



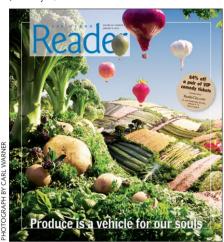






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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Serial shoplifter popped

Antifreeze grab and Al-Qaeda accusations Oceanside — Tom C. Vuong, 50, allegedly made a ruckus at the Walmart on the corner of College Boulevard and Highway 76 on December 15. He was arrested for his actions.

According to testimony given in court on December 31, Vuong was approached by store employees who suspected he had



Tom Vuong, accused of stealing "with impunity"

made a fraudulent return. In response, Vuong is said to have loudly claimed to be part of the FBI and CIA; then he accused a store employee of working for the KGB and being an "Al-Qaeda operative," according to Oceanside police officer Robert Sarracino.

Vuong was observed entering the Walmart with nothing in his hands. He allegedly took two items off store shelves — a space heater and a large container of antifreeze — and then walked them over to the service desk and presented an old receipt, according to a loss-prevention officer.

The employee claimed he had seen Vuong perform the same routine at least twice before, but this time he was careful to document the fraudulent activity on surveillance video. "He steals with impunity," San Diego County prosecutor Brandon Owens told the judge. Vuong has a history of theft and fraud, according to the deputy district attorney.

Vuong was ordered to answer one felony charge of commercial burglary, also known as shoplifting.

Eva Knott

"No conflict" in murder case

Former DA took evidence cash as fee San Diego — Former San Diego district attorney, current criminal defense lawyer Paul Pfingst will remain as counsel for a woman accused of murdering her husband, a judge ruled on January 3.

In November, prosecutor Keith Watanabe alleged that Pfingst had handled evidence in the case, specifically a "get-away-bag," and that Pfingst advised the defendant's father to "secret" that evidence.

On January 3, superior court judge Blaine Bowman declared "there is no actual conflict" and "there is no potential conflict" and "there is not even an appearance of conflict." The court responded to a prosecutor's request to decide if there might be conflict if the defense attorney was called as a witness during the same murder trial.

Defendant Julie Harper has been present for all hearings on the matter and was repeatedly asked if she wanted Pfingst to remain as her counsel; she told the judge that she did.

Harper was taken into custody in August 2012, suspected in the killing of her husband. Jason.

Eva Knott

Nuclear power myth

Site too expensive for consumers

San Onofre — The long-touted economic benefits of using nuclear energy may turn out to have been a pipe dream for customers of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and other nuclear plants nationwide, according to newly released findings from economic analyst Mark Cooper of the Vermont Law School Institute for Energy and the Environment.

According to a Government Accountability Office study, a "best case" scenario over the next 100 years that assumes no accidents or other unexpected costs would result in an additional \$100 billion cost to taxpayers as a result of having nowhere for the nuclear waste to go.

Dave Rice

City sued for smelly cove

Fence encourages sea lion and bird pooping $La\ Jolla$ — A group calling itself Citizens for Odor Nuisance Abatement has filed a superior-court suit against the City of San Diego and interim mayor Todd Gloria, according to Courthouse News Service.

The suit demands that the city clean up excrement from rocks in La Jolla Cove and take down the fence that limits public access to it.

The group claims the fence was erected



Sea lion poop brings on a lawsuit

without public notice or an environmental impact report and violates the Local Coastal Plan requiring access. The suit claims that fencing off the public led to the buildup of sea lion poop and cormorant guano that

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A U.S. Marshals official shows a girl how restraining cuffs work. Local defense attorneys aren't happy that all of their clients must wear them in federal court.

Chained until proven innocent

By Marty Graham

Defendants are currently brought to federal court in leg and arm shackles attached at the waist and are required to wear

them for almost every federal court hearing outside of trial and sentencing, following a recent policy set by the national United States Marshal Service.

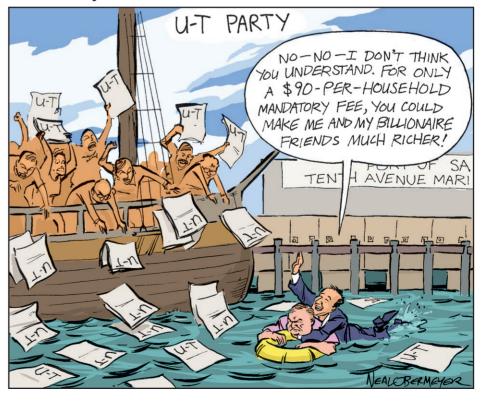
Defense lawyers are

protesting the restraints, on the record, to the judges. They say the shackles are inhumane and prejudice the proceedings.

"It's shocking to see people bound hand and foot, it's something from the Middle Passage or Jim Crow era," says Reuben Cahn, head of Federal Defenders, which represents indigent clients in federal court. "It's humiliating and demeaning. It tells defendants that all the rights the courts say people have — the right to be tried by their peers and the right to a fair trial, that they are innocent until proven guilty — that all of that is meaningless."

Every one of the 58 lawyers Cahn supervises is protesting on the record

Neal Obermeyer



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It's all smiles when folks try the shackles at a U.S. Marshals public event, but attorney Gene Iredale (above) says their mandatory use for all defendants in federal court creates a guilty-till-proven-innocent atmosphere.

that the shackles violate clients' rights, including their Fifth Amendment rights, he said. But almost all of the judges defer to the Marshals Service and leave defendants shackled throughout their hearings.

The majority of federal court defendants are there for nonviolent offenses.

"In this district, most defendants are first-time offenders with borderrelated crimes, crossing illegally for the second time, smuggling drugs — big and small quantities — and transporting illegal aliens," Cahn said.

Most of the defendants in San Diego federal court are there for nonviolent, border-related defenses. Of 3373 criminal cases handled in the courts in 2012, 33 were for violent offenses that include four homicides. According to the U.S. Courts Judicial Business 2012 report, the district handled 1283 immigration-related cases, including illegal re-entry, more than any other federal court district in the Ninth Circuit. (Arizona had more illegal re-entry cases but fewer immigration cases.) The courts handled 1539 drug cases, including 313 marijuana cases, usually involving smuggling — 20 percent of all the cases in the Ninth Circuit.

Contacted for comment, the U.S. Marshal Service provided of copy of a letter from presiding U.S. District judge Barry Ted Moskowitz outlining the reasoning behind the change. The letter clearly says the judges retain the ability to ask the marshals to remove the chains during proceedings.

The policy change may be tied to an incident in judge Irma Gonzalez's court in the spring of last year, when one of several Mexican Mafia codefendants attacked another during a hearing. The marshals say one gangster stabbed the other, while the lawvers present describe the attack as punching.

Ironically, Judge Gonzalez is one of few judges who will order defendants unshackled for hearings.

Gene Iredale, who practices in federal court, has protested the shackling at hearings. He calls the practice "demeaning and ugly."

"The imposition of a blanket chaining order without there being a serious threat is not in keeping with the federal tradition enunciated by U.S. Supreme Court justice Felix Frankfurter that the courts are palladiums of liberty," he said.

Iredale feels the shack-

ling policy is a solution to a problem that didn't exist. "Here in San Diego, the Marshals Service has always been extraordinary in dealing with the security of the courtroom and the humanity of the defendants."

Chaining, Iredale stated, "says the person is treated like an animal, has no human value, has no rights."

Cahn said he has clients charged with first-time, nonviolent offenses for whom shackling is painful.

"I have a client who is a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan who suffered extensive spine and bone injuries from an IED and has post-traumatic stress disorder. It not only causes him physical pain to be held in that position and unable to walk upright, but it causes him extraordinary anguish because of the PTSD."

Cahn says the impact of being shackled on people who have never been convicted of anything may affect the justice they seek.

"I'm concerned our clients will abandon their defenses so they don't have to go to court. We have clients who don't want their families at the proceedings because it's too humiliating," he explained. "This is punishment before the

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UNDER THE RADAR

Failed pension prosecutor turns Obama judge wannabe

A big-time lawyer from San Diego who has been nominated by **Barack Obama** for a seat on the oft-controversial U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has revealed his income and net worth as part of the senate's confirmation process. John Owens, currently a partner in the mega-firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson, joined the firm in 2012

after 11 years with the U.S. Attorney's Office here, where he was head of the criminal division and before that deputy chief of major fraud prosecutions. Owens was first in his 1996 class at Stanford law school but has since encountered his share of failure. In his most famous turn here, Owens was the lead prosecutor in the

2009 case against five ex-members of the city of San Diego's retirement board who had been indicted for allegedly conspiring to underfund the city's pension system. The case against the defendants, who included ex-firefighters union chief Ron Saathoff and former system administrator Lawrence Grissom, was thrown out in April 2010 by U.S. district judge **Roger Benitez** on the grounds that the charges brought under the so-called honest services fraud law they'd been indicted on were too vague. The government decided not to pursue the matter, and city taxpayers later got stuck with

a multimillion-dollar defense tab. In the days preceding the dismissal, a February 2004 email written by then-city attornev Casey Gwinn and subsequently reported by the Union-Tribune was used to cast doubt over the prosecution's case. "The United States Attorney has no

evidence of any

criminal wrongdoing but has created a criminal investigation in order to avoid being 'one-upped' by the SEC," wrote Gwinn to an outside law firm for the city.

According to the National Law Journal, Owens reported getting a \$840,845 partnership draw from Munger, Tolles in 2012. He said his net worth was \$2.5 million and he owns a Scripps Ranch residence valued at \$826,000. At his senate confirmation hearing in October, Owens avoided

discussing too many details of his judicial philosophy, saying, "I was very fortunate to have clerked for Judge J. Clifford Wallace and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and together they taught me a few lessons and the first is you have to be fair and impartial at all times. You're not rooting for one side. You have to just decide cases on the law. And as an appellate court judge, you have a very limited role. Your job is to review that case — not some other case based solely on the record and under the appropriate standard of review." The Los Angeles office of Munger,

Tolles has been a popular

legal and judicial bullpen for

Democratic presidents. One-

time partner **Alan Bersin** was

named U.S. attorney here by president Bill Clinton. In addition to Owens, Obama has nominated Michelle Friedland, another partner, to the Ninth Circuit. Her disclosure revealed she

New Obama appellate appointee John

discussing his judicial philosophy.

Owens has been short on specifics when

received \$765,942 in 2012 compensation. Federal appeals judges make \$184,500. **Domestic violence done to** city treasury An audit by the office of

California controller John Chiang has demanded a refund from the City of San Diego for allegedly overbilling the state for domestic-violence reports required under California law. A

> state mandate provides funding of local police response to domestic violence reports, but Chiang's report said



violence. The incidents involved issues such as vandalism and court order violations that were not domestic violence," the auditor's office wrote in a report addressed to acting mayor Todd Gloria. "The city claimed \$1,026,797 for the mandated program," the document says. "Our audit found that \$471,490 is allowable (\$480,853 less a \$9,363 penalty for filing a late claim) and \$555,307 is unallowable." In a letter of response,

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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 faculty. 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

It at SDSU," December 26).

an assistant for \$60,000 or so for a University Honors program for high-achieving students? It certainly makes more sense than spending several million dollars each on a basketball and football coach to recruit athletes who otherwise would never make it into the university on their academic records.

Kudos to SDSU for doing what Cal State Long Beach and several other CSUs began several years ago: setting up programs to entice and challenge the best and brightest of California's high school graduates.

> Jon Komatsu San Diego

To Entice and Challenge

There goes Matt Potter again with his blunderbuss firing off at anything connected with San Diego State (Under the Radar: "Double Tracking

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IMPERIAL BEACH

Not our fault

SANDAG rejects damage claims of residents

Five of the 20 Imperial Beach homeowners and groups that filed damage claims for the flooding that followed SANDAG's beach-replenishment project were turned away on December 20. SANDAG's board voted that



Imperial Beach condos subjected to flooding

the five could not file late claims with the multigovermental agency that handled the project.

In September and October 2012, SANDAG contractors moved 450,000 cubic yards of sand onto .8 mile of beach. By November, the condominium buildings on Seacoast Drive south of Imperial Beach Boulevard had started experiencing problems from seawater pooling next to and underneath the buildings — including in underground parking garages. The flooding and standing water continued through the end of January, owners said.

"When SANDAG did the sand replenishment, the water was flooding under our foundations," said Robin Clegg, who serves on the board of the 44-unit Boca Rio Homeowners Association. "We were

inundated with seawater around our foundation and we're not sure what will happen in the future — the long-term effects of saltwater around our rebar and cast-iron pipes and any wiring in the garages."

How the sand was banked and whether or not the buildings would have flooded anyway — since they are near sea level — are among the issues disputed in the claims process, according to SANDAG officials. But to Clegg and the other homeowners, the cause was clear.

Under government regulations, in order to sue for damages, claimants must first file claims with the government and have them rejected. It's not clear what will happen with the alleged damages of the five homeowners, including Clegg and her husband and their HOA.

"We've gotten a lawyer," Clegg said. "We intend to pursue this."

MARTY GRAHAM

ESCONDIDO

City contemplates equinecentric park

El Caballo Park is taking shape based on community involvement

Ensconced in the eastern edge of Escondido between the Humane Society and dog park, the Charros Arena and its surroundings serve as a staging ground for hikers, bikers, and horse riders. The south end of Daley Ranch's Caballo Trail also starts there.

With the coalescence of local groups, including El Caballo Conservancy, the Escondido Charros, Eureka Springs Homeowners Group, and the Humane Society, an equinecentric El Caballo Park is taking shape.

Last April, the City of Escondido awarded a \$50,000 contract to landscape architect Tim Smith to generate the park's master plan. With enthusiastic public input during three public meetings held in September, October, and November, Smith created a park containing an upgraded Charros Arena and four additional arenas 55 feet in diameter.

MICHAEL MULLENNIEX

CHULA VISTA

Bye-bye, bargain tickets

Chula Vista's UltraStar theater to close

There will be fewer options for low-budget South Bay moviegoers when the Ultra-Star Cinemas movie theater in Chula Vista shuts down early this year.



Fewer low-budget movie houses in the South Bay when UltraStar becomes an AMC.

"We've been purchased by AMC," said Cheryl Dodge, a manager at UltraStar, referring to the AMC Theatres chain. Dodge said the theater would be closed and completely remodeled before opening again as an AMC theater in the summer of 2014.

The Chula Vista UltraStar has been a "play it again" theater, offering discount admission to films that have left other theaters, for several years.

Dodge said that the theater, located in the Chula Vista Center shopping area, had been struggling for years.

"It's too bad, because these are hard times," said Dodge. "Here, you can bring your whole family for \$20 and get \$1 hot dogs."

VINCENT FARNSWORTH

OCEANSIDE

Off-track horse-race betting premieres

This year, Del Mar to host first ever fall racing season

Coinciding with opening day of horse-racing season at the Santa Anita track in L.A., Ocean's Eleven Casino in Oceanside premiered coastal North County's only off-track betting lounge on December 26.

While there is a nominal admission fee for access to the new lounge, races can be

viewed free on other screens in the poker and blackjack card rooms, with betting at self-serve tote machines. As I watched a few races in the new facility, those taking the cheap way would miss the atmosphere of a group of race fans cheering and growling as the winning and losing horses run across the finish line.

Al, from Oceanside, came in to bet on the Santa Anita races. He said his system of betting wasn't working. He expected to come in twice a week to the new facility.

Paul, from Escondido, said he likes to watch only the California races. He said he'll bring up to \$100 to bet and plans to attend once or twice a week. But he admits to drinking some of his \$100 pot. His handicapping system? "Whatever Al's not doing," he said. Paul added that the staff is used to card players. "They've never dealt with us horse players before."

KEN HARRISON

TIJUANA

Acción Poética invades

Some call it poetry, some call it garbage

In Tijuana over the summer, many walls were painted white and then short verses were painted on them. The lines that seemingly were intended to promote art, culture, and poetry are now filled with tags, and imitators have popped up to make fun of the poems.

The plain, coherent grafitti is said to have been started in 1996 by Armando Alanís Pulido in Monterrey, Mexico. Reportedly, there are now white walls with short verses signed "Acción Poética" in more than 70 cities in Mexico, 23 countries in Latin America, as well as in Spain, Angola, and Italy.

An anonymous tag that reads, "I get high so I stop thinking about you," appeared next to one that reads, "I exist when I think of you," signed by Acción Poética. The movement that calls itself poetic is an inspiration to many, a hardship on the eyes for some, and comedy gold for others.

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We live in the most inventive region in the U.S.

In July, the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development released its ranking of the world's most inventive cities. Second on the list — right behind Eindoven, Netherlands — was San Diego. The city claims 8.9 patents for every 10,000 residents, thanks to companies such as Qualcomm.

Cross Border terminal makes Mega-Region more accessible

As the U.S. and Mexican governments launch a new initiative to build stronger business ties across the border, they are looking at San Diego's Cali Baja Bi-national Mega-Region as a model for finding ways that industry clusters in both countries can work together. The new cross border terminal will allow travelers from San Diego and Tijuana to hop on flights out of the neighboring cities.

Pivot to the Pacific sends resources to San Diego

The United States defense strategy has deemed that a Pivot to the Pacific, aligning defense resources with the Pacific Rim, is a crucial foreign policy strategy. Because of San Diego's location and existing military footprint, this meant the region was wellpositioned, despite sequestration, to gain valuable resources. According the SDMAC Military Economic Impact Study, the

> two aircraft carriers home ported here will each add about \$500 million to the economy.

Intellect leads innovation economy

San Diego's top-tier universities are essential for priming a talented workforce that helps push the economy forward. When

President Obama announced his BRAIN initiative in April, UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla was invited to Washington. Given its strong cognitive sciences program, the university — which raked in more than \$1 billion in research funding this past year — will be one of the academic institutions leading the charge.

Construction on desalination project begins

Construction on the largest desalination plant in the western hemisphere began in early 2013. The construction of the plant will provide more than 2300 jobs and will sustain 575 jobs when it is completed in 2016. Not only does the Carlsbad facility employ ground-breaking local technologies, but it also promises to transform about 50 million gallons of seawater into drinking water each day, which will meet 7 to 10 percent of San Diego's water needs.

Craft Beer powers regional economy

The San Diego region, which is home to more than 70 craft breweries, is commanding a growing percent of the nation's craft beer production. From Men's Journal to The New York Times, people worldwide are also catching wind of breweries such as Stone, Ballast Point, Karl Strauss. This year, the industry hosted its first "SD Craft Beer Hospitality and Tourism Summit."

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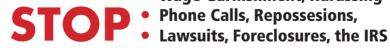
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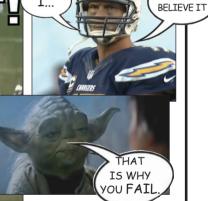
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emember the three-out-of-four-NFL-wildcard-games-might-be-blacked-out story? Things are changing in the NFL. Which makes sense; my relationship with the NFL has changed several times.

Relationship 1. I'm hitchhiking with Gretchen, heading south on Highway 99, somewhere around Turlock. Hitchhiking goes in streaks. A run of great rides, run of no rides, run of bad rides. We are in the no-rides section. It was a little after 7 p.m. It was December. It was dark. It was cold, below freezing. We were walking fast and clapping our hands to keep warm.

We heard crowd noise ahead. The crowd was cheering. Hey, it's coming from a bar. With wide smiles we entered the tavern. It was warm, it was friendly, everybody was watching Monday Night Football.

We stood at the bar and ordered beers. And since the place was so friendly, so comfortably warm, and since the crowd was so into the game, oohing and awing all the time, we oohed and awed and watched the game with them. Turned out, it was a once-in-a-decade game, played in a blizzard. Intensely dramatic. And so, for the next interval of years, whenever I wanted to watch an NFL game, I'd go to a bar.

Relationship 2. I was living in Arden, an abandoned station on the Union Pacific railroad line, ten miles south of the Las Vegas Strip. I was attending UNLV every once in awhile, as was David Bry, a graduate student, compatriot, and degenerate NFL gambler.

I'd ride along with David as he made his rounds at the Vegas sportsbooks. This was pre-internet. You'd drive over to Leroy's or the Stardust or the Castaways and check their betting lines. The lines came out Monday noon at the Union Plaza. You'd want to check that. Lines change during the week. You'd want to check that.

During football season, we'd gather at David's rented house, a few blocks off the Strip. Three TVs, big backyard, 20 or so people, half girl friends, half bettors. Eat, drink, talk, watch football, and play volleyball. But, at the two-minute warning, everyone gathered before the TVs to check scores and consider their halftime bets.

My NFL relationship was distant. Nothing beats the fan out of you quicker than betting on a game. Your loyalties follow your money.

Relationship 3. I started out right. My first NFL game as a reporter was Super Bowl XIX, 49ers vs. Dolphins at Stanford Stadium.

I'd worked my usual season in the arctic, and on the way out stopped by the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*. I had no eyes to become a journalist; I just wanted to see a Super Bowl for free. I pitched a trade to the managing editor: "You give me a credential, I'll be your correspondent."

Super Bowl week arrived. Since I had a credential I could go to all the parties. I went to all the parties. There were news conferences every day. I'd go to them. There was a day to interview all the players. I talked to all the players.

Game day, I was in this press booth, and the only thing I saw were little ants running around on a green field. This was turning into a great game and I had placed myself in a spot where I couldn't watch it. So, I left the stadium at halftime, found a nearby bar, and grabbed a prime seat in front of the TV.

And later, when I went to work for the *Reader*, there were many press-pass NFL games. But, I was working, which erases the fun part. I'd be at games looking for something to write about. Worse, I was looking to write about something no one else was writing about. It was a job.

Relationship 4. For me, watching a live NFL game on television is out of the question. I would rather spend the day in an airport terminal than watch a live NFL game. Exception when you're with friends.

Watching live NFL is watching arrogance and greed. The normal amount of time it takes to play an NFL game is three hours and 15 minutes. According to a 2010 article in the *Wall Street Journal*, the average NFL game consists of 11 minutes of action. Average time spent on replays is 17 minutes. An average play lasts four seconds. There are over 100 ads. That was written four years ago. The ad load has increased since then.

I have a TiVo with a 30-second forward button. I record the game, wait until the third quarter begins in real time, start watching the TiVo recording, zap through commercials and halftime, finish the game almost to the minute when the game finishes in real time.

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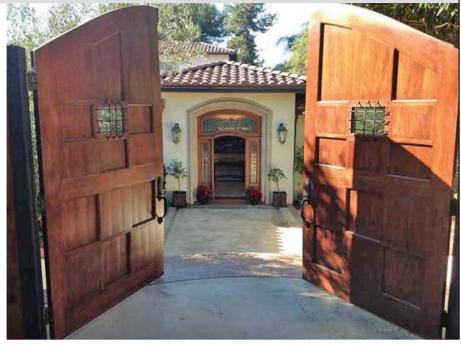
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There are two master bedrooms (plus three more with private baths) — the largest is nearly 400 square feet without counting the bath, which features "a Kohler jet tub, his and hers toilets, showers with jets, and separate sinks." The bronze floor accents continue in the master bath as well. The bedroom itself features a granite slab fireplace made of Typhoon Bordeaux granite imported from Brazil.

The kitchen features cabinetry from noted La Jolla designer William Ohs, along with professional-grade appliances including dual chef's ovens. In addition to the kitchen's dining area, the home boasts a formal dining room and two outdoor

gazebos with formal and casual outdoor seating options. The home also has two bars, one poolside and another adjacent to the living room.

A large game room upstairs leads to a separate guest suite, also equipped with its own bath and a private balcony with views of the surrounding hillside.

Outside, the half-acre estate features a unique palm tree fountain, a grassy yard with full complement of children's playground equipment, and a lounge area with fire pit in addition to the aforementioned gazebos and poolside bar with built-in barbecue.

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Jet tub in master bedroom

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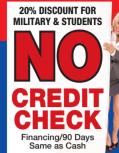
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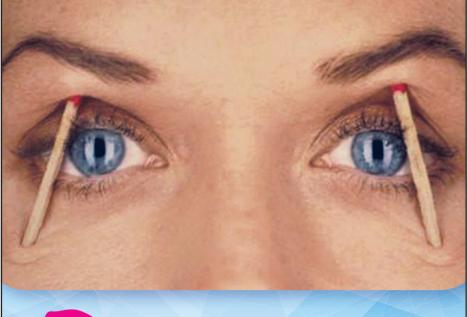






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It's a new year, and the Kelly family is looking for a new adventure.

"Zip-line riding is on my bucket list," offered my husband.

"I'm on it," I said.

"Our flight-line Safari is pretty popular," said Jason of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park (760-747-8702; *sdzsafaripark.org*). "The zip-line is three-quarters of a mile long, 160 feet above the ground, and you get up to speeds of 50 miles per hour.

The zip-line also takes you over the Asian field exhibit — you travel over the rhinos."

Jason noted the

zip-line ride was pretty quick. "Your ride lasts around two minutes, but the whole experience takes about an hour. You get your gear and orientation and training on a mini zip-line, like a test run. Then you take a truck up to the upper launch area, where the guide hooks your harness onto a sturdy cable trolley. If you are in a group, each person gets

so you can have the experience together."

The weight limit is between 130 and 250 pounds. "Also, we ask that you have closed-toe shoes."

released within a few seconds of each other

"The cost is \$77, but you also must buy a ticket [\$40] to get into the Safari Park first," said Jason. "Right now, we are only running the zip-line on the weekend, so the best thing to do is purchase the zip-line ticket when you come into the park and reserve a time spot."

It sounded fun, but I knew my guys would want a longer zipline adventure. I contacted Navitat Zip-line Canopy Adventure in Wrightwood, about 140 miles from San Diego (760-249-9990; navitat.com/wrightwood-ca). Abby Burt told me that the zip-line park "is located on 300 scenic acres in the San Gabriel Mountains. It has a four-season climate and incredible long-range views. What makes Navitat so special is that it is a 100 percent tree-based experience. All the platforms are built up high in the huge pines and fir trees. Our guests get the opportunity to explore hundreds of acres of forestland from a totally unique perspective. We have the highest and fastest zip-lines in Southern California.

"Our tours appeal to people of all ages," continued Burt, "but we do ask that participants be at least ten years old and between

"From the snow-covered tree tops you can reach speeds of up to 55 miles per hour."

90 and 250 pounds. We run our tours rain or shine — and zip-lining in the rain can be a blast. However, during the winter season guests can expect to zip-line in the snow.

From the snow-covered tree tops you can reach speeds of up to 55 miles per hour."

I brought our conversation back to those "highest and fastest" zip-lines. "At Navitat, our guests are always clipped into safety lines when off of the ground, and two highly trained guides handle all safety gear for all groups. Redundant safety systems are built into our tour; for example, at Navtiat, you zip-

line on two cables instead of one [as is typical at most outfitters]. Guests are taught to brake and steer themselves, but we also have secondary brakes that can be operated by the guides."

Next, I spoke with Kim, who gave me the details about the two winter tours offered. "For the winter season, we only run tours Friday through Sunday. The first tour is our Zip-line Canopy Tour [\$109], which runs three and a half hours. It includes

eight zip-lines, four bridges, and one rappel. On that one, the highest zip-line is 300 feet off the ground, and the

off the ground, and the longest one is 1500 feet.
The bridges are considered sky bridges — they are rope bridges in the treetops. With the rappel, you use ropes to lower yourself down from a platform to the

ground. The guides are assisting you with this. The Quest Tour [\$50] lasts an hour and a half and has four zip-lines and one free-fall rappel. For that, you leap off a platform and experience an eight- to ten-foot free fall, but we use a delay device so by the end you can be lowered slowly to the ground."

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At first, Joe Rodriguez didn't believe his farm was poisoning him. He had been growing crops for more than 40 years when he and his family realized his illnesses were being caused by exposure to the agricultural chemicals and pesticides that he used on their farm.

"At first I didn't believe it when my son tried to convince me that the pesticides were catching up with me." Rodriguez, 78, stands overlooking his 80 acres of land filled with crops and greenhouses. "But we decided in 1986 to be certified as organic after getting rid of the poison we were spraying on the crops. You know, when you spray [the pesticide] it kills everything, so it made sense that it could be killing me."

Rodriguez has just driven up in a dusty old no-name car, one of his great-grandsons on his lap, laughing and steering the car. He proudly points to his greenhouses, their plastic roofs gleaming in the sun, and tells me the story of how his father, Amado Rodriguez arrived in America from Mexico in the 1920s as a member of a railroad gang when he was only 15.

"After the railroad he drifted around and ended up in Buena Park," he says as his great-grandson runs off to play. "He grew cabbage and later strawberries and was able to make a living. He had nine kids but only two of us stayed on the farm."

His father did so well he

The Rodriguez family switched to organic farming when their patriarch Joe (farthest back) grew sick from pesticide use. bought property near what is now Knott's Berry Farm. But soon he began to feel squeezed out as shopping malls and tract houses began to surround his farm, so he moved to Escondido.

"I thought I might go to college and be an engineer someday," says the patriarch, smiling. "But here I am still today."

Rodriguez's son J.R. led the way for his family's ranch, Rodriguez Family Farms, to become certified organic after he, too, became ill. Now pests are controlled by favorable insects, crop rotation, and soil management. J.R. overseas the fertilizers, including rock phosphate, green sand, worm castings, and kelp instead of synthetic pesticides.

The Rodriguez farm lies in the rolling hills of Escondido, a few hairpin turns from Valley Center. Where chaparral once grew, organic lettuce, heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, and more now thrive in the North County sun below ranch-style houses that crown the hill. People of all ages work in the sheds, packing flowers, fruits, and vegetables while men in the field bend over in the sun and hand weed the strawberries. Lazy mutts sleep in the sun and toddlers run in and out of the shed for a hug or a piece of ripe melon from their

grandfather. Everywhere you look there are tractors, plows, cultivators and other types of farm equipment. Rusted windmills stand tall among rows of lettuce and spinach.

Almost everyone in the extended Rodriguez family works on or for the farm. Erma Rodriguez-Clark comes out of one of the houses and joins us. She is the patriarch's daughter and works on the business side of the farm. When the heat wave in September forced temperatures over 100 degrees, some crops didn't make it, she says, and that hurt the family's bottom line. "The kale and collard greens got hit with the heat and then a new beetle came in and finished the job," Rodriguez-Clark says with a shake of her head. "When that happens, all you can do is pull it all out and start over as fast as vou can."

Rodriguez-Clark said that last year the farm brought in about \$700,000. This vear — with sales from 18 farmers' markets from San Diego to Los Angeles, retail markets, and communitysupported agriculture programs (which offer weekly shares of seasonal fruits and vegetables delivered in boxes to customers) — she hopes they will hit the \$1 million mark.

To get the full tour of the farm, I climb into a truck driven by Michael Clark, 24, grandson of Joe and son of Erma. "Our strawberries are big sellers at the farmers' markets," Clark says as the truck bounces and squeaks down the dirt road, "Recently the family started growing blueberries," Clark says. "The more strawberries we grow, the more they sell. And blueberries are a super food, so I expect we will do well with those. I think people of my generation really want to know where their food is coming from and that it's

safe to eat." I first met Clark at the Little Italy farmers' market. Clark works on the farmers' market end of the family business and travels up and down Southern California during the week, pleasing and appeasing loyal customers. On that sunny Saturday in September he was busy selling heirloom tomatoes. (J.R.'s grows six varieties of the popular fruit.) "The thing about growing organic," he said while making change and bagging fruit, "is that if something happens to a crop and you can't sell the produce, people are disappointed and they want to know why. Growing without pesticides is very difficult. That's why most farmers don't grow organic. There are rules and costs to doing it this way. But to us it's the only way."

Now in the truck, we pull over to inspect some squash and Clark explains that he hasn't always worked for the farm. And he didn't grow up on the property, either. But something pulled him in.

"I've always been a part of it, but I didn't think I would be a farmer," he says. "I like being on the

"We have about three acres of greenhouses where we can grow okra and tomatoes and peppers."

sales end. I'm learning a lot from my Uncle Joe, and I want to continue working for the family."

We climb back into the truck and pass the entrance to the ranch, where a colorful sign advertises Rodriguez Family Farms. Odd metal sculptures of horses



are displayed in front of the sign. Clark smiles. "My grandfather just started bringing those things home one day because he liked them," he said. "They're kind of funny."

We drive near the pumpkin patch, where a lone palm tree looks out of place. Trailers in which farm hands live dot the area. We bump along and finally stop in front of the greenhouses and walk into one of the plastic-walled structures. The aroma of herbs, mostly basil, makes my eyes water.



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"'Organic' is a legal term, and you can't use it unless you are certified," says the county's Nancy Stalnaker.

showing off the herbs and other produce, his cousin, Jose Gregorio Rodriguez, called Goyo, comes ambling in, a wide smile on his face. Goyo has lived on the farm his whole life and is proud of his family heritage.

Video interviews with organic farmers at sdreader.com/videos

"Isn't this great?" he asks. "We have about three acres of

greenhouses where we can grow okra and tomatoes and peppers. Because of this and the climate we can grow all year."

The three of us walk into another greenhouse where some of the ruined crops still stand. "We're pulling the last of this out tomorrow," Goyo explains. "This was crazy. Between the bugs and the heat they were just gone. Not everyone

understands that we are at the mercy of a lot of factors being organic. You explain to the customer, but they just want to know where their broccoli is. They want organic, but it's not that easy."

Goyo says goodbye and Clark and I drive back to where we started. His grandfather is in the packing shed

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and waves for us to stop. Clark disappears and comes out with a small box of produce for me.

That night I serve my husband Ralph a salad of cucumbers

savs Eric Larson, executive director of the San Diego Farm Bureau. "In 2012 there were 348 certified organic growers registered with the county. That ranked San Diego County as having

the highest number of organic farmers of any

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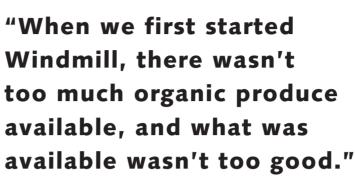
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"'Natural' is a term that can be widely used by just about anybody and has no strict definition," Larson of the farm bureau tells me later. "The term

'organic' cannot be used unless the farmer is certified organic and meets the strict standards of the National Organic Program as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture. Further, organic farmers have to be certified by a recognized third-party certifier to ensure the NOP standards have been strictly followed."

Nancy Stalnaker is



and heirloom tomatoes. Ralph doesn't like cucumbers and he stopped eating tomatoes because of the lack of taste. He asks for seconds.

The difference between "natural" and "organic"

"Each year the County Department of Agriculture releases the figure for the previous year,"







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the supervising agricultural standards, weights and measures inspector for the county of San Diego. "'Organic' is a legal term, and you can't use it unless you are certified," she says. "The terms 'natural' and 'sustainable' are not verifiable, and as a consumer you can't always trust that they are not using pesticides."

Stalnaker says customers should look for an organic vendor certification at the booth if they want to purchase organic produce.

Organic growers earn the right to be certified by paying a fee of anywhere from \$100 to \$500, making sure they follow the National Organic Rules, and passing inspections on a regular basis.

"The reason

for organic growers besides the health issues are that the soils were being depleted," Stalnaker said. "To be an organic farmer you must maintain or

work with a certifier to develop and follow a production plan, keep extensive records, not use synthetic fertilizers or conventional pesticides, and animal

Nearly 70 percent of all U.S. organic berry sales, valued at \$125 million, were produced in California.

improve the quality of the soil. You have to put back more than you take out."

Officially, an organic farmer must operate for three years using organic standards before they can sell their products as organic. They must

producers cannot use antibiotics or growth hormones, according to the San Diego County Farm Bureau. "Organic farming tends to be more labor and management intensive," Larson explains. "Weed control is a very big cost, because herbicides cannot be used. There is also the risk of crop losses to pests or disease because there are few chemicals that are okay for organic growers to use."

So, is it worth it to farmers to become certified?

The United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service 2011 California Certified Organic Production Survey points out that California's total gross value of sales of organically produced commodities — at \$1.39 billion — was 39.3 percent of the total gross value of U.S. sales.

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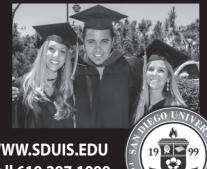
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for organic tree nuts totaled 85.1 percent of the U.S. total of \$470 million.

Nearly 70 percent of all U.S. organic berry sales, valued at \$125 million, were produced in California. California's organic vegetable total gross value of sales, at \$629 million, was 58.7 percent of all U.S. sales.

Organic field crops were valued at \$56.1 million, compared with \$465 million nationally.

California had the largest organic milk-cow herd and chicken-laying flock, at 16.5 percent and 13.4 percent of the U.S. inventory, respectively. California also produced the most organic milk and eggs in the U.S., at 469 million pounds and 18.1 million dozen of organic eggs, respectively.

No longer a niche market

So, is organic produce worth the extra money for the consumer?

"I care about the food I eat," said Bridget Moran, a nurse and



"We do no advertising," says Mary Page. "People found us by following the signs, which were [my husband] Tom's idea."

midwife at the Camp Pendleton Hospital. Moran, from Encinitas, was buying organic produce at the Tom King Farms stand on a recent Saturday at the Little Italy farmers' market. "Our food is medicine and it heals

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the body. You're not going to put dirty gas in your car, so why would you put food filled with pesticides into your body?"

Down the street, at the same market, customers were standing patiently in line at the booth of Suzie's Farm, a 140-acre USDA-certified organic farm in the South Bay, buying wheat grass, okra, and bulb onions. At a table filled with the end-ofthe-season heirloom tomatoes spilled onto a table covered with burlap and assorted produce, Ari Kaplan of San Diego filled his arms with multi-colored squash and bright green arugula.

"I pay more for organic, and I expect to pay more," said Kaplan. "Since I stopped eating non-organic I feel so much better, and how can I not? Pesticides kill bugs — how can they not be killing people?"

More U.S. families than ever before — 78 percent — say they are choosing organic foods, according to a study published by the Organic Trade Association. Says Christine Bushway, the association's executive director, "It's clear that with more than three quarters of U.S. families choosing organic, this has moved way beyond a niche market."

with his Windmill Farms stores in the late 1970s to his present family operation, Sprouts Farmers Markets, spearheaded by

"People do get confused by the 'natural' and 'organic' difference."

Another patriarch

Stan Boney understands more about selling organic produce than just about any other person in San Diego. He has led the way in the San Diego produce industry, beginning his son Shon Boney.

"When we first started Windmill there wasn't too much organic produce available, and what was available wasn't too good," says the former chairman and cofounder of Sprouts.

Boney, who retired at the end of 2013, said that in the Windmill days, organic sales were only 1 to 2 percent of produce sales. Windmill Farms was the precursor to Boney's and Henry's and eventually Sprouts markets. The company has 146 stores in eight states.

"Over the years, organic produce sales have grown about 7 to 8 percent per year. Our current organic sales are about 15 percent of our total produce sales. Back in the late '70s, people didn't respond to organic, but instead

labels. For example, we would occasionally get a deal on organic carrots and put them at the same price as the conventional carrots. The conventional carrots would sell more than two times as much as the organic carrots, side by side. Back then, people responded more to the label they regularly purchased versus the fact that it was organic. Nowadays, people are more in tune with the possible health benefits of eating organic," he continues. "Also, the supply of organics at reasonable prices makes it more afford-

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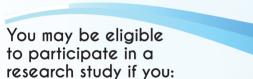
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Five miles to the **Killer Tomato**

Tom Page began his life as a farmer when he

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Page's Organics is now a four-acre farm in Ramona. They've been producing since 2000 and became certified organic in 2004 with California Certified Organic Farmers.

"The Killer Tomato Farm Stand started in 2002 when we had an abundance of tomatoes and wanted to give our neighbors access

to organically grown produce at wholesale prices," said Mary Page, Tom's wife. "We do no advertising. People found us by following the signs, which were

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> Tom's idea. They're patterned after the ones that captivated both of us as children when traveling with our parents. We'd see them along the highway, "Ten Miles to The

Thing" then "Five Miles to The Thing" and so

Tom has always been involved with food, either growing or cooking. He was

> involved with Future Farmers of America in high school. Mary was previously in the horse breeding business.

"Farming for both of us, specifically organic farming, seemed the

most honorable way to be stewards of the land we own," says Tom. "The organic industry has expanded so much in the past decades that it is easier than ever to be an organic farmer. On the production side, products are so much more readily available than they were even ten years ago, especially for small farms. The internet is a great help in all areas. The consumer demand has made it easier for farmers to find outlets for their products."

Tom and Mary agree that today's consumers are increasingly concerned about where their food is coming from.

"When animals are involved, they are concerned about treatment and living conditions," says Tom. "Many would like the option to purchase from ranches that treat their animals ethically. When it comes to fruit and vegetables, they are looking for local and fresh. Both are things that impact the nutrition of the food they are consuming. Buying local not

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only increases freshness and ripeness, but also adds to the local economy as well as decreasing the carbon footprint of the food. The consumer also gets a feeling of community when they are familiar with the farms in their neighborhood."

Besides the expense of becoming certified, every season the Pages feed the soil with compost, gypsum, and worm castings that they buy by the truckload. In between crops they plant grass and legume cover crops for fertilization and erosion protection. During growing periods they use foliar sprays for added nutrients. This can cost between \$800 and \$1500. They irrigate with water pumped (using solar power) from their own well, so the cost of water is minimal.

The farming couple sells directly to the consumer through

their farm stand and wholesale to stores that specialize in organic

their main retail customers. They also sell to local community-

"Plant it and they will come. Grow organic and they will come even more."

food. Jimbo's Naturally, Ocean Beach Peoples market, and Ramona Family Naturals are

supported agriculture groups.

"San Diego is a mecca for healthconscious people," Tom says. "Plant it and they will come. Grow organic and they will come even more. I just made that up!"

It may be corny...

The Del Mar farmers' market is smaller than the one in Little Italy, and there is only one certified organic vendor. I walk over and watch Fabian Huerta as he slices samples of the fat, juicy, red strawberries that are grown in the Fallbrook

sun at Blue Heron Farms.

Huerta works in sales for the farm. which has been certified organic since 1992.

"Man, people love it when they see us at a farmers' market," he said, slicing me a fresh strawberry as fat as a turnip. Organic farming, he says is "a little more labor, but we also put a lot of care and passion into growing. We've been doing this since before it was cool."

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Rita Meier, market manager for the Del Mar farmers' market said she wished there were more organic vendors coming to her venue, but she understood that the expenses and rules were daunting to some farmers.

"It's not easy being a farmer these days, but I really do think the consumer would like to see more organic produce," she said. "People do get confused by the 'natural' and 'organic' difference, it's true. If you ask a natural grower if he uses pesticides and he says, 'no,' you have to take his word for it. If he says 'yes,' and an inspector hears about it, he can get fined for it. Even banned from selling at farmers' markets."

Two years ago, Stelios Proios, of Proios Family Farm in Murrieta, was banned from selling at certified farmers' markets in San Diego County for three years and fined \$1000 after county inspectors found that he was selling food at the North Park farmers' market



Organic tomatoes await purchase at the Tom King Farms stand at

he hadn't grown and that it wasn't pesticidefree as advertised.

Brian Garvey is another vendor at the Del Mar farmer's mar-

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ket who sells organic produce, but in juice form. His Green Tara Juice is a popular item at the market, and he gives credit to the organic growers.

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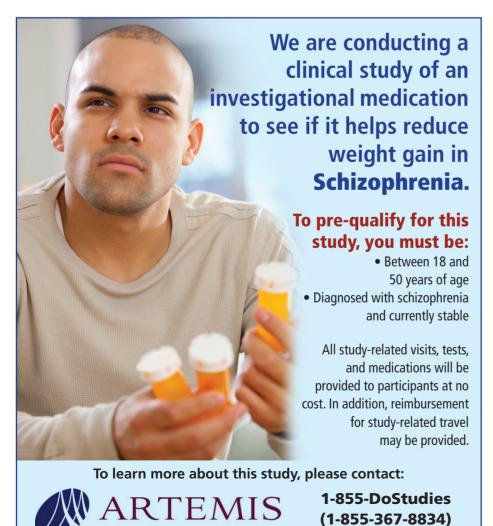


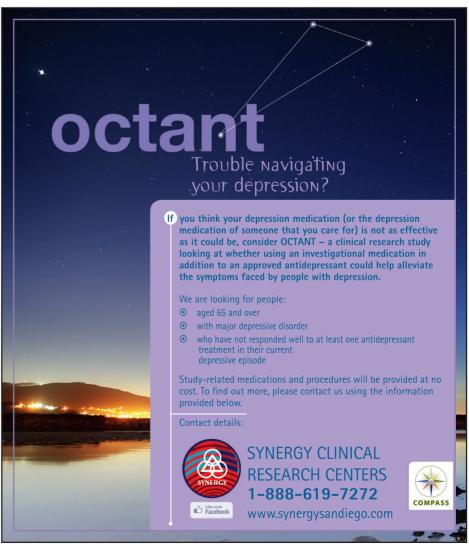
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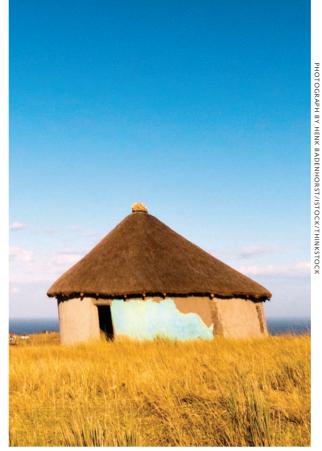
Holiday in South Africa

THE BOER DOESN'T TELL **US WHAT TO DO HERE**

You don't need a map or a road sign to know when you enter a homeland, it's where the shit land begins. The road to Transkei runs next to the Indian Ocean for the first 100 kilometers south of Durban, then turns inland at Port Shepstone. Landscape along the coast is lush green, with Hawaiian-like grasses and sensual plants. As you turn inland, the highway climbs into an area spotted with arid scrubs, much like northern Nevada. Locals live on barren ridge tops in small, round adobe huts under thatched roofs. Another hour's travel, climate and topography become more severe, something like central Alaska or west Ireland. The scene is tundra-like. I have entered the homeland — pardon me, the independent nation of Transkei.

Transkei is one of four independent homelands and is the white South African solution to race relations. The white government gave a big 13 percent of the total land in South Africa to blacks, 75 percent of its population, leaving a mere 87 percent of the land for whites, 10 percent of its population.

The homeland system was designed to create a South Africa, where, on paper, whites are in the majority. Give blacks a bogus citizenship in a bogus, tiny, improvised piece of dirt. It's simple and you don't necessarily have to move anybody; in fact, you don't have to do anything, just fill out the paperwork and, boom, magic, South Africa is a white country with a lot of foreigners living in it.



I pull up next to a mud hut. She climbs out, walks away without a nod or a thank you.

Under this system, if these instant foreigners now living around white cities get

uppity, or if they can't find jobs, or if it's Tuesday and you feel like it, why, round them up and relocate them to their homeland. The fact that they might not have ever been in their homeland, might not be able to find it on a map, may be a problem, but it's a problem for them, not white South Africans. The homeland policy creates an enormous pool of urban job seekers willing to work for absurd wages because there is zero work in homelands. As policy bonus, there's no sense worrying about social services, decent housing, education, and the rest, because blacks are, after all, transient foreign workers.

South Africa's government has recently said there will be no more forced removal of blacks to homelands. They have also said there will be one citizenship for all and have abandoned pass laws. They say a lot of things. The fact is that when the government repealed pass laws, blacks living in homelands weren't included. They remain foreigners.

Three of the four so called independent states are hacked into noncontiguous fragments. Bophuthatswana lies in seven separate pieces spread over three provinces. Transkei has three unrelated appendages. Venda two. Politically, these Frankenstein states outdo even the South African government in repressing their

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citizens. In Ciskei, Lennox Sebe has proclaimed himself life president. In Venda, we have life president Patrick Mphephu. In Bophuthatswana it is an offense punishable by up to ten years' imprisonment to violate the dignity of president Luca Mangope. In Transkei it is punishable by death to advocate that Transkei should be part of South Africa or refuse to recognize Transkei as an independent state.

Homelands enjoy the full range of South African security legislation, which includes authority to ban individuals and organizations and to detain anyone without the messy interference of courts or defense attorneys; also, the authority to impose curfews, wiretapping, mass arrests, and fraudulent elections. Typically, a homeland's army and police are run by South African white officers who live in separate white compounds. Higher ranks frequently receive more compensation than the black president.

About ten miles short of Umtata, Transkei's capital, I pick up a middle-aged, black female hitchhiker. She's a schoolteacher returning from a long weekend visiting relatives. We chat about teaching. After a pause she says, "America must be a lousy place."

"Well, a lot of people think that."

"Transkei is nice, no apartheid here."

"That's good. Your government treats you

"Oh, yes. They are our people. The Boer doesn't tell us what to do here."

We enter Umtata. which has a small, semimodern downtown, maybe 20,000 people, something like Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. She points right, "Over here is new housing for blacks. It is nice, huh? There," she points across the street, "is the colored area." We proceed into

"What's that?" I'm looking at what seems to be a high-school soccer field.

"That is the stadium for whites. Whites live there."

South of Umtata is the University of Transkei, which looks like a small, modern, American landgrant college. Opposite is a grand compound encased by a 12-foot security fence. The entrance is guarded by soldiers holding automatic weapons. Within the compound are extravagant new houses, extravagant new automobiles.

I ask, "What's going on in there?"

"Oh, that is where our government ministers live."

The schoolteacher proves to be a shrewd hitchhiker. Her house is far off the main road, down a series of progressively deteriorating dirt roads, then over an open field. She keeps assuring, "Not much further, not much further." Finally, after the Golf's undercarriage has taken a merciless beating, I pull up next to a mud hut. She climbs out, walks away without a nod or a thank you.

A pro to the end. Go, girl.

Back on the highway, I turn south, pick up speed, determined to get out of Transkei before tonight's curfew sets in. It's 230 kilometers from Umtata to East London, which is on the coast and inside the Republic of South Africa. Winds have redlined, gusting hard enough to push the Golf over the center line, and it's raining banshee hell.

I make a hard turn into a bend and, before me, semi visible through the rain, is a border stop. Motherfucker, they've got a border stop. This cretinous little homeland, Transkei, has a border checkpoint. South Africa and its creatures ban all sorts of T-shirts, music, movies, TV shows, news, bumper stickers, and so on, but it's not a big jail deal. A big jail deal is possession

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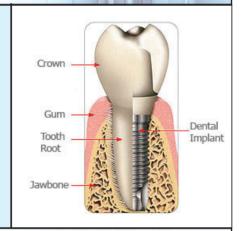
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of banned articles which are considered to "further the aims of banned organizations" (read: African National Congress). That's when they start counting off years. I've got an easy five sitting in the backseat. Two cartons of banned ANC literature that in a moment of raving fucking delirium I agreed to take from Durban to East London.

I enter a modern building, have my passport stamped, slog back to the car through a goddamn monsoon, drive forward to a metal barrier, and stop.

A white border guard, dressed in full rain gear, says, "Get out and open the doors, please."

I climb out slowly, walk into the monsoon, and pop the hatch, open the passenger side back seat door. The ANC cartons are in the back seat,

on the floor, along with a month's worth of refuse. It's a living bog back there, a morass of newspapers, paper bags, a staggering number of plastic to-go cups, soft-drink cans, beer cans, cigarette butts, french fries, maps, gum wrappers, portions of hamburgers, bits of sandwiches, pizza droppings, smelly shirts, a disintegrating backpack, all dusted with whatever the wind has blown in along the way.

The border guard goes directly to the back seat, leans in. I watch as he adjusts his position, now withdrawing his upper body, now his shoulders, now, and most providentially, his nose. He turns his head into the wind. One hand explores the backseat. Solitary hand fumbles a few seconds more, then snaps back, away from the car. The

man peers at me as if looking at a sewer rat, unable to hide professional disgust, "On your way, now."

Tell them to come to our funerals

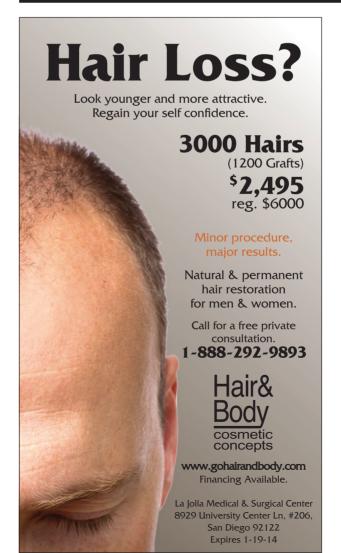
After a quiet night in East London, I press on to Port Elizabeth, the most organized center of resistance in South Africa. Most observers, white and black, believe if civil war begins openly, it will start here. Port Elizabeth's townships are organized down to the block level. Blacks have a long history of successful consumer boycotts and rent strikes. In fact, there's a boycott going on right now. Port Elizabeth's white businesses report revenue losses ranging from 50 to 90 percent.

My friend Riggs gave me the name of a colored doctor who is a colleague. Through his good offices I am invited to visit the local UDF (United Democratic Front) headquarters.

Today, there is a mass burial in one of Port Elizabeth's black townships. It's a funeral for 11 blacks who were murdered by police. Everyone in the UDF office is going. I'm assigned three blacks as bodyguards/guides. After the usual driving maneuvers to evade the army, we enter Zwide, park in front of a large A-frame church. Several thousand blacks congregate, covering every inch of three intersecting streets, listening to the service over portable loudspeakers.

My companions direct me to a side entrance, guarded by a black marshal, a young woman dressed in an ANC paramilitary uniform. "Follow me." She walks into the church, makes an imme-

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diate right into an empty room, motions toward another door. I point at my chest, "Me, through there?"

"Yes."

I open the door, take a step forward and freeze. I'm on a stage looking out on hundreds of black mourners. The church is engorged with people: every seat, every aisle, every bit of floor is occupied by mourners.

Onstage is a speaker's podium and three long wooden benches seating honored guests. Four five, counting me — are white. NBC and CBS television crews are stage left. Directly beneath us are 11 coffins, each coffin hosted by seven pallbearers dressed in ANC uniforms, right hands raised in power salutes. T-shirts communicate now familiar slogans: "UDF UNITES, APARTHEID DIVIDES." "BULLETS WON'T STOP US." "UITENHAGE MAS-SACRE 21 MARCH '85."

A UDF man is speaking: "We are a broad-based movement of national liberation and not a political party. Anyone, be he a drunkard, a clergyman, a white, a student, anyone, anyone who feels the pain is welcome." A black trade unionist steps up to the podium, spins toward the five whites, makes a remark that is met with monstrous cheers, by far the loudest response of the day. "Go tell your friends and comrades to come to our funerals," he shouts. "Tell them how peaceful we are." The church explodes into cheers.

Time passes, I have no idea how much. I've learned not to keep track of time in townships. The church is suffocating, unbearably hot. I'm immersed in sweat and body stink. I need something to drink. I move offstage, find a side door,

and walk outside. I lean against a church wall, light a smoke, close my eves, and take a few deep breaths. One more deep breath, open both eyes, and discover I'm encircled by residents.

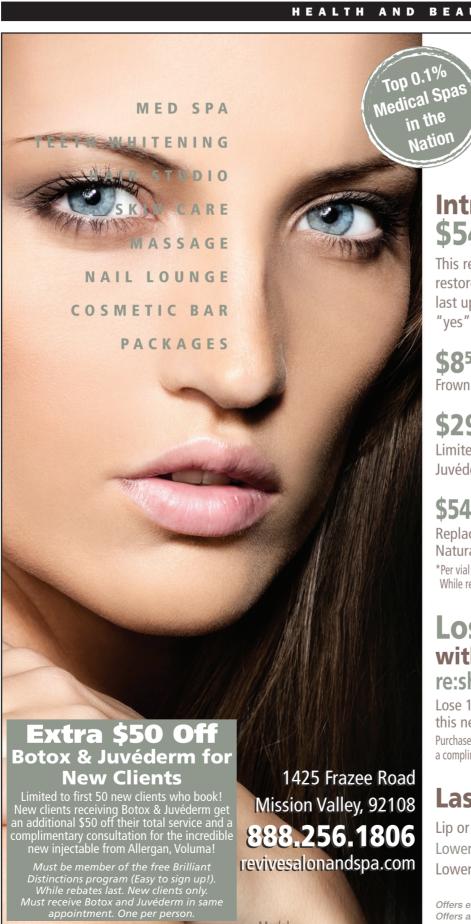
More and more blacks crowd in until I'm pressed tight against stucco. The front rank is, maybe, a foot away from my face. We begin to talk politics. As we talk, people turn, pass my comments to

others behind them, who turn, relay the words to people standing behind them, who turn, and so on. It's that rare to find a white in their world. I ask, "Is there any place I can get a drink of water?" and thereby bust myself as an American. People call out, "Why are YOU supporting [President] Botha?" I say I'm not a representative of the American government, that we don't talk to each other, hadn't in

years. People laugh, but questions continue. We are packed tight together, sweating, stinking, conducting a seminar on apartheid politics.

Someone hands me a soda. I gulp its contents in

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one go, thank the assembly, and return to the church. The ceremony is over, the stage is empty. Dignitaries have left, camera crews have left, and now the funeral procession is carrying 11 coffins out the front door.

Outside, a huge gaggle of people divides itself into like-sized groups. Each cluster is kept separate from the next by event marshals who constantly blow whistles and wave hands. The procession goes on as far as I can see (subsequently reported to be a crowd of 10,000). One man tells me South African police place black undercover agents on the edge of a crowd. "You'll be safer if you get in the middle." The stranger takes my hand, pulls me into the nearest cluster's center. "You're safe here," he says, over and over.

Now, the entire grand mass of people begin to dance, what they call the toyi toyi. It's a slow jog-jog kind of dance done to freedom songs. The man asks, "Can you dance with us?"

"Never been good at it. I'm more of a hopper." I look front, back, and on both sides, see a mass of black people, as if a single organism, dancing. Okay.

I'm jogging-hoppingdancing with 10,000 others forming a line that goes on for as far as I can see. We dance all the way to the gravesite. Maybe takes 30 minutes, maybe more. After a month without a full night's sleep, eating crap food, living on adrenalin, I'm out of shape but manage to pant my way to the cemetery, which is set on a steep hillside, a barren dirt field of a graveyard. No trees, no grass, no shrubs, no monuments — nobody around here has money for monuments. Four of us stand on a truck bed taking

it in. On another hillside is a compound of brandnew homes built behind a tall fence. Am told that's where township counselors and township police live. The South African government moved them out from the township proper, installed security fences and 24-hour armed guards.

Sundown is near. My guardians insist I get out of Zwide before dark. "The army will be back soon if they are not already here." Clusters are reforming, some are jog/dancing back to the church. An army helicopter appears, circles, circles, circles, low to the ground. The four of us run, but this time we run from one group to another. "It's late," they say. We run fast, then faster. "You've got to go, you've got to go."

This man is an informer

We race, jumping from one group to the next, staying in each flock for a short time, then moving out. My bodyguards ask random dancers to scout for us, run ahead, report back if the army has arrived. No one refuses. My chest is on fire, my legs wobble, almost stumbling now. Will this ever end? I'm on the edge of not being able to make one more step.

Finally, finally, finally, the four of us arrive at the church parking lot. First things first. I ask, "Does anybody know a back way out of here?" I am told to drive slowly as we work our way through the press of blacks returning from the graveyard. On the other side of the procession, I find a paved road, increase speed, and head toward the township's exit.

Fuck! There's army and Casspirs. We turn about, drive the length of Zwide, make a left, this time very fast. More army, more Casspirs.

I'm directed off the avenue onto a gravel-andbroken-glass field that was once some sort of industrial building. We drive a quarter mile over the field onto cement blocks embedded in dirt. The blocks take us to an abandoned concrete sewage tunnel, an underground spillway. We drive into the spillway, which snakes under an embankment and — holy fuck — comes up in a white district.

Back in Port Elizabeth, it's the usual hassle finding a place where blacks and whites can be together. My friends have no desire to be in a fancy white bar. It takes three stops to find a colored bar that will allow me in. I buy for an hour and we talk politics. A young colored man joins us, says he was at the funeral, too, sitting right there in the stadium. A bodyguard/guide/friend says, in the coldest tone of voice I've ever heard, "The funeral was at a church, it wasn't at a stadium. You were never there."

The guide looks hard into frantically blinking young eyes, says, "This man is an informer."

We leave instantly.

I drive my friends to the central bus station so they can catch their ride back to war. We shake hands, I manage a dimwitted, "Thanks," and watch as they walk down a steep hill into the darkened terminal. I wait a few moments, soak it in, then start the Golf, turn back to town, and check into a white hotel. ■

— Patrick Daugherty

Part four of a four-part story about apartheid-era South Africa. First published in The Monthly, November 1986. Reprinted in the Reader, summer of 1990. In memory of Nelson Mandela.

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Until proven innocent

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conviction."

Other lawyers say the shackling during hearings poses practical problems that interfere with the defense.

"For me, the hardest part is that when clients need to tell us something, they would be able to write a note and now they can't," said an attorney (who asked not to be named) after a hearing where her client was left shackled. "They can barely get the translator's headphones on and you're not allowed to help them."

Other lawyers worry that jurors are being prejudiced.

For example, that the key figure in the U.S. Navy bribery scandal, Leonard Francis, was brought to court and sat through the hearing in shackles was widely reported. His lawyer, Pat Swan, was able to get the judge to order the shackles removed.

In some cases, the defendants are people who are coming to a hearing to be sent into a diversion program — after the U.S. attorney has agreed they pose no risk to society and can be rehabilitated, Cahn said.

"Every person who arrives at the Metropolitan Correctional Center is screened at arrival: their criminal history is reviewed and whether or not they are a threat is determined on a case-bycase basis. Very few are," he said. "But they're all brought shackled to court."

The majority of the district and magistrate judges deny requests to have defendants unshackled and defer to the new policy, defense lawyers report. Former judges Irma Gonzalez, Janis Sammartino, and Marilyn Huff have ordered shackles removed for hearings, lawyers say.

CITY LIGHTS

"The judges have control over their courtrooms," Iredale says flatly, and Cahn agrees.

"That's the most disturbing thing, to raise this objection to judges who don't see anything wrong with it," he said. "The judges operate on the assumption that the defendants believe the judge won't be biased against them because they are innocent until proven guilty, and then they allow the defendants to be chained like animals. You can see why a defendant would doubt the judge is interested in justice."

In late November, Cahn argued against the blanket policy before judge Larry Burns, who turned down the writ of mandamus. Cahn will be appealing the ruling to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, he said. ■

Under the radar

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the city's assistant chief operating officer, Scott Chadwick, argued that vandalism should be included in the definition of domestic violence. "The SDPD investigates any and all domestic violence allegations, including violation of court orders between domestic parties and vandalism. as any of these situations could escalate into violence.... Under no circumstances will these audit findings dictate any changes in the SDPD's response to allegations or reports of any domestic violence." That's fine, the auditors replied, but the city still has to come up with the cash to pay for the disallowed vandalism reports. "The State will offset \$545,307 from other mandated program payments due the city. Alternatively, the city may remit this amount to the State."

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cause noxious odors. If the public had access, the sea lions and cormorants would stay away, says the suit.

Don Bauder

Did we dodge a **bullet?**

FAA passes over San Diego as drone-testing site

Poway — Turnout was sparse on January 2 at a rally organized by San Diego Veterans for Peace to celebrate a decision by the Federal Aviation Administration not to use the skies over San Diego as a testing ground for introducing private unmanned aerial vehicles, commonly referred to as drones.

A large swath of Southern

California land was expected to be a front-runner among over 30 sites submitting proposals to the FAA due to the varied terrain, strong support from local politicos. and close proximity to major drone manufacturers.

Northrop Grumman and General Atomics, whose facilities Veterans for Peace have been protesting for over a year, are among several local drone-tech companies. But when the site selection announcement went out on December 30, California was not on the list of approved locations.

The group said they wanted to continue to raise awareness of the drone issue both domestically and abroad, and that a push still needs to be made for stronger privacy protections and safety measures before drones are flying over American skies en masse.

CITY LIGHTS

Dave Rice

There's room at the inn

Major expansion for Donovan state prison

Otay Mesa — With the state's prison system still facing overcrowding issues despite a 2011 order from the **Supreme Court to address** the issue, the California **Department of Corrections** and Rehabilitation announced on January 2 that plans had been finalized to add 2376 beds. A third of those will be added to Richard J. Donovan **Correctional Facility, located** in Otav Mesa.

"These projects demonstrate the state's commitment to comply with federal court orders to provide adequate inmate health care and reduce overcrowding," said department of corrections secretary Jeffrey Beard in an announcement regarding the site selection.

As of December 31, the Donovan prison reported an actual inmate population of 3125, equaling 142 percent of the site's limit.

The new building will cost taxpayers \$168.7 million.

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LETTERS

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Incoming

I'm wondering if you people are complete idiots. I've read the *Reader* for years. I've seen you have misprints, but I've never in my life seen such an idiotic headline as December 26: "9/11 Is the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Baja Cuisine."

Are you people stupid or something? Are you referring to the 9/11 where 5000 people died? If you are, you are some of the most ignorant editors I've ever heard of in my life.

Don't bother to take my name because I'll be coming into your office to show you my face!

Name Withheld via voicemail

North County Diversity

I hate a bitcher, so this is not a bitch. Just a gentle request.

I enjoy reading your weekly restaurant reviews. The *San Diego Reader* has published tons of reviews from all over San Diego proper, the South Bay, and even Tijuana.

Although enjoyable, it is not very likely that I'm going to hop in my car very often for dinner in Tijuana or the South Bay.

Would you consider reviewing some eateries in North County on a regular basis? Believe it or not, you do have readers in such diverse places as San Marcos and Escondido. How about it, guys? Can we have maybe one North County review per week?

Also, on a topic that has been beaten to death with no appreciable results, can Ian Pike and Ian Anderson include an address with their reviews? A lot of us farmers up here are not familiar with their personal haunts.

David Dietrich San Marcos

Accessibility Exemptions

I'm writing to support the wheelchair users who want to shut down Torrey Pines Gliderport (News Ticker: "Lawsuit Over Wheelchair Access at Torrey Pines Gliderport," December 13). ADA has been the law since 1972. Get on it already! Why are my tax dollars going to support things that I — and other disabled people — cannot use?

The bicycle riders cry about bike access and safety, but where is *our* access and safety? Bike riders don't *have* to ride a bike.

I can't even take a mobility device on many city sidewalks because they're so bad, and some places don't even have sidewalks (eastern Balboa Avenue, Nestor), much less cut curbs. How about exempting us from taxes until we can use what everyone else can? If you think the woefully few disabled parking spots make up for this, you are hugely mistaken.

By the way, how about more parking spots in the Gaslamp? Bring on the lawsuits! We are sick of this shit! Name Withheld

Clairemont

Passionless Marks

Scott Marks wrote a depressing column, "The Ten Worst Films of 2013." Yes, I admit, I loved *Frances Ha*. Marks did not understand being a girl, being passionate about dance, working in New York as a young female artist, and never being the lead. The movie made me laugh forever.

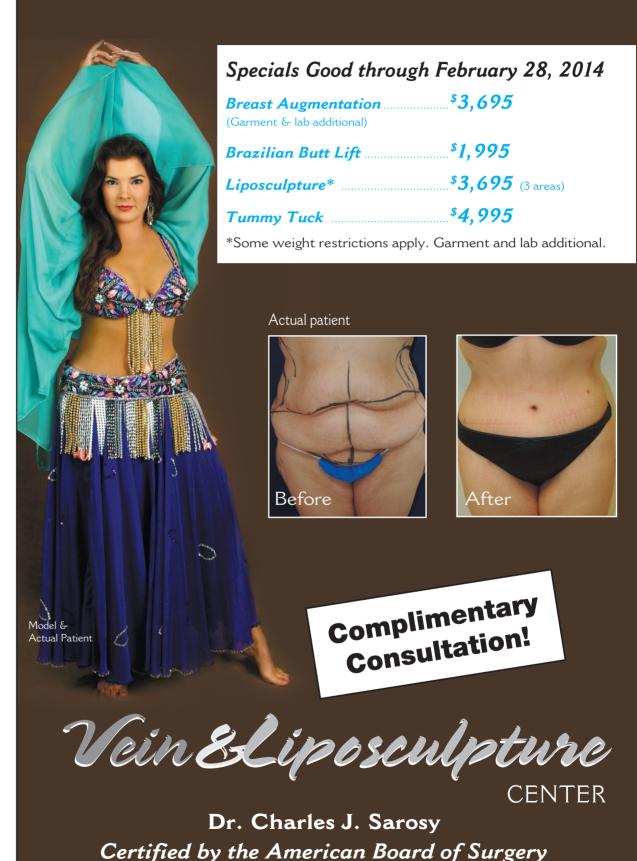
Lucky for me, Marks is not a director, is not a screen writer, does not determine which movies are seen in theaters, and basically is just a sarcastic average writer without passion.

> Name Withheld via email

Compelled to Write

First off, I never send letters in for anything, but your January 2 issue compelled me to write this. As an avid *Reader* follower, I have to say this is the worst issue I've seen in 15 years. You have removed the heart and soul of the paper. By removing the best-of-the-week music tips (Club Crawler) and shortening the movie section, you managed to destroy the only reason people pick up your paper.

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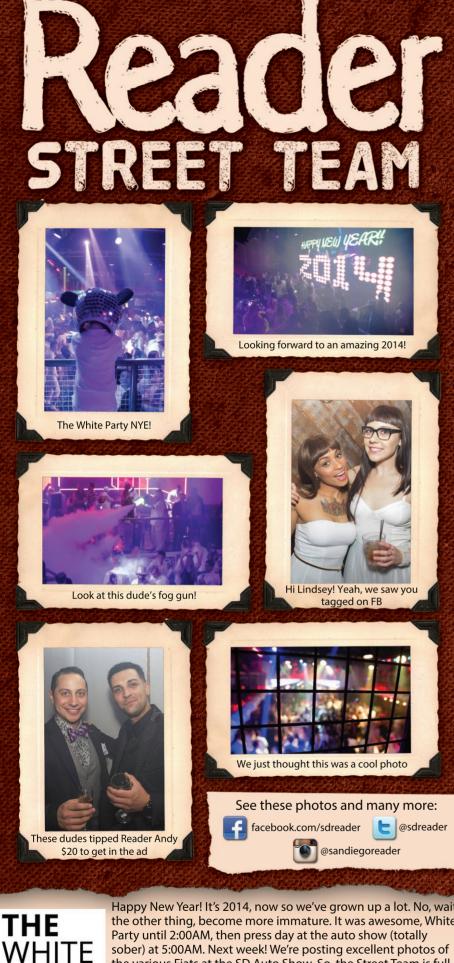


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Happy New Year! It's 2014, now so we've grown up a lot. No, wait, the other thing, become more immature. It was awesome, White Party until 2:00AM, then press day at the auto show (totally sober) at 5:00AM. Next week! We're posting excellent photos of the various Fiats at the SD Auto Show. So, the Street Team is full of car enthusiasts and we can confidently say that the 2014 Fiat 500 Abarth is just about the coolest small, fast hatch you can buy. Go drive one at KM Fiat, listen to the exhaust note.







If you hired a new editor who decided, Let's just sell advertising space only and try to turn a profit, then fire that person. Not knowing what your readers want is pathetic and lame. Greed begets greed, and I honestly can't think of another excuse for this crappy change. I see that the issue has less pages than before, but maybe you should cut out your garbage stories that nobody gives a fuck about rather than ruin

the Reader. Also, Scott Marks is a total dipshit who should take his sarcastic shitty attitude to another country. Rating crap movies with high scores is not funny at all. It's not all about him, and he should get over himself. If he wants to create controversy than do it with a fucking clue. The useless drivel in his reviews provides the reader with nothing. Empty-headed bullshit is everywhere, and your paper is worse off as a result of his self-promoting chest thumping bile.

Andy Sheldon Carlsbad

Comments from Reader website

Comments are not edited for spelling, punctuation, or grammar.

Cover Story "Slog for a Green Card" Published January 2

Bill AB1401 passed by the State Legislature on 04-26-2013 allowing non-citizens to serve in a jury was VETOED by Gov. Jerry Brown on 10-07-2013 saying the responsibility should be reserved for U.S. CITIZENS. Those that have an application and feel is taking too long and meantime are here waiting are still illegals trying to get to the front of the line just like the illegals that are here that have not bother to file an application but rather come here to demand rights they should not have. Paying \$5,000.00 or \$10,000.00 takes the same time it takes for an application to take its curse. The system is not working because of all the illegals jumping to the front of the line and that are here taking jobs from Americans. Back in 1986 President Ronald Regan gave papers to 3 million illegals, in 27 years the number of new illegals multiply to over 11 million; in 27 years from now the number of new illegals (after elected federal and local government officials give papers to the 11 plus millions) will be over 33 million and counting. If you have an application or not and are here I consider you illegal and scam from the earth for taking away the

opportunity from us legal residents to be able to get a green card for a brother or sister. Every kind of Visa the government has makes the wait longer and longer. Student visas get a working permit and a visa for the wife and kid, so they come to study and take away jobs from Americans, special Visas for servants of Diplomats like the one from India that was paying law wages to the servant also take jobs from Americans that could work for them. Elected officials Federal and Local: especially Latinos should be writing bills and laws for the benefit of Americans not for the benefit of illegals jumping to the front of the line.

By SilverLover, January 4 @ 8:51 p.m.

Under the Radar "A Cool Extra Million" **Published January 2**

Appalling, he coughs up 1mil for this yet he cancels 401K match for his UT employees on New Year's eve & lays off staff a day after new year. By Xandermurrow, January

4 @ 7:44 a.m.

Hmmm, would Geniva Derzhavina have married Manchester, if he were instead assistant produce manager at the La Jolla Ralph's? I don't THINK so.

> By dwbat, January 4 @ 11:10 a.m.

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WHEN: 6 p.m.

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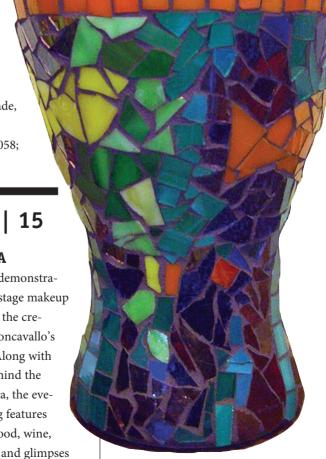
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WHERE: Caffé Bella Italia, 1525 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-1224; sdopera.com/experience/ tasteofopera



A hands-on demonstration of the stage makeup involved in the creation of Leoncavallo's Pagliacci. Along with stories behind the opera, the evening features food, wine,



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Wear climbing shoes to go up it. Forget ropes — it's a mud cliff.

Afton Canyon: Grand Canyon of the Mojave

Often called the Grand Canyon of the Mojave, Afton Canyon is a little-known gem along the road to Vegas, excellent for a pit stop or a quiet camping trip (never mind the trains, they're part of the charm).

Look for Afton Road, before the town of Baker. Hang a right and go about three miles. RVs are good to go for the campground, but don't try to cross the river without a high-clearance vehicle. If you do have a high-clearance vehicle, cross the Mojave River —

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which flows year-round, attracting a wealth of birds and wildlife — and head through the canyon about five miles. Hang a left when possible and you can get back to the freeway on a good hard-pack road.

It's pretty hard to get lost. Good hardcore jeep trails are on the right side of the canyon if you desire. High on the hillside is a massive iron cogwheel that was used to transport ore to the canyon floor a hundred years ago.

Wear climbing shoes to go up to it. Forget ropes — it's a mud cliff.

The area was formed when the ancient Lake Mannix drained suddenly. Now you'll find towering mudcliff walls, a slot canyon, mining ruins, and some of the best rock collecting in the easily accessible Mojave. Personally, I've had some great adventures and some bad luck there.

On my last trip, I went alone. In July. It's the Mojave Desert, so, as you might expect, it was hot. But I've never been one to abandon a quest when there was nobody who wanted to go.

I pulled into the empty campground, high noon on a Tuesday, backed into a spot, pulled forward off the hard-pack and quickly became stuck in sand up to my axles.

Not one to panic, I went for a hike up the canyon closest to the campground for an hour, expecting fellow travelers to show up and lend me a hand. None came.

I found an old road sign near the scenic train-trestle bridge (pro tip: go under the bridge as a train passes by to experience a fast-moving freight train inches from your head), dug out under my rear truck tires, and placed the jack on the sign under the truck to keep it from sinking into the deep sand. A few gathered branches under the front tires and I was free of the trap. I was careful not to drive off the hard-packed trail, as at this point I had drunk most of my water, was sweating heavily, and imagining vultures circling overhead.



Recipe for a ruin pub: find an abandoned building, add a bar, a dance floor, some outdoor seating...

Budapest's ruin pubs By Mary Spierling

Hungary is unlike any other country in Europe, and the enchanting city of Budapest is a center of language, culture, and history.

Backpackers head to Budapest to party and to party on the cheap; most head to the

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Other Adventures



mattcarey: Black-sand beach Hawaii.



Thorpema: "Morning Prayers." Masbate, Philippines.



emilyoarias: Xico, Veracruz, Mexico.

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CORTE MADERA MOUNTAIN

Ascend and sign the peak register at the top of San Diego's "Half Dome"

Distance from downtown San Diego: 64 miles. Allow 90 minutes driving time. (Corral Canyon OHV area) From CA-163 N, exit onto I-8 E. Take the Buckman Springs Rd. exit and turn south for approximately 3 miles. Turn west into the Corral Canyon OHV area, onto Corral Canyon Rd./Morena Stokes Valley Rd. Drive 4.8 miles, just past a green gate (Kernan Rd.) and hairpin curve to park off pavement on the east side (room for 3–4 cars). No facilities. An Adventure Pass is required. Hiking length: Approximately 7 miles. Difficulty: Moderately strenuous with 1800-foot elevation loss/gain. Trekking poles recommended for steep sections. The trail is mostly narrow and rocky once leaving the fire road.

Pring friends, as this is a trail less traveled. The route averages a 7 percent steady climb with short sections of 60 percent (stairs) at the 4588 peak before reaching the plateau to Corte Madera Mountain. Return is by the same route, so check your back trail for points of reference. It will look different with the downhill return much faster on this five-hour hike!

The trail starts directly across from the off-pavement parking and goes up to a Birds of Prey sign. Watching for traffic, cross to the unsigned gated Ker-

nan Road. The first 20 feet of the trail ends with a drop-off to the road and is slippery because of loose soil. Squeezing around the



 $\label{eq:continuous} A\ view\ of\ the\ imposing\ face\ of\ Corte\ Madera\ Mountain\ is\ impressive$

joy the oak-shaded dirt road for 0.5 mile and then continue in the northwest direction behind the signed garbage can onto the Espinosa Trail.

At 1.5 miles, look back over the view of the valley at the hiker's gate before crossing the intersection of fire roads. This is the first view of the 300-foot-high preci-

pice of Corte Madera Mountain just right and beyond the sign. Clearly marked are Espinosa Trail, Los Pinos Peak (closed vertical access road) and the Corral Canvon OHV Area. An added wooden sign labeled Corte Madera Mt. points to the right, where you continue on a fire road until coming to a T junction. Directly across and to the right of a slab of granodiorite rocks, another Birds of Prev sign marks the Corte Madera Mountain Trail. The

trail narrows with manzanita, sage, rocks, Coulter pines, and oaks making it easy to follow but sometimes a challenge to see at a distance.

What has been a steady uphill becomes steep to near a 60 percent grade up and over the 4588-foot peak. This is where trekking poles and/or hands help scramble up and over rocks and loose soil. Take a break and bring your cameras out for spectacular views of Los Pinos Mt., Long Valley Peak, Corte Madera Valley, and the Pine Valley Bridge over Secret Canyon. Continue past the split rock and start down. Once descending past

a huge boulder at your left shoulder, the last mile seems effortless. The trail is easy to follow with one Y junction where you veer left. The right leads up to private property in Corte Madera Valley. There are a couple of granodiorite slabs where cairns help your confidence in continuing on the trail to Corte Madera Mountain peak.

The current peak guestbook, made by Anna (age 9), is in a coffee can surrounded by and weighted down by rocks on the highest point. The 360-degree view of mountain ranges and val-

leys is remarkable on a clear day. To the south in Baja California is the Sierra Juarez plateau with the Santa Catalina and San Clemente islands to the west; east has a view of Los Pinos Mountain and the Espinosa Trail.

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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BOOK SIGNINGS

Caitlin Rother New York Times bestselling-author Caitlin Rother will discuss and sign her ninth book, I'll Take Care of You. Saturday, January 11, 3pm; free, Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive #331. (LA MESA)

Zohreh Ghahremani The awardwinning author of Sky of Red Poppies (last year's "One Book, One San Diego" selection) and the recently published The Moon Daughter will speak about her work. Thursday, January 9, 6pm; free. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Capoeria Sao Bento Grande Dance Fighting African-Brazilian dance fighting is for all ages. To

register for class please stop by and speak with the instructor, Dennis Newsome, or contact him at 619-518-7782. Saturdays, 11:30am; free-\$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Free Meditation Class By guide with over 20 years experience. Wear comfortable clothing. Sundays, 11am; free. 18 and up. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

How to Keep Your Child Interested in Piano This hour-long workshop includes insights, tips, tricks, and strategies from teachers who make music fun as well as challenging. Saturday, January 11, 10am: free. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101.

Jazz & Arts & Crafts Workshop For January's theme of jazz, families can use pastels and paint to create art inspired by the work of 1920s American artists such as Georgia O'Keefe and Willem de Kooning, whose work was popularized during the Jazz Age. Jazz music will be playing in the background so families can move to the beat while they craft their creations. Families will also be able to make a guitar out of a tissue box or shoebox and can pretend to make their own music, Saturday, January 11, 10am; free. California Center for the Arts. Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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)

Learn Chinese Brush Painting In this four-part class, learn the basics of painting chrysanthemum and plum blossoms. "Chinese painting is like a martial art." Materials fee (for a good brush and rice paper) included in price. If you have Chinese brushes, please bring to class. Thursdays, beginning January 10. Reservations: zelda1970@ cox.net. Friday, January 10, 9:30am; \$120, 18 and up. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive.

Painting & Vino: Hollyhocks by the Lake Recreate Hollyhocks by the Lake while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, January 12, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

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

Post-Holiday Yoga Nidra Explore visualization, meditation, purification, and breathing practices. Saturday, January 11, 1:30pm; \$29-\$35. 21 and up. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Schottische Workshop The Scottische, or "Scottish Dance," is danced in various forms throughout France, Western Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and most of Scandinavia. Class taught by JoAnn Koppany and Dave Coughlin, with live music by Martha Wild. Saturday, January 11, 5pm; \$5. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street, (NORTH PARK)

Small Business Social Media Marketing Event Join us for a day of workshops, networking, and resources for your business. Workshops cover Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Pinterest, SEO, WordPress, campaigns, videos, branding, and email marketing. Free event; just bring plenty of business cards. Thursday, January 9, 9am; free. 18 and up. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

Sunday Buddhist Style Learn how to meditate or continue with this free guided meditation class. Instructor has over 20 years meditation experience. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. This is an ongoing Sunday class. Start any time. Sundays, 11am; free. 21 and up. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

COMEDY

Bill Bellamy Staying busy is not a problem for Bill Bellamy, whose flourishing career encompasses the worlds of feature film, television, comedy, and more. His career is on the rise, yet his feet remain firmly planted on the ground. Thursday, January 9, 8pm; Friday, January 10, 7:30 pm & 9:30pm.; Saturday, January 11, 7:30 pm & 9:30pm.; Sunday, January 12, 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 13 at 7pm or Wednesday, January 15 at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday thereafter) as Colette starts a full new six-week session 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. 858-248-0593; sandiegodanceinstructor.com. Art Studio 4, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard (ESCON-DIDO) or Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Avenue (HILLCREST). Thursday, January 9, 8pm; Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Ave., suite E. (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. Held in Room 203. Thursdays, 7pm: free, Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Zumba Gold This high-energy dance combines a cardiovascular workout with pulsating Latin music into a fun, calorie-burning experience. Fridays, 4pm; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Escondido City Politics The Escondido Citizens Coalition (ECC) group meets weekly in a small room at Kettle Coffee every Friday from 1pm to 3pm The meetings are open to the public and we especially welcome anyone who shares our goal of greatly increas-

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one-of-a-kind ruin pubs. The recipe for a ruin pub, or romkocsma, consists of locating an abandoned building, then adding a bar, a dance floor, and outdoor seating and throwing in a mix of art and Communist nostalgia. Some have a few rooms while others occupy entire abandoned apartment complexes; what they share are crumbling buildings, alluring graffiti, makeshift chairs, tables, huge foldable placard menus, and rundown walls with a splash of color from a photograph here and a painting there.

These pubs are more than just a place to imbibe. Some have set up pizza parlors as well as Sunday farmers' markets and artists' studios and theaters. Many of them are located in the abandoned Jewish ghetto in the 7th District in the Erzsébetváros neighborhood. Pick up a copy of PestiEst in most cafés to locate events for the week.

Beginning in 2002, real estate developers began tearing down buildings to be replaced by upscale restaurants and apartment buildings. Many pubs continue to survive, however, especially those that change as the neighborhood does. One of the most popular ruin pubs in Budapest is Szimpla Kert, or Szimpla, and its open-air courtyard with a maze of decorated rooms. Singing robots. More bars modeled after Szimpla popped up in the narrow alleys of the Jewish quarter. It will be interesting to see if these ruin pubs can operate alongside the more trendy bars opening in the neighborhood. Be sure to try the Hungarian spirit called palinka, a strong drink made with fruit.

Some of the ruin pubs are best experienced during the summer months, as many have outdoor spaces with music and concerts nightly — each with its unique ambiance. Some pubs open for one summer only and never reopen again. Most offer a limited food menu of traditional Hungarian pizza, salads, or sandwiches; many offer hookah pipes. Wi-Fi in the pubs varies in quality and is usually unpredictable (which is part of the adventure, of course).

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

ing the voter registration rates in Escondido. Fridays, 1pm; **free**. Kettle Coffee & Tea, 119 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Escondido Democrats: "Looking to 2014" Elected officers will discuss their plans for the year, and chair Francine Busby will present the 2014 plans of the San Diego County Democratic Party. Info: 760-740-8595 or communications@escondidodems.org. Saturday, January 11, 10am; free. Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Great Books Discussion of selections from the work of economists J-B Say (Of the Demand or Market for Products) and David Ricardo (On Machinery). Visitors welcome. Info: 858-755-8978. Sunday, January 12, 2pm; free. 18 and up. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

FOOD & DRINK

Cask Thursday with Monkey Paw Mandrill We will have a fresh batch of Mandrill on alongside a properly conditioned cask with Sorachi Ace added for a bright lemon kick. This IPA is our most cask-friendly hoppy beer and is truly enhanced by the soft texture and increased malt balance inherent in real ales. See you at noon, Thursday, January 9. Monkey Paw, 805 16th Street. 619-358-9901. (EAST VILLAGE)

Cooking 101 Looking for make a fast meal for one (or two, or your family) on the go? In this class you will create many main courses — all healthy, cheap, quick, and easy. A great class for singles mingling, or come with your pals. Thursday, January 9, 6pm; \$60. Hipcooks, 4048 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

An Evening with Pinot Noir Bob Gelman from Grape Connec-

tions in Point Loma will be teaming up with Solare Ristorante in Liberty Station for a fun evening of pairings of Pinot Noir and Italian cuisine. The event starts at 6:45 p.m. For reservations or more information call Solare at 619-270-9670. Thursday, January 16, 6:45 pm. Solare Ristorante Lounge, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Mochitsuki: Rice-Cake Pound-

ing Bring your family and friends to Shimbashi's annual Mochitsuki, a rice-cake pounding festival, and celebrate the New Year in a style of Japanese tradition. Rice cake is pounded with a huge wooden hammer called a Kine in a traditional mortar called an Usu. Join a cultural community event and enjoy complimentary mochi, rice cakes, and demonstrations. A local Japanese choir group, Chorus Kaguya, will perform. Saturday, January 11, 2pm; free. Shimbashi Izakaya, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Parmigiano Party The folks from Parma, Italy's Parmigiano-Reggiano Academy, invite you to an afternoon of exploration. Learn the difference between the various ages of the world's most popular cheese, and eat lots of parm and other goodies from the region. Sunday, January 12, 5pm; \$50. 21 and up. Venissimo at Headquarters, 789 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Ridge Runners Bluegrass band the Ridge Runners will perform, with wine by the glass, cheese and crackers, and desserts available for sale. Saturday, January 11, 7pm; free. 18 and up. San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery, 8364 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Taste of Opera Cooking Class: Don Quixote Chef Katherine Emmenegger has created a cooking-class menu inspired by *Don Quixote*. Dr. Nicolas Reveles will entertain guests with facts, stories, and musical excerpts. Friday, January 10, 6pm; \$49. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Rhyme & Verse Meeting of Mavericks

A poem by LoVerne Brown

Milkweed grows by my fence.
Don't ask me to pull it.
Weeds were my friends in childhood —
emerald explosions
in the dull cinders of train track,
green lace at the sleeves
of our water trough.
Eyes starved for color
were well fed by fireweed
elbowing tin cans aside
to take over the dump.

I live in the city now, but claim kinship whenever the uncombed head of a dandelion pops up like a gopher in the midst of a groomed lawn, or a purple thistle — remembered from roadside ditches — looms insolent in an enclave of roses.

Today a prickly thing I don't know the name of is exploiting a crack in our sidewalk. I greet it as friend:

"Hello, I too like to challenge the fissures in my firmament, squeeze through, sometimes, more often fracture my skull."

My new acquaintance braces his spine along the crack, and shoves. Cement crumbles.

I think tonight
I will sneak out and water
this one!



LoVerne Brown (1912–2000) lived much of her life in sparsely peopled places — the Aleutian Islands, her grandparents' homestead in Wisconsin, and in lumber camps and ironmine company towns along the Brule River in Upper Michigan. In Juneau, she worked as a reporter and later, in Seldovia, she and her husband published a weekly newspaper, *The*

Westward Alaskan. She subsequently taught creative writing for the VA, at Fresno Junior College, and for the community school system in San Diego, the city in which she spent the last decades of her life. Brown was a central figure in the San Diego poetry world and a writer and mentor who was greatly loved. In July of 2012, the centennial of her birth, the Ocean Beach Historical Society held a celebration of LoVerne Brown's life. "Meeting of Mavericks" is from her collection *The View from the End of the Pier*, published by Gorilla Press, and is reprinted by permission.

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Vegetarian Cooking Learn how to make comforting fall dishes with winter produce and grains that result in delicious meals without meat. Sunday, January 12, 3pm; \$69. Sur la Table, 1905 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

FOR KIDS

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: Whale Watching Twice-daily cruises to locate gray whales on their round-trip migration from their Alaska feeding grounds to Baja California. Search for seals, sea lions, dolphins, and migrating

birds. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; \$18-\$42. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: Tidepooling Adventures Visit a local tide pool to learn how these amazing habitats and their inhabitants truly survive "between a rock and a hard place." Trained naturalists will show you how to tread lightly during your visit and help you discover the world of tide pools. For ages 2+. Ages 2-13 must be accompanied by a paid adult. January 12: False Point, 1pm; \$12-\$15. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Cooking Up Stories: For Preschoolers Preschoolers will read some food-themed stories and learn how to cook recipes inspired on the whimsical storybook world. All recipes will focus on fresh, seasonal produce and healthy ingredients

and cooking methods. Taught by Fernanda Larson, director of the Cook for Thought Project. Contact: fernanda@cookin?gtothebeat. com. Thursdays, 10:30am; \$15-\$96. Center for a Healthy Lifestyle, 533 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (behind Boys & Girls Club). (SOLANA BEACH)

DIY Food Trucks Design and build your own food truck like Feast artist Jason Torchinsky. Use wood, tape, and markers to construct a miniature vehicle, and then drive it around to move or sell food in our mini country and city landscape. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 12pm. New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Handmade Holidays: Happy HeARTs Learn a fun recipe to make your own healthy heartshaped treats, and use your creative skills to design a custom box to make a special delivery. Workshop times vary. Thursday, January 9, 4pm; New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

ScholarShare's Toddler Time Sing-a-long The Sound Kitchen Sing-a-long, inside a kitcheninspired sound studio. Attendees can sing and dance along to music and decorate an instrument to take home. Friday, January 10, 10:30am; New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Vons Handmade Holidays: DIY Ornaments Use recycled fabric and paper to make colorful ornaments or gift tags for your friends and family. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 12pm. New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

LECTURES

LIFE at MiraCosta College **Lectures** The Lifelong learning group meets weekly. 1pm: "The Role of Paine's Common Sense in the American Revolution" with Christopher Sleeper, professor of history. Learn why Paine's words were so incendiary and helped steer the "hearts and minds" of many colonists. 2:30pm: "San Diego County Airports" with Olivier Brackett. An overview of the San Diego County Airport system, including a discussion of the rules and regulations governing county airports and their history. Friday, January 10, 1pm; free. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Living with Alzheimer's The Center for Compassionate Care of The Elizabeth Hospice is hosting a

Gregorian Chant Mass

Pa-ter noster, qui es in cae-lis: sancti-fi-cé-tur nomen tu-um; advé-ni-at regnum Our Father who art is heaven, hallowed be thine name, Thy kingdom



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series of workshops designed for those who are caring for a family member or friend. Saturday, January 11, 5:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Center for Compassionate Care, 930 Canterbury Place. (ESCONDIDO)

Modern Immigration in San Diego County The "History Alive" lecture series continues with writer-teacher Estelle Gibson Lauer discussing human relations among new immigrants to the U.S. — many bringing ancient animosities, experiencing culture shock, and finding difficulty adjusting to an open society. Information: 619-460-4353. Thursday, January 9, 7pm; free. 18 and up. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

Public Nights at the Planetarium Two shows every Friday. "The Sky Tonight" (7pm to 8pm): A live narrated show highlighting the current night skies from San Diego. The moon, planets, and constellations are described and audiences are taken on virtual journeys into space. "Stars, Powerhouses of the Universe" (8:15pm to 9pm): A fulldome feature that will take you on a journey that explores the nature of stars in our galaxy. From stars that are forming to stars that are exploding in death, these powerhouses are the beacons of the galaxy. Narrated by Mark Hamill. Fridays, 7pm; \$4-\$6. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road, (SAN MARCOS)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Tom Skinner, Desert Storm veteran, will discuss his trans-USA PTSD bicycle adventure. Accompanied by his service dog, Scrubs, Tom gave presentations at a variety of churches and organizations along the way, sharing the story of his struggle with PTSD and sharing trip experiences. A light brunch will be served at 9:30am, followed by the program. There is no charge, but a reservation is requested to plan for the food: 619-463-3385. Saturday, January 11, 9:30am; free. United Church of Christ of La Mesa, 5940 Kelton Avenue. (LA MESA)

Technology Tips for Genealogists How to use some of the free (or low-cost) technology tools and apps to organize and facilitate your genealogy research. Instructor Linda Fredin is the owner of Information Search Associates, specializing in computer training and Internet research. Sunday, January 12, 1pm; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Discovery Table: Animal Tracks Stop by for hands-on science presented by Mission Trails Regional Park trail guides and discover which track looks like a baby's handprint. "Try our skill game, matching an animal to its tracks." Inside Visitor Center. Saturday, January 11, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Jun'pero Serra Trail. (SAN

The Gaslamp's Haunted History Take a scary stroll through

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

Life in Nature Experience the thrill of chance animal sightings, be amazed by remarkable facts on plant and animal lifestyles, and enjoy a morning in engaging openspace lands on trail guide-led walk. Meet at campground entry station. Saturday, January 11, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Jun'pero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

New Year/New Park Seasonal rains bring new growth and a lush look. Join our trail-guide-led walk through sage, chaparral, and river habitats. Saturday, January 11, 9:30am; Sunday, January 12, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Jun'pero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Scavenger Hunt Adventure

Turn San Diego into a giant game board with this fun scavenger hunt adventure, combining the excitement of *The Amazing Race* with a three-hour city tour. Guided from any smart phone, teams make their way among well-known and overlooked gems of the city, solving clues and completing challenges while learning local history. Start when you want to and play at your

pace. Save 20%: \$39.20 for a team of 2-5 people with promotion code SDREADER. \$9-\$20. (OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO)

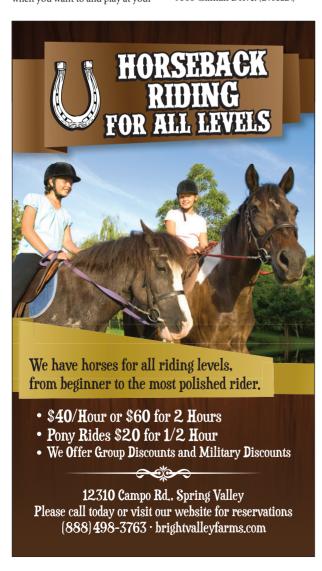
Solar Exploration Under a waxing moon with Jupiter rising in the east, join Mission Trails Regional Park's resident star gazer George Varga as he scopes the Pleiades (Seven Sisters), Double Cluster in Perseus, Andromeda Galaxy (M31), singing robots, and the Orion Nebula. Meet at the far end of the Kumeyaay Campground Day Use Parking Lot. Saturday, January 11, 5pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Jun'pero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Whale Watching Tours With Sail San Diego. 619-297-7426. Fridays, 1:30pm; Saturdays, 1:30pm; Sundays, 1:30pm; \$75-\$85. Shelter Island Marina, 2051 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Campus Tours

Explore the art, architecture, and history of the campus. Different from the prospective student tours, these weekly Sunday tours are designed 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)





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Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church

Contact: 8751 Regency Rd., San Diego 858-277-251; holyangelssandiego.com

Membership: 60 households Pastor: Father Robert Pipta

Age: 46 Born: Anaheim

Formation: St. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine

Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

Years Ordained: 20

San Diego Reader: What is your favorite subject on which to preach?

FP Father Robert Pipta: I enjoy preaching the most on growth in the ascetical life for Christians in light of the reality of the resurrection. Asceticism is spiritual exercise — it's

our part of the deal when it comes to what Jesus Christ has done for all people. It is our response to the reality of the resurrection; it's carrying a cross, which is part of the road to the life of resurrection, and trying to give people practical guideposts for embracing the cross daily, following Christ, and journeying to the resurrection with our Lord.

SDR: What is your main concern as member of the clergy? **FP**: It's quite related to what I enjoy preaching on the most: that is what seems to be an increasing hopelessness with people in our society, a rejection of God, and behavior that seems to reflect a rejection of God even by

those who speak of their belief in the gospel.

SDR: Why the Byzantine Catholic Church?

FP: It is perhaps the uncommon story today, but I was blessed with very good friends who are faithful Catholics, a supportive parish, and a great example from my father. I think God worked through all of this to keep me steadfast in my practice of the Byzantine tradition. So, when I was perceiving my call most profoundly throughout college, this was the only choice

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

FP: I don't want to get to a specific without first mentioning the general mission, which is consistent with the mission that Christ gave to his disciples, to go out and preach the gospel and to see that people are nourished with his life through the mystery of the Church, the sacraments, baptism, chrismation, and especially the Holy Eucharist and confession. Our particular church can carry out that mission through a sense of beauty and solemnity, a strong sense of the heavenly when it comes to worship and a celebration of the sacraments. SDR: Where do you go when

FP: Death is the separation of the soul from the body and it is pretty clear where the body goes at least until the second



Father Robert Pipta is concerned about "an increasing hopelessness with people in our society, a rejection of God, and behavior that seems to reflect a rejection of God."

coming of Christ. But the soul seeks God and is created by God and wants to eternally be with God. The Church is careful, as am I, not to be too detailed of that journey of the soul after death, but for it to be in God's presence and in a

blessed state is a gift of God. That is something we pray for and beg God for. I have a confidence because of the life of the Church and generosity of God that the souls of the faithful and my own soul, I pray, will hasten to God's loving arms at death and hasten to its reunion with the glorified body at the second coming of Christ. I believe in hell, separation from God. But I also believe that God doesn't want anyone to end up in that state. God is ultimately powerful over the devil. Any separation from God is our own doing; it's not God's doing.

— Joseph O'Brien

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Spencer Epps: doctor-inventor turned painterphilosopher.

"I don't know if you've ever had a chance to look at a picture of the cosmic microwave background. It's basically the afterbirth of the Big Bang. This is sort of an interpretation of that, of the emerging universe," says Spencer Epps, inventor and medical doctor-turned-painter, as he inspects "Baby Picture of the Universe," one of the paintings he has just hung for display on the walls of the Mission restaurant in the East Village. Then, he discusses the peculiarities of spacetime and the discrepancies

"Dark Tower represents your mind. Are you between emerging cosmomaster of your mind, or are you a slave to your mind?" he says, indicating another painting hanging from the restaurant's walls. Epps recently com-

pleted a series as a commentary on mental illness, and Dark Tower deals with the voice of loathing and self-doubt that many people associate with their insecurities. In the painting, an ominous shape lurks behind a wash of bold colors, each one impressionistically laid over the next, creating a thick impasto of anxious tones.

Epps speaks in a near

whisper, tying his words

together as thoughts run

through his mind, one sub-

ject bleeding into another.

In Broken Circuit. a raised sculpture in the middle of the canvas repand needs to be circumvented. White energy pools at one side of the sculpture, blackness lurks at the

textural nature of Broken Circuit is extreme. but it's that tactile sensation that characterizes Epps's style. The artist is new to painting, having only been doing it full time for a year and a half, and he has taken to the medium with a sense of curiosity that reflects his ability to float from cosmology to psychosis and

beyond.

"If you mix white and black paint, you get gray.

> supposed to mix oil and acrylic paints. I do a lot of experimenting. I'm always mixing household objects into my paint to see what kind of textures I can get." Еррѕ

> I'm not formally trained,

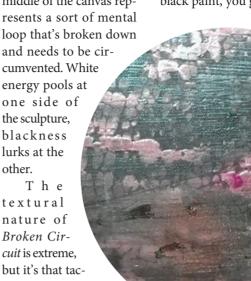
I didn't learn a lot of the

rules until later. Like, I

didn't know that you're not

likes to work fine cornmeal into the paint because it gives it "a beautiful fibrous texture" when it dries. He also uses the balls of silica gel from the "DO NOT EAT" packets. Since the silica is a powerful desiccant, it sucks moisture in from the paint and creates perfect little spheres along

the surface of the paint-



Detail of Baby Picture of the **Universe** by Spencer Epps

But if you paint a layer of

black paint, then put a layer

of white paint over it, you

get blue. Isn't that amaz-

ing?" says Epps. "Because

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mass, and energy.

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logical phenomena and the

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ing. The effect can be seen in Sanguis, his portrait of red blood cells, done as part of a series on "the elements."

In what might be the quintessential Dr. Spencer Epps moment, the painter likens art's interference with perception to the "bumpiness" of physics, saying that the only reason we have anything in the world is because energy and matter collide, accumulating and forming everything that is. Art interferes with ideas in the same way, causing them to glom together and become something greater.

"If you paint a layer of

black paint, then put a layer of white paint over it, you get blue. Isn't that amaz-

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

Art on the Green Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League gallerymember artists display their artwork at Art-on-the-Green every Sunday, January 12, 9am; free. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

ArtStop: Henri Matisse This ArtStop discusses Henri Matisse and is led by Dr. James Grebl, manager of the Museum's Library and Archives Matisse's work is currently on view in the Museum's Modern and Contemporary Art galleries. ArtStops are 15 minute, staff-led tours of one to three works on view. Museum curators and educators present talks every Thursday and third Tuesday at noon. Free after museum admission. Thursday, January 9, 12pm: free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Pastel Art Demonstration With artist Lyndelle Stonick, founder and first president of the United Society of Pastel Artists in Southern Cali-

Avenue, (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

fornia. Info: lvndelles@gmail.com. Friday, January 10, 1:30pm; free. Calavera Hills Park, 2997 Glasgow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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"Gimme the basic burger," I say. "Uh, no," says Leighanne.

h, no. Closed? I'm looking at a blank wall here. No windows. Some sign about latenite dining, but this is early evening.

I mean, what place at seven on a Friday night wouldn't be rockin', lights blazing, begging for you to come in? Could it be

Then I notice this gal circling around me and heading for a kind of fire door. She opens it, and, sounds of a party. Music, people shouting, golden light flooding out.

First thought: Speakeasy, Prohibition. Expect a guy to open a little spyhole to check your credentials.

"So it is open," I say.

"Oh, yes," she says.

"You'd never know if you didn't open the door," I say.

She holds the door open.

"Sometimes you've got to take a chance," she says. "Live a little."

So that's how I make it to a salmon-colored high-back bar chair here deep inside Nunu's, one of the venerables when it comes to oldschool bars. I know it used to be the morning hang-out for the Portuguese and Italian tuna men, who'd come in for a drink at dawn after a long night's work hauling giant fighting fish in by pole off the coast.

But looking around tonight, looks more swinging than venerable. This has gotta be one of the hoppingest places I've seen in a while. A lot of loud joshing, flirting, and back-and-forth between Doug the bartender and his customers further along the bar, as he pours, shakes, stirs, up-ends brandy bottles, even opening a champagne bottle for a couple who have just announced their engagement.

So, I sit down and suddenly I remember I've been here before. Last time, I sat up next to a cowboy at the bar. Really. He was an old guy with a black cowboy hat and cowboy boots that looked like they'd had spurs rubbing against

their heels most of their life.

"Tell me," he said, about 30 seconds into us kinda nodding to each other. "Why don't

cowboys skydive?"

"You got me there, sir." "Because it'd scare the hell out of their horses."

That was it. This guy was a keeper. Still get a picture of those horses freaking out as they floated down. He told me all about

his life. Son and grandson of cowboys. Born on the Rancho Santa Margarita y Flores, the huge rancho up in O'side. "I was in the saddle and working by the time I was seven. Never went to school. Never learned to read or write."

Lord. He joined the Marines when the Rancho gave way to Camp Pendleton. After he got out he became a rodeo clown. He'd been coming to Nunu's 22 years.

"Name's James. James Santiago. But everybody calls me Cowboy.'

So yeah. Good vibes.

"What's it to be, hon?" asks Leighanne, bringing me back to now.

Last time, Santiago and I were on a strict diet of Buds. Time for a change.

"Uh, Arrogant Bastard?"

"No, hon. Best I can do is Stone IPA...uh, hold it a moment."

She comes back with a bottle of Arrogant Bastard. A small one. "It was just hanging around," she says.

"No draft?"

"We only do bottles here," she says.

"I'll take it," I say. "Uh, do you have a menu?"

She hands me a list of mainly burgers, salads, and sandwiches. Thing that strikes me: for a cocktail bar, these are pretty reasonable prices. The "Original Char-Grilled Burger (quarter-pounder) is \$5.95. The Nunu, the half-pounder, is only 40 cents more.

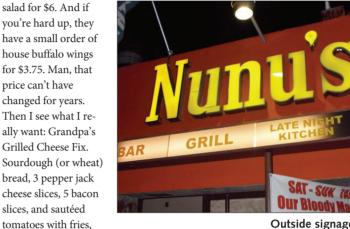
They have sandwiches, like the Classic Philly for \$6.95, a Philly with Jack Daniel's whiskey soaking it for \$7.75, and a grilled chicken breast



Folks around the bar



Arrogant Bastard and Nunu's basic burger



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counter. Wants to know how cooked I want it. "I'll bring it to you," he says.

I know...a burger's a burger, but the char-grill thing is great. Makes it all nubbly and crunchy and salty on the outside. This Arrogant Bastard washes it and the fries down great. It may be a small bottle, but it sure packs punch.

And the check: \$10.93. Not bad. Not bad at all.

Next time? Must try their cocktails. This couple to my right say they come up here rather than go downtown. "The cocktails are

half up here what you'd pay in the Gaslamp." So, do they still open at six for the tunamen? Leighanne shakes her head. "Only on the weekends," she says. "And not till seven. But we do breakfast. It's a fun crowd."

Boy, after this crowd, not sure I could handle it at the crack o'dawn. ■

(@SDReader_EdBed)

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"Uh, no," says Leighanne. "No. For that you have to go round the

buck more, a couple of eggs. Can just taste those

On the other hand, I see how big a bargain

that basic burger is, at \$5.95. And I like the idea

"Gimme the basic burger," I say.

back. They're a separate part of the business. Ask for Omar." I get around the back of the bar to the

little hole in the wall. Omar is here, running between steaming pots and pans and this tiny

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Creative sandwiches with artisan toppings? BFD

4135 Park Boulevard, University Heights — In this age of text and Twitter shorthand, it's tough to

say whether branding your storefront with the bright bold letters "BFD" should be taken as a bold

declaration or act of self-deprecation. Fortunately, the proprietors of Big Front Door have given the acronym a quite literal meaning by building the whole design of the shop around what might be more accurately termed a huge front door. Any excess bravado is restricted to their practice of wrapping sandwiches in white paper, sealed with a sticker to remind you: it's a "BFD".

Tough to argue the point when you're hun-

gry and pondering the menu, which reads like a foodie love poem. What carnivore can resist the allure of roasted poblano and pork loin, doublesmoked Berkshire ham, or baby-back ribs? Even some of the veggie-friendly options tantalize: stacked avocado, seasonal tomato and parmesan crisp; or smoked potato, avo-

cado whip, and pea sprouts.

But I ignored them all on my recent visit, lured by another siren song: the S.O.S. special. The so-called "Sandwich of the Season" seems to be an excuse to experiment with locally sourced ingredients, and successful attempts may earn a permanent spot on the big board. On my recent visit, the S.O.S. piqued my interest with blackened chicken, brussels sprouts, shallots, and brie on a cibatta. I've never known anyone audacious enough to put brussels sprouts on a sandwich,

so it had to be tried.

In true deli fashion, you order, then sit or stand around and wait, hoping for something interesting to look at that isn't your smartphone. Architecturally, there's not much to see beyond that big front door, a glass-and-steel custom job that opens on a center pivot and doubles as a standing lunch counter. The idea seems to be

to make the indoor seating feel almost as outdoor as the sidewalk tables facing Park Blvd. It's not a

particularly compelling section of Park, but the tables have umbrellas, so I guess it'll do.

More interesting are the coolers and cases. The deli case offers a glimpse of side salads, including cold sesame udon noodles and sesame slaw. If you're looking to take something home, try the heat-and-serve mac 'n' cheese or proprietary sliced deli meats. I tend to spend most of my time by the specialty soda cooler, reading the

labels of an impressive assortment of root beers, cream sodas, and ginger ales that haven't been ruined by highfructose corn syrup.

Actually, very few of the sandwiches and salads of BFD are ruined by terrible ingredients, unless you count a crusty torpedo roll scraping the roof of your mouth (I request my orders on a cibatta

or sourdough). While the brussels sprouts didn't ultimately work as a topping, outside the sandwich environment they tasted great. Even looking past the specials, these guys offer a sort of cerebral take on sandwich-making. While they manage to avoid gimmicks, some of their attempts are bound to fall short. Just as likely is you'll find one good enough to make you wonder about the rest.

by Ian Anderson



Peach pie and a small cup of coffee at the Barbecue Pit

there, not yet.

All Things BBQ: the Barbecue Pit

920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City — For all intents and purposes, the Barbecue Pit is identical to the Wrangler Family Barbecue. Not only does the menu board read the same — with the addition of chicken and slightly higher prices — it flat-out looks the same.

That's because, way back in the day, the Wrangler was a branch of the Barbecue Pit. The original Wrangler Family Barbecue crew took over, rebranding the restaurant as their own. As the decades have passed, branches of the Barbecue Pit have opened and closed all over San Diego.

As of now, besides the National City location, there's one at 2388 Fletcher Parkway in El Cajon. Recently, a branch opened in North Park, and swiftly closed to all but catering operations.

When it's decision time, the Barbecue Pit doesn't quite measure up to Wrangler. It's a close contest, but the sauce is less flavorful, the meat less exacting, and the dessert selection less riddled with gorgeous cream pies. That's not to say things falter. Far from it. Barbecue Pit's meats still deliver a deep, smoky flavor courtesy of a legit pit smoker; it's just not quite up to the caliber of its nearly identical twin.

The Barbecue Pit's website tells the restaurant's story, about how the founders moved to San Diego from Texas in the 1940s, opening the first restaurant downtown in 1947. The place is still in the family, several generations down the road and thousands of miles from Texas.

That's Dallas, Texas, to be precise, which is an interesting town for barbecue. As far as 'cue is concerned, Dallas is as far west as you can go and still be in East Texas. East Texas barbecue is equal hold on the BBQ-consciousness as beef, and the smoking tends to be on the subtler side. Logically enough, East Texas barbecue forms a bridge between the classical styles of the South, especially the ribs of Memphis and St. Louis, and the cowboy style that characterizes the *rest* of Texas...but we won't go

almost indistinguishable from the proper South.

Pork has at least an

by Ian Pike

Dog-Friendly Dining: Tower Two Beach Café

5083 Santa Monica Avenue, suite 1B — After a beautiful afternoon running my pup around O.B.'s Dog Beach, I got to thinking I could have it all: sunshine, ocean view, canine companionship, a couple of fish tacos, and a tasty beer to wash them down. So I rolled over to one of the few places in the city with a dog-friendly patio looking out over the water: Tower Two.

Named for the lifeguard tower standing watch over the Ocean Beach Pier, Tower Two has been a relatively uncelebrated O.B. fixture all but forever. While its open view of the beach may be a tick less immediate than that of its neighbor, Shades Oceanfront Bistro, and its fish tacos don't receive the hype of nearby South Beach Bar & Grill, Tower Two does let you enjoy some of the best peoplewatching in the city, with your pup in tow. Which might be the only reason to bother.

My first mistake was bypassing that beer. San Diego as craft-beer Mecca has admittedly spoiled my palate, but that doesn't excuse stacking a tap list with macros you can find at any minor-league ballpark. Given the choice between mediocre hefeweizens and Pepsi, I chose iced tea. If beer snobbery hadn't gotten the best of me, I might have been more receptive when the fish tacos arrived.

They came out fast. Actually, all the food gets served lickety-split, whether it's a fried appetizer or grilled sandwich. Which probably tells you a



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little something about the quality of meal we're talking about here. The grilled wahoo and fried pollock tacos each showed up on flour tortillas, with melted cheese, loads of ranch dressing, and pico de gallo that leaked far too much greasy fluid onto my plate. In retrospect, I would have preferred to wait a bit longer for my order, as it quickly became apparent that enjoying the atmosphere was going to be the best part of the meal.

My dog had a blast. A young girl from the next table came over to pet her, and there were several other pups at nearby tables, so there were plenty of opportunities for stare-downs and even a little three-part barking harmony at one point. The restaurant makes plenty of water bowls available to keep your pet comfortable, and there's enough space that humans dining with other humans don't seem too frustrated by having a few well-behaved animals nearby.

I did have to wonder, though, why would any dogless soul bother? There's no question Tower Two benefits from location location location. The problem is that it seems content to abuse this advantage by marking up substandard food for O.B.'s transient population of sunseekers and tourists. I suppose the longevity of the place bears this business model out, but it seems borderline offensive that the owners — virtually guaranteed a steady stream of business any day the sun shines brightly over Ocean Beach — seem so willing to embrace the lowest common denominator of the restaurant business. If you want this food and these drinks, you can get them a lot cheaper at any out-of-the way dive bar in possession of an Erotic Photo Hunt video game. If you're just looking for a place to gaze at the ocean with your best furry friend beside you, grab a counter seat and nurse that cocktail.

by Ian Anderson

Is downtown eating its own?

Sometimes it seems like once any café gets too big for its boots in the Gaslamp, it gets ejected and has to start again out in some suburban wilderness, just because it won't — or can't — pay the rent that the downtown landlords think their success justifies.

Case in point: Croce's is being





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Croce's has sounded the retreat and is regrouping in Bankers Hill as Croce's Park West.

levered out of the space it has held for, what? Nearly 30 years? New Year's Eve was their last night downtown. Reason? Follow the money. There was also the issue of thumpa-thumpathumpa coming up through the floorboards of the club the landlord let in below, which sure didn't help Croce's musicians and diners

So, now Croce's has sounded the retreat and is regrouping in Bankers Hill (Croce's Park West, 2760 Fifth Avenue), still serving food, making music, and keeping alive the memory of owner/ singer Jim Croce (think: "Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown"), owner Ingrid Croce's first husband.

Jim died in a plane crash in 1973. One week before that, the story goes, he and Ingrid had discovered the Gaslamp and together they had the idea of

Hob Nob Hill

breakfast, lunch & dinner

creating a bar/eatery/live-music venue there to revive the gone-toseed Gaslamp-Stingaree district.

"I vividly remember...we stopped on the corner of Fifth and F... looking for a place to eat and a club where we could listen to live music," Ingrid writes on Croce's website. "We were disappointed to find only tattoo parlors, ladies of the night, and people begging for change."

Fast-forward 12 years. Ingrid returned and created basically the first live-music eatery downtown. Croce's was an important anchor for much of what became the Gaslamp.

A few blocks down at Fourth and Market, in 1991, a Jordanian Palestinian named Bassam Shamma opened what he claimed was "the first real coffee house in California." It sure felt like a real Euro coffee shop. Sold

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Gauloises French cigarettes, wine, exotic teas, and way-good coffees. Maybe more than anyone, Bassam created an eco-system for the new settlers of downtown.

He made downtown cool. Did success spoil Rock Hudson? You betcha. Around 15 years later, Bassam's new landlord thought he ought to get a bigger percentage of Café Bassam's profits. Bassam had to move. Up to... Bankers Hill (3088 Fifth Avenue). The new place is cool, but, well, the area is residential, doctorland. Why would you be up here?

Even so, Bassam brought everything up with him: the ancient rifles, cigars, model schooners, the baby grand piano, a thousand knicknacks, and a hideaway feeling that's great for studying and having intimate conversations in. And customers followed.

Me, too. Last week it was just for a \$5 glass of port and a bowl of olives and bread (\$8). It's a nice way to put a space-bar in the day, at the slat tables outside, as the sun slides across the Park, a block over.

But you've got to go up there. And even when you've settled in, got your port, nibbled an olive, you wish this was back in the Gaslamp. You miss the hustle and bustle down there.

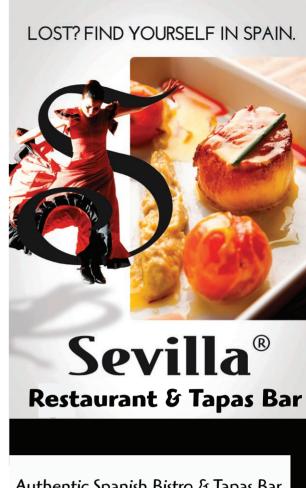
You have to ask: At what point does one landlord's profits trump the happiness that a place like Bassam's or Croce's creates for thousands in an area like the Gaslamp?

With the forced retreat from downtown of successful and beloved places like Bassam's (back in '07?) and last week Croce's, you realize that the landlords may be getting richer, but the Gaslamp is definitely the poorer.

Official opening of Croce's Park West: Sunday, January 19 ("soft" opening started Monday, January 6).

by Ed Bedford





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Another reggae casualty. "94/9 has a long history of airplay and shows featuring Bob Marley, and always — I mean *always* — the response has been overwhelming." That was a comment from FM 94/9 general manager Rick Jackson singing the praises of reggae

pulled on another longtime weekly reggae show. *Yard Sound*, hosted by Ras Charles, has been yanked by Palomar College station KKSM (1320 AM). Jamaican-born Charles has been hosting and producing *Yard Sound* for 12 years. It's final airing was to be January 8.

the inside track

music on commercial airwaves. Yet he canceled the Sundaymorning *Brunch with Bob and Friends* in 2012 after eight years of solid ratings.

After 25 years, 91X canceled

A former Camp Pendleton Marine, Charles has operated a reggae-inspired clothing and gift store on Coast Highway in Oceanside since 1990.

Each Yard Sound show



Roots reggae radioman Ras Charles loses student studio and show

the Sunday-night *Reggae Makossa* show in 2008, even though the show was doing much better ratings-wise in its time slot than the station was doing as a whole.

Now the plug has been

would feature a specific reggae artist as well as music by local bands. "Then I would explain what each song means, what it was all about. People can learn about each artist." Between songs, in his thick Jamaican patois, Charles spoke about family, environment, politics, and the importance of arts in culture.

Charles says he found out about the *Yard Sound* cancellation in a letter from KKSM. "They said that in order to continue the show I would have to become a student of Palomar."

Palomar telecom professor Pat Hahn says that while Palomar has long allowed nonstudents to be student DJs on KKSM, that the state is now enforcing student-only edicts at community colleges like Palomar. Hahn says he assumes that this will also mean the end of *Doug Best Swings*, a Saturday morning show hosted by the 88-year-old Best, which features big-band era music and has been on the airwaves for more than 30 years.

Charles tells the *Reader* that despite KKSM's weak AM signal, *Yard Sound* had regular listeners "in China, Sri Lanka, Brazil, and Europe," who listened via the internet. He says locals could also get KKSM by simulcast on Cox cable. Charles says he could continue to send out *Yard Sound* via the web, but without a studio, he won't be able to produce the show.

"If I don't find a studio, It will be missed by many people. Still, I respect the station and the college for giving me this opportunity for so long."

Archived *Yard Sound* shows can be heard at *yardsound.com*.

— Ken Leighton

What's shaken at the Kraken? "They pulled the plug. They're having slow

turnouts on all nights," Doug Allen says of the Kraken in Solana Beach. For five years, the Cardiff musician ran an open jam session there two nights a week. But last month, Kraken owner Doug Aldred canceled it. "The whole problem is that it was on Monday and Tuesday nights," Allen says. "Even though the bar was full, there wasn't a whole lot of drinking going on."

Allen says there's no bad blood between himself and the Kraken. After all, he says, "Tuesday nights are the hardest of nights to fill a bar." But Aldred eliminated live music on Wednesday nights as well. "It gets slow this time of year. Probably after Christmas," Allen hopes, "people will start going back to bars."

One wonders if Allen, 53, was some form of juggler in a past life. When he sits down to his sparkling white piano, he sings and accompanies himself via a left-handed bass guitar and some kick drums anchored onto the floor at angles under the keyboard. And when he plays saxophone with his steady meal ticket of three decades, '50s-'80s tribute act the Mar Dels, he often plays two horns at the same time — sometimes with one of the saxophones turned upside

"That's how it got started, the jam session," he says, meaning his knack for self-accompaniment. "I went into the Kraken one night and no one was there. I asked if they could pay me enough to set up and

It wasn't him."

Aside from Mar Dels shows, what's next for Doug Allen? "I'm thinking about going to Hollywood and finding a pro-



One-man jam band Doug Allen taking his talents to Hollywood

just play by myself." That eventually morphed into a jam, and when the number of musicians that showed up to play grew past 50, one night became two in order to accommodate all.

"There were definitely nights when it paid for itself. It was like a party going on there." Then again, Allen says this isn't the first time he's seen gigs grind to a halt. He conjures the names of some of the players that jammed with him at the Coast Highway bar over the years.

"Reggie Smith came in, and John January, Boyd Gardiner, Pete Bogle, Rebecca Jade, and this crazy guy who traveled around with his piano on a trailer named Dan Frost...and Lenny Kravitz's sax player. He came in one night. I can't remember his name to save my life." Was it Karl Denson? "No.

ducer to do a reality show." He sounds half-serious. "I'll call it 'Rock and Roll Road House.' We'll film at a different club each week. And we'll have jam sessions at each. Think about the potential for drama."

— Dave Good

Wired wrong. Retro-futuristic steampunk is a visual art form, featuring Victorian preelectrical machinery, spinning gears, windup gadgets, brass and woodwork, sepia-tone corsets, top hats, and goggles. Some steampunks also make music.

"We're a musical pantomime troupe," says Christopher "Bunny" Bennett of Steam Powered Giraffe. "Most know us as 'those singing robots.' We're trained in movement, music, and visual design. It's a

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meshing of different art forms. Four-part harmonies and robot popping and locking may seem like a terrible idea, but that's probably why it works so well."

Wearing elaborate makeup and costumes, the band turns up at Queen Bee's (occasional home of steampunk dance parties) and the zoo, where kids scream for the band like grade-school groupies. "We're family-friendly, but children aren't our primary audience. We're a clean act, and our

into working on this album before we came up with a name," says Bennett. "It works great because it references a progressive build of technology, which fits perfectly in a band of singing robots. This was also Sam Luke's first album with us as our new robot Hatchworth, so we wanted him to be front and center on the cover. He has this sort of glowing chest plate, which made for a good place to put our name and album title bursting out."

The sound is a blend of electronic, pop, disco, and musical comedy, with new songs such as "I'll Rust with You," "Wired Wrong," "Ghost



Steam Powered Giraffe's got a record and a comic book coming out this month.

demographic is huge. We're safe enough for your baby or grandma, but cool enough for your teenager."

The musical automatons will debut their third studio full-length MK III with a January 17 release party at Four Points by Sheraton on Aero Drive. "It took maybe a year

Grinder," and "Roller Skate King."

Given steampunk's popularity at Comic-Con, especially among cosplayers (geek-speak for costume players), it should come as no surprise that an SPG comic book is in the works. "It's being made available for free on

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the web with biweekly updates sometime this month," says Bennett. "I like the idea that Steam Powered Giraffe is much more than a band... there's all these little alcoves you can explore. Lore, characters, stories — however far the audience is willing to go."

Jay Allen Sanford

Record-release roundup.

The new year is kicking off with a herd of earworms, including the debut full-length from jazz-funk dancehall drifters Mafard, whose first single, "Finger Lickin' Chicken Pickin' Mexican," has been stirring the controversy pot.

An unreleased version of the Shambles song "All Sorts" appears on a new compilation, Sweet Relief 3, from Michigan-based JAM Records. Built around a backing track produced in 2002 by Gregory Page, players include Bart Mendoza, Jeff Berkley, Cathryn Beeks, Derek Duplessie, Danny Cress, and Dylan Martinez.

Also out this week is the newest two-disc edition of Powerpop Planet (Volume 3), from Colorado-based Pop Geek Heaven, featuring tracks from locals Neon Cough ("World of Tomorrow"),

True Stories ("Hearts on Sleeve"), Normandie Wilson ("Nobody Loves You Like I Do"), and Scott Mathiasen & the Shifty Eyed Dogs ("Oh Misery"). Hard-rock trio Broth-

ers Weiss (cofounded by former Family Wagon guitarist Ryan Weiss) will premiere their five-song Conversations EP in City Heights on January 10 at the Soda Bar.

Acoustic troubadour Tom Brosseau is debuting Grass Punks on the 11th at Swedenborg Hall in University Heights, where he'll appear with the album's producer and guest player Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek, Fiction Family).

Switchfoot continues their mainstream invasion with Fading West, due January 14 from big-time Atlantic Records and tying into their same-named surfing/tour documentary.

Family Wagon becomes Brothers Weiss, releases debut EP this week

The second full-length from up-and-comers Trouble in the Wind, Slide Rock, drops the same day, featuring 16 songs mixed and recorded by the band and preceded by its first single "Taken."

Lo-fi grads Dum Dum Girls have a new full-length due to drop on January 28 called Too True, with its first single "Lost Boys and Girls Club"

Jake E. Lee's new band Red Dragon Cartel got off to a rocky start with a lambasted concert debut at Hollywood's

Whiskey A Go Go, with singer Darren James Smith posting an online apology for his poor showing. Their self-titled album (Lee's first in two decades) is due for release January 28 via Frontiers Records, and they've already scored a slot at UK's 2014 Download festival, happening June 13 through 15 and headlined by Aerosmith, Linkin Park, and Avenged Sevenfold. That

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday

Nineties-grade alt-rockers No Knife culled a biggish but brief career from angular slash-andburn pop deconstructions that evoked, at turns, the Clash, Fugazi, Archers, and Mission of Burma, but Mitch Wilson's first-person lyrics and emotive vocals doggie-bagged 'em as Jimmy Eat World leftovers, a band they shared the stage with a lot. More ras-core than math-core. No Knife had more rock swagger than the bands they were aligned with, imo, but the mishandling of San Diego bands in the wake of the Seattle splash was a crying shame — don't get me stahted. Of No Knife's four records, their final cut, 2002's Riot for Romance! holds the most water as a precursor to more melodic art-punk acts to follow. The quartet'll headline sets Thursday night in honor of the Cashah's 25-year turn as the stage that gave alternative acts local cred and national attention. Fellow survivors Ghetto Blaster (Fishwife, Irradio, Hostile Combover) and a band called Nancy open the show. (As I wrap this for deadline it appears Thursday night's gig has sold the fug out, but a second show's been added on Wednesday the 8th, so get up, get out, NOW)... Else: on the heels of



NO KNIFF AT CASBAH

two sold-out shows at Belly Up Wednesday night, Snoop Dogg aka Snoop Lion aka DJ Snoopadelic will drop it like it's hot at Fluxx downtown. They are tight for tix as I type, but the Fluxx site says there should be some at the door...also downtown Thursday night, indiefolkie Alex Brown Church, aka Sea Wolf, will be bringing some Old World Romance to art spot Luce Loft...and our fave local lo-fi surf psychonauts **Barbarian** invade the Griffin in advance of their debut full-length, and the sooner the better, as the Monk house has worn out last summer's fuzzy gumdrop EP tease City of Women. With the equally excellent Echo Park witch punks Spirit Vine and '60s-soaked Valley Center valley boys Young Wants opening the show, this is where all the kids in the know will go. And now you know.



COOL GHOULS AT TOWER BAR

Friday

SanFran garage-pop band **Cool Ghouls** materialize at Tower Bar Friday night. Last year the Ghouls quietly released one of the better flower punk sets via Burger Record cassettes. It's a joyous noise that updates the Troggs and the Monks with some Calibent sing-alongs and gives contemporaries such as Ty Segall, Thee Oh Sees, and Fresh & Onlys a run for their guitar-rock money. Stream this: coolghouls420.bandcamp.com/album/cool-ghouls. With like-minded Los Angelenos Froth (morphine

lollipop, anyone?) and our own Amerikan Bear setting it up, this'd be the gig to be/see/ hear/sway/sing along or just grin at. Shit, I'm already there... Best of the rest: Fast Coast hip-hop duo Mobb Deep's at House of Blues in advance of this year's remastered, repackaged, reinvigorated (with ten 1995 outtakes) Infamous Mobb Deep double-record set...the hard-rocking Brothers Weiss will be at Soda Bar releasing their new EP CD Conversations with local bros Strange

Vine and Buddy Banter...and GG Allin's last backing band, the Murder Junkies, featuring GG's brother Merle, will be at Brick by Brick with SanDago's Systematic Abuse and Tim Raldo & the Filthy Fuks. The Junkies still spill that old GG Allin shock rock, along with a 20-year back catalog of their own rough-and-tumble punk.

<u>Saturdav</u>

Bubble-gum punks the **Dickies** swing into Soda Bar Saturday night. The campy SoCal band had a fun run of covers played at a Ramonesian clip, including "Banana Splits (Tra La La Song),"
"Nights in White Satin," Sabbath's "Paranoid," and the Monkees' "She." Founded in 1977, the self-described "clown princes of punk" claim t'be the longest-running L.A. act from that era "still recording new material." No they're not, but they're still hella fun to see. Local favorites the Creepy Creeps,

Bugs, and Home-less Sexuals set it up.... Another big banger bill finds

Chiefs. Great Electric Quest, Pheasants, and Subject to Citation taking down the Shakedown with an eclectic mix of punk'd rock-roll.... Northa town, acoustic anarcho-punk five-piece **Blackbird** Raum takes the stage at Ché Café after Age of Collapse. Hot Nerds. and the Manx... west-side rapper (and double-Gs nephew, btmfw) Nipsey Hu\$\$le's across campus at UCSD rap

THE DICKIES AT SODA BAR

room Porter's Pub, taking a Victory Lap with the third and final installment of his mixtape series The Marathon...northa northa town Belly Up stages the barroom-rocking Farmers' Fourth Anniversary Hootenany, this year featuring Joey Harris & the Mentals, Rugburns, and X man John **Doe**. vo...while northa northa town. Flying V fiend Michael Schenker (UFO, Scorpions) takes the Ramona Mainstage for a night of deet deet diddledy deet wahhh wahhh juuuwahhhnnn. The heavy-metal hit's out to tout his latest original rocker Bridge the Gap.

Sunday

Tennis anyone? Denver-based marrieds Alaina Moore and Patrick Riley have apparently docked the breezy Cape Dory skiff-pop for darker waters. Last year's Young and Old, recorded with Black Key Patrick Carney fuzzed up the works well enough, but this year's Small Sound EP is a funkier take on the band's Brill Building girl-group gewgaw. Soda Bar serves 'em up with a solo Poor **Moon** — guitarist/singer Christian Wargo of Fleet



TENNIS AT SODA BAR

Foxes and Crystal Skulls. That's a decent double bill for fans of the folk-pop brand.... Otherwise, you got garage-rock throwback Seattle act Pickwick at Casbah with "death country" Canada band Elliott **Brood**...and "maxi-instrumentalist"/songsmith (Jackson Browne, Warren Zevon) and consummate

showman (his banter's as good as his guitar) **David Lindley** will follow local fave Gregory Page at Belly Up for one of their seated

Monday

Dave Good's Of Noted show this week is local indie hits Pinback,

who actually plug in for two night's at Casbah Monday and Tuesday. **Deathfix** (feat. Brendan Canty of Fugazi on guitar/voice!?) and our own fuzz-punk globby goodness **Octa#Grape** open both shows.... If you're taking a pass on Monday night in Middletown, the **Meat Packers** (part Stone Foxes, part Goodnight, Texas) celebrate ten years of touring together at Soda Bar after Midnight Pine and Hong Kong Fuzz.

Tuesday

L.A.-based folk-rock five-piece the Lonely Wild is doing a month of Tuesdays at Soda Bar behind their latest, The Sun as It Comes. This week



THE LONELY WILD AT SODA BAR

with one-man blues-rock band Low Volts and indie-pop confessors Palace Ballroom open the show.... Reggae-rockers the **Devastators** join the funked up **Brothers Gow** and electro-soul duo **Tarr Steps** for a four-artist paint-off at Belly Up. Apparently the painters paint while the bands play and you pick the winning pic. Carlos Culture's MCing the proceedings while DJ Man Cat ("Half man, half cat, 100 percent awesome") spins 'round sets.

<u>Wednesday</u>

Switchfoot fans'll have a lot to carry at Casbah as the Grammy-winning God squad's Fading West CD, which drops Tuesday, comes free with the \$35 entry fee and, AND, there's a DVD movie of the tour. Super duper.... L.A.-based mope-pop new wavers Martha Davis & the Motels ("Suddenly Last Summer," "Only the Lonely") check into Belly Up. Until next week, I am over and I am out.

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Thursday through Sunday — SoundON Festival of Modern Music. \$10-\$60.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar:

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Beaumont's:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Mike Myrdal.

Friday, 9pm — The Aquile Band.

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Sunday, 11:30am — Doug
Benson. Free.

Belly Up:

Friday, 8pm — Jonny Lang. \$54-\$95.

Saturday, 8:30pm — The Farmers, Joey Harris & the Mentals.

Sunday, 8pm — David Lindley. Tuesday, 7pm — Devastators, Brothers Gow, Tarr Steps. Wednesday, 8pm — Martha Davis & the Motels.

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Brick by Brick:

Friday, 7pm — Murder Junkies and Systematic Abuse. \$10.

Casbah:

Thursday, 9pm — No Knife, Ghetto Blaster, Nancy. \$16. *Friday*, 9pm — The Rugburns and Truckee Brothers. \$20.

Saturday, 8pm — Sweet & Tender Hooligans, Companies. Sunday, 8:30pm — Pickwick and Rose Windows. \$15.

Monday, Tuesday, 9pm — Pinback, Death Fix, Octa#grape. \$25

Central Library:

Wednesday, 5:30pm — Whitney Shay. Free.

Chico Club:

Thursday, Friday, 8pm — DJ Harvest. Saturday, 8pm — Clapton Hook. Sunday, 8pm — DJ Harvest.

Che Cafe:

Saturday, 8pm — Blackbird Raum, Hot Nerds, the Manx. \$10. Sunday, 7pm — Kids, Pretty Teen, Great Ghosts, more. Free.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD:

Thursday, 8pm — Emerson String Quartet.

Coyote Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 6pm — Clay Colton Band. Friday, 6pm — Mor Sol.

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Crab Catcher:

Friday, 5pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Free.

Craftlab Gallery:

Friday, 8pm — Experimental Noise of the New Year.

Dirk's Niteclub:

Friday, 8:30pm — Rock Face. Saturday, 7pm — Zone 4.

First Presbyterian Church:

Saturday, 7pm — Yale University's Wiffenpoofs. \$10.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill:

Saturday, 9pm — Full Moon Fever. **Free**.

Good Guys Tavern:

Friday, 9pm — Fustercluck of Sound.

Griffin:

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Thursday, 8pm — Barbarian, Spirit Vine, Young Wants. Monday, 9pm — Cody Canada & Departed, Am. Aquarium.

House of Blues:

Friday, 7pm — Lafayette Blues Band. **Free.**

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BY DAVE GOOD

Gloomy music pretending to be happy: that's Pinback. Their particular vibe comes

as the result of living here in the banana belt of San Diego where the weather is almost always balmy. Or so says Armistead Burwell Smith IV, the bassist from Three Mile Pilot who is known as Zach to his friends, and who is also one-half of Pinback. This is an on-again off-again project that he began in 1998 with singer-songwriter-guitarist Rob Crow, who, in the band's biography, admits to having slept on the roof of his childhood home.

"When I was a kid," he writes, "I would bring my guitar, my radio, and a couple of pillows up there and watch packs of coyotes invade the neighbor's backyards chasing rabbits."

Ouirky, ves. but establishment music press such as Rolling Stone has given them some love more than once over the years. Once, an RS critic likened the Pinback listening experience to a tennis match, as opposed to the rollercoaster of most of rock and roll. The tension that exists between Crow and Smith did not go unnoticed. But it is a brand of tension that never rises above a fever pitch. Mild, dreamy music fit for airport lobbies and

other giant public spaces, pretty compositions that have likewise gotten encouragement from the critics at *Pitchfork*. The live show, on the other hand, is more band-like and far less refined.

Still, I find it hard to call Pinback an actual band, what with their spotty record-release history (only six since 1999, and sometimes with as many as five years between CDs) and the constant turnover of side musicians. Smith and Crow are most often joined live by Chris



Prescott, who also works as the drummer for the Montalban Quintet, but at least a dozen other local musicians can say that they, too, have been part of the Pinback machine at one time or another.

Death Fix and Octa#Grape also perform.

PINBACK: Casbah, Monday, January 13, 7:30 p.m. 619-232-HELL. \$25

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Sunday, 10am — Kirk Franklin Gospel Brunch. \$21-\$42. Monday, 8pm — Janelle Mon‡e and Roman GianArthur. \$25.

Humphreys Backstage Music

Thursday, 7pm — West Of 5. \$5. Friday, 7pm — PopRX. Saturday, 9pm — Len Rainey.

Sunday, 9:30pm — Will Donato. \$12.

Monday, 7pm — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay. Free. Tuesday, 7pm — Aubrey Fay. Wednesday, 7pm — Christian Hastings Band. \$5.

Infinity at Pala Casino:

Saturday, 8:30pm — Mick Adams & the Stones. Tuesday, 1pm — Help!

Jumping Turtle:

Friday, 8pm — Translation Audio, Roman Watchdogs. Saturday, 8pm — One Foot in the Blues and Vudu Fly.

Kava Lounge:

Friday, 8pm — Blend and

Pinwheel.

Tuesday, 8pm — High Tech
Tuesdays.

Wednesday, 8pm — Future

Kensington Club:

Wednesdays

Saturday, 10pm — Loose Nutts and Creative Conspiracy. \$5.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Saturday*, 7pm — Joe Rathburn.

Lestat's Coffee House:

Monday, 7pm — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.

Loft:

Friday, 7pm — Locals.

Luce Loft:

Thursday, 9pm — SeaWolf (solo).

MaGee's Tavern:

Friday, 8pm — The Shakedown Daddies.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop:

Thursday, 8:30pm — We Are Sirens and Tiger & the Teller.

Merrow:

Saturday, 8pm — The Lillies and the Young Gents.

Molly Malone's:

Friday, 9pm — Safety Orange. Free. Saturday, 8pm — Saturday Night Karaoke.

Padre Gold:

Four.

Saturday, 8pm — Dance Party: Willie Nelson Tribute. \$5-\$10.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: Friday, Saturday, 8pm — Fab

Point Loma Assembly:

Saturday, 7pm — Adam del Monte, flamenco guitarist. \$18-\$20.

Porter's Pub at UCSD:

Saturday, 8:30pm — Nipsey Hu\$\$le.

Prohibition:

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

Saturday, 8pm — Lady Dottie.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:

Sunday, 8pm — Open Salsa Dance with DJ.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:

Saturday, 8:30pm — Michael Schenker and Taz Taylor Band.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:

Thursday, 9pm — Mafard. Free. Friday, 9pm — Sure Fire Soul Ensemble.
Saturday, 9pm — Chess Wars.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery:

Saturday, 7pm — The Ridge Runners. Free.

Sand Crab Tavern:

Sunday, 11am — Robin Henkel. **Free.**

Shakedown Bar:

Orliday, 8:30pm — Caskitt, Night Owl Massacre, Dark Globe.
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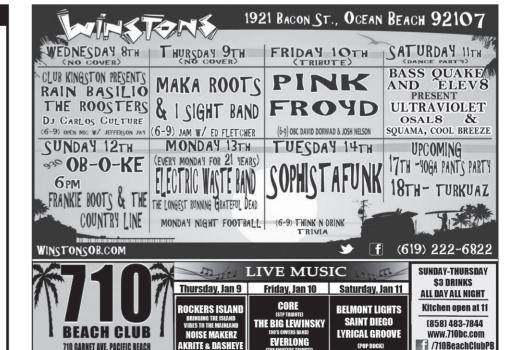
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- 1/31 DJ Z-Trip featuring Lyrics Born with Goldenchyld
- 2/1 Lukas Nelson and the Promise of the Real
- 2/4 & 5 Pepper
- 2/6 Marc Broussard
- 2/7 Morgan Heritage
- 2/8 Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo
- 2/9 The Highwayman
- 2/11 An Evening with

 Dan Hicks and the

 Hot Licks seated show
- 2/13 Los Lobos
- 2/14 Dead Man's Party
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Happy Hours! Fridays 5PM

- 2/15 BoomBox
- 2/16 Steve Poltz's 5th Annual 50th Birthday Party
- 2/19 Ziggy Marley - SOLD OUT!!!
- 2/20-2/22 Sunset Sessions
 - Pres. by KPRI 2/26 Robert Randolph and the Family Band
 - 2/27 Lord Huron
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 - 3/1 Cash'd Out Johnny Cash Birthday Bash
 - 3/2 The Wailers -30th Anniversary of Legend Tour
 - 3/4 The Wild Feathers
 KPRI presents
 - 3/5 Gary Numan
 - 3/7 Karl Denson's Tiny Universe

- 3/15 Tommy Castro & The Painkillers
- 3/16 Lake Street Dive
- 3/19 Galactic
- 3/21 & 22 The English Beat
 - 3/23 Rhys Darby of Flight of the Concords
 - Seated Show
 - 3/30 An Evening with Leftover Salmon
 - 4/1 An Evening with The Mavericks
 - 4/2 VNV Nation
- 4/3 & 4 Big Head Todd and the Monsters
- 4/11 & 12 Super Diamond
 - 5/9 Johnny Clegg
 - 5/14 Stephen Marley
 - 5/22 The Marshall Tucker Band
 - 6/22 The Milk Carton Kids

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South Bay Lounge:

Saturday, 8pm — Jack City Blues Band. \$5.

Stage Rock Bar & Grill:

Friday, 8pm — Timothy H and Disco Pimps. Saturday, 7:30pm — Nerd Herd and Hott Mess. Sunday, 8pm — Funhouse/ Seismic. Monday, 8pm — '80s Gothic

Wednesday, 8pm — Mark Fisher & Gaslamp Guitars.

Swedenborg Hall:

Saturday, 8pm — Tom Brosseau and Sean Watkins. \$15-\$20. Sunday, 7:30pm — Wayne Riker: Beatles A Through Z. \$10.

Sycuan Casino:

Saturday, 8pm — Pure Prairie League and Poco. \$40.

Til-Two:

Friday, 8pm — Steady 45s, Mochilero, DJ King Dutty.

Tin Can Ale House:

Thursday, 8pm — King Legend, High Noon, Counterpoint Culture. \$5.

Friday, 8pm — Brian Ellis Group and Hing. \$5.

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Night Time, My Time **Sky Ferreira**

By Ryo Miyauchi

After several delays, starlet Sky Ferreira has released her debut record. Ferreira gained popularity last year with her glossy single "Everything Is Embarrassing," and the synthpop singer/model/ actress appears to have improved her songcraft with a new sound and direction. The result is an album close to her leather-clad, chic public persona that often reveals her

private pains

The production on the record reveals the raw personality of Ferreira but with a clean finish, pairing sleek electric guitars and rough, booming drums. Songs such as "You're Not the One" encapsulate this formula

of '80s new-wave pop shot through with '90s

Reveals a raw personality

with a clean finish.

Although publicly Ferreira presents a "whatever" cool, lyrically she shares deeply vulnerable moments. Highlight cut "I Blame Myself" confronts her history and rep presented by the media in an effort to start anew. She drops heavy, emotional content with a catchy hook.

It's been a long time coming for Ferreira, and her debut is a product of its trials and tribulations. Ferreira's songs are deeply personal, uniquely hers.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Queens highlight this year's Wrex By Justin Powell

Usually a smorgasbord of choice acts, 2013's Wrex the Halls was an exceptional hill One attendee told me this was the "best show by far," and I am inclined to agree. Reason? Queens of the Stone Age!

Some up-and-coming bands opened the festivities, including **Enalish indie-rockers** Alt-J and Arctic Monkeys, and American indie acts Cage the Elephant and Vam-

pire Weekend, which seemed to be a band the audience either loved or hated. Several attendees started



Finest Wrex yet?

checking their phones or making a beer run when they came on.

But all was made right again when Queens appeared. New radio hit "I Sat by the Ocean" was well received, and the crowd rocked out to "My God Is the Sun." Seducing San Diego with their music and friendly patter, and a promise to "be back soon," Queens were indeed a grand

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Tower Bar:

Friday, 8pm — Cool Ghouls, Froth, Amerikan Bear. Saturday, 9pm — Action Andy & the Hi-Tones, Chango Rey.

Vision Center for Spiritual Living:

Thursday, 7pm — CSNY tribute with Sabrina & Craig.

War Memorial Building: Saturday, 6pm — Bon Temps Social Club Cajun/Zydeco

Whistle Stop Bar: Saturday, 8pm — Grampadrew.

Wine Steals:

Dance, \$10.

Saturday, 7pm — Robin Henkel.

Winstons:

Thursday, 8:30pm — Maka Roots and the I Sight Band. Free. Friday, 8:30pm — Pink Froyd. Saturday, 8pm — Bass~Quake & Elev8: DJ Ultraviolet. Sunday, 10pm — Jose Sinatra hosts OB-oke. \$1.

Monday, 8pm — Electric Waste Band, \$5.

Tuesday, 8pm — Sophistafunk.

Wednesday, 8pm -SimmerDown Riddim Section, DI Carlos Culture. Free.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: Saturday, 9pm — Blackheart Warriors, Ras Teo, Brizion. \$7.

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Thursday, January 9, 8pm: Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive.

Hutchins Consort Hutchins Consort artistic director Joe McNalley with five performances with music from around the world. Every performance will include anecdotal music education, giving the listener a peek into the lives of the composers and some history about the times in which they wrote. Saturday, January 11, 10am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive.

Nadir Khashimov La Jolla Music Society presents violinist Nadir Khashimov, performing music by Mozart (Violin Sonata in A Major, K. 526),

Franck (Violin Sonata), Bach (Chaconne), and Wieniawski (Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 15). Sunday, January 12, 3pm; \$5-\$30. Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive.

UPCOMING SHOWS

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885. January 17 — Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda. January 18 — Darryl F. Walker. January 25 — Tribute to Jimmy Smith & Lou Donaldson February 1 — Robert Dove: Wayne Shorter tribute.

AMSDconcerts: 1370 Euclid Ave., City Heights, 619-303-8176. February 7 — Guy Davis. February 16 — George Kuo, Martin Pahinui, Aaron Mahi.

Amaya: 1205 Prospect St., La Iolla, 858-750-3695 January 16 — Fuzzy Rankins Blues Band. January 17 — Lafayette Blues

ArtLab: 3536 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-1151. *January 16* — Gramophone Gregory.

January 17 — Mosaic Quartet. January 18 — Jennie Buss. January 22 — Robin Henkel.

January 23 — Gramophone Gregory. January 25 — American Guitar Masters.

January 30 — Gramophone Gregory.

February 5 — Robin Henkel. Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North

Park, 619-564-7194.

January 31 — Legacy Pack album Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl..

La Jolla, 858-459-0474. January 16 — The Aquile Band. January 17 — Scratch. January 18 — BