boulevard. But she said she was anticipating a later opening, believing that Cardiffit was planning to close in mid-2014. Now she and her business partner are scrambling to open sooner.

KEN HARRISON

TIJUANA

U.S. drugs sell like "hot bread" Tijuana junkie and dealer interviews

Marijuana in Mexico is highly illegal and punishment for possession is virtually the same as it is for hard drugs. The "Vive Sin Drogas" ("live without drugs") anti-drug ad campaigns of the '90s convinced most families in Mexico that by smoking a joint people become violent drug addicts willing to do anything for more.

I easily found a drug dealer in the back room of a coffee shop who deals mostly marijuana and cocaine, his own drugs of choice.

"Medical marijuana," he said, is way easier to sell. "I can get rid of an ounce in a matter of hours and people pay the right price." He then implored me to get in contact with medical marijuana patients that are willing to sell.

The drug dealer told me his mom sent him to a rehab center for smoking too much pot. Once in the rehab center, he heard the stories of people who were alcoholics and hard-drug users; when it was his turn to speak, out of shame, the dealer made up a story that he was addicted to drugs harder than pot.

After a few phone calls, the dealer got the news he was waiting for. An ounce of "OG Kush" from a medical dispensary was going to be delivered to him for \$250 in Tijuana. I rode in the car with him. When we arrived at the location, I waited in the car while he went inside apartments that are located a couple miles away from Zona Norte (where most drug deals occur). It took him more than 30 minutes. I became nervous as I saw people walk in and out of the apartment complex.

He finally came out and we headed to a bar in downtown.

"His cousins from L.A. came over and brought him the purest cocaine I have seen," the dealer told me before offering some to me and the people in the back office. I did not partake. Then he revealed the ounce of OG Kush and took out an apple to use as a pipe. He packed it and passed it around. He said he sells a gram for \$15, a higher price than most dispensaries in California and more than eight times the price of Mexican marijuana.

MATTHEW SUAREZ

NORTH PARK

The king must leave

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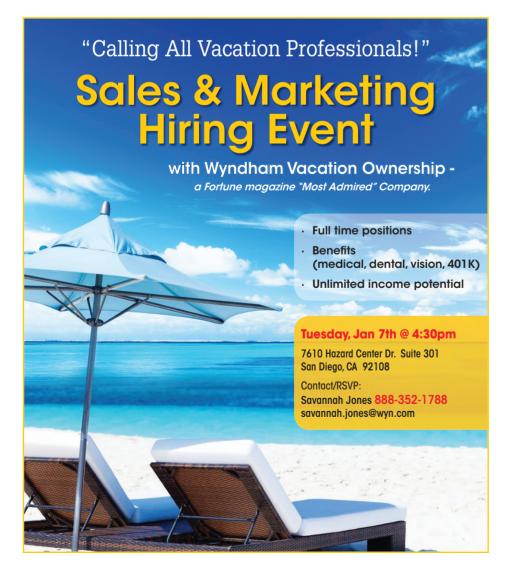
The El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association's Steve Aldana said they received many comments on their Facebook page. Examples: "Wow. Can't say I'll miss it. There's still so much other blight, empty & wasted space on the blvd"; "Yay! Bring on healthier, more community oriented businesses!"; "Could we fit a Trader Joe's there?"

"BK seems to be closing locations around the county, probably as leases expire," said Aldana. "This could be a great opportunity for that area, which has already seen a recent burst of new great independent businesses opening up."

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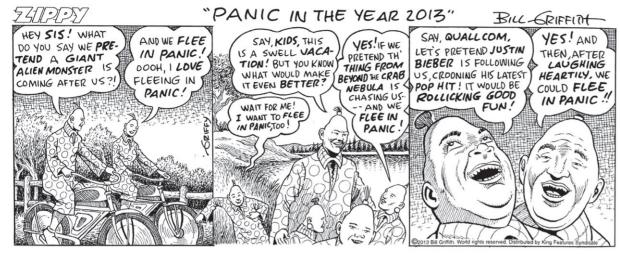




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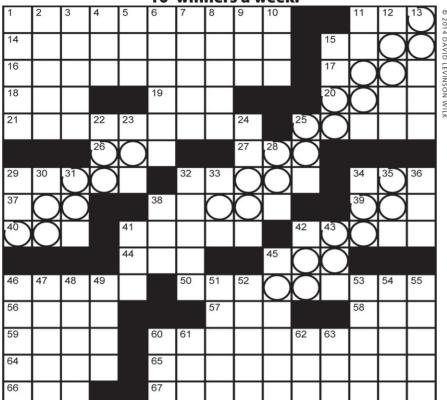
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Across

- 1. Jackpot
- 11. Fish and chips fish
 14. Question after a public
- shellacking
- con leche
- **16.** Like a broken record
- 17. "American _ 18. Inc., abroad
- 19. Part of USNA: Abbr.
- 20. Stuck in
- 21. Pointed to
- 25. Some South Africans26. ____ Plaines, Ill.27. Itemized bill: Abbr.
- 29. Stanford QB drafted #1 in 1983
- **32.** Throng **34.** Jesus, for one
- 37. Minister's moniker
- 38. Lethal snake
- **39.** Bauxite, e.g.
- **40.** Paraguayan author Augusto Bastos
- **41.** As a joke, he submitted to his editor "Big X, little x, XXX. Someday, kiddies, you will learn
- **42.** Fuel for piston-engine aircraft 44. "Positively Entertaining" cable
- channel
- 45. Suffix with fiend **46.** Ethnomusicologist Alan
- "Seinfeld" episode in which Elaine says "I'm never eating here again"
- **56.** Sacha Baron Cohen character

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- **57.** 12/31, e.g. **58.** Imitate **59.** Yard pest

- 60. Steps up or what's featured in
- this puzzle's three areas of circles **64.** Newspaper section
- **65.** Request to a cabby They may be dirt: Abbr.
- 67. Help to prepare dinner, say

Down

- X" (2003 Lisa Kudrow comedy)
- "There's every crowd!
- 3. Used a Smith Corona 4. Garden shed item
- 5. Dr. for the neck up
- 6. Isabella and Maria Luisa, e.g.
- 7. Allow to attack Antipasto tidbit
- "(1990s series) "seaQuest _

- 10. Wide snoe aper 11. Inner circle "Elags" ____ Fathers" (2006 film)
- "Ta-ta!"
- 22. Civil rights advocate 23. 1970s Dodgers All-Star Ron
- **24.** Some gowns on **Q 25.** Hanes alternative Some gowns on Oscar night
- "Straight Outta Compton" rap
- group 29. Ğo wrong
- 30. Barack Obama's sign
- 31. State since 1863: Abbr.
- Dracula, for one
- 33. NFL ball carriers
- 34. Treadmill setting
- **35.** Disco
- "Rushmore" director Anderson
- 38. Jobs' job, once

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 - 43. Kind of tape
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- Kardashian spouse 47. Psalm starter
- 48. Jackson of the Modern Jazz Ouartet and others
- 49. Years and years
- **51.** Gets better **52.** Things released from Pandora's
- 53. Swiss city on the Rhine **54.** Lincoln Center offering
- **55.** Acted like a sycophant
- 60. Wharf locale: Abbr.
- 61. Yours, in Italy
- 62. Brain and spinal cord: Abbr.
- 63. Inventor's crv

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Oh, Dear!

 Among the underreported catastrophes caused by Hurricane Sandy in the New York-New Jersey area in October 2012 was the tragedy that befell the 27,000-case WineCare storage cellar in Manhattan. Though it claimed to have lost only about 5 percent of its inventory when waters from the Hudson River flooded its supposedly secure warehouse, that number apparently did not count the many preserved bottles whose labels washed off, dramatically reducing the value of customers' toweringly priced grape and forcing WineCare into bankruptcy court, according to a New York

Times report in July.

- The California genetic-testing company 23andMe was recently awarded a patent for a computer program that lets parents, by running probabilities through the known relevant cell and DNA variables (of over 240 conditions and traits), predict their "perfect" baby. Of course, the program can provide only the percentage likelihoods, and a company spokeswoman, anticipating a backlash against the concept of "designer babies," rejected the idea that 23andMe would work with fertility clinics.

— In July, just days after the one-year anniversary of the spree killing of 12 people at the Century 16 Theaters in Aurora, Colo., Cassidy Delavergne was arrested after he entered the NCG Trillium theaters in Grand Blanc Township, Mich., wearing full body armor and carrying a loaded gun and a fake CIA bad. Delavergne explained that he wore the equipment only because he did not want to leave it in his car while he watched the movie — and thought the badge might alleviate other patrons' fears.

Super Protests

- Artist David Cerny, fed up with the collapse of the governing parties in the Czech Republic, launched a barge on the River Vitava in Prague in October, holding a gigantic purple hand with middle finger extended, aimed at Prague Castle

(the office of President Milos Zeman).

— In a November protest against Russia's "police state," artist Pyotr Pavlensky, in front of horrified tourists at Moscow's Red Square, nailed the skin of his scrotum into cobblestones near Lenin's Mausoleum. Pavlensky, who was arrested, earlier called his stunt "a metaphor for the apathy, political indifference and fatalism of contemporary Russian society."

Clichés Come to Life

- The Azerbaijani government's official vote totals for the Oct. 8 elections (showing President Aliyev winning, as expected, with 72.76 percent of the votes), was mistakenly released to the public on Oct. 7. Officials blamed a computer app

- Terry Jenkins, 25, was arrested for domestic battery in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in September after, according to the police report, he had asked his girlfriend and her female cousin for a bedroom menage à trois. He then allegedly became enraged when the women paid more attention to each other than to him.

Oops!

 A teenage girl somehow managed to get stuck in a child's swing on a playground in London in September, and soon three trucks carrying 12 firefighters were on the scene and managed to remove the swing from its frame to free her.

- New York University student Asher Vongtau, 19, somehow managed to fall into a two-foot-wide shaft between a dorm and a garage in November and remain stuck for 36 hours until campus security officers spotted him and called firefighters. (He was hospitalized in serious condition.)

Least Competent Criminals

— Steven Campbell, 51, entering a courthouse in Kelso, Wash., in November for a hearing on his previous arrest for possession of methamphetamine, apparently failed to consider that he would be searched and was forced to hand over to courthouse screeners a three-inch methamphetamine pipe with suspected meth residue on it.

Fine Points of the Law

- A 43-year-old Canadian man is not guilty, argued his lawyer in court in November, of violating a local Dubai law on public insults, even though he used the "f-word," because he had merely uttered "[f-word] off" and not "(f-word) you." Explained the lawyer, "[f-word] off" is simply a demand (in Canada, anyway) that someone leave you alone.

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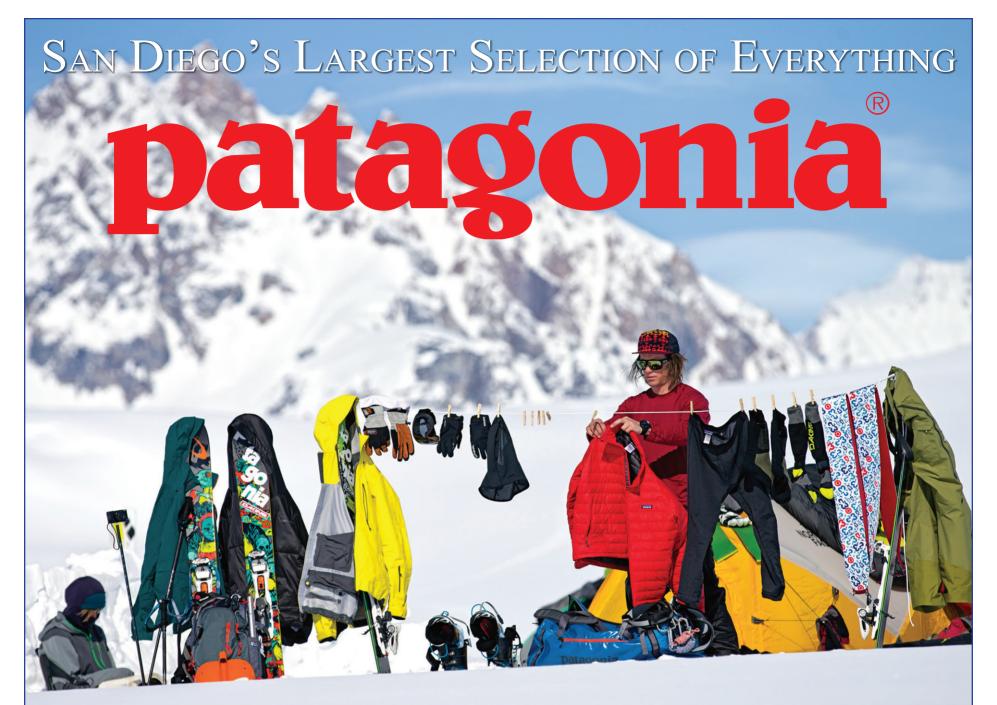


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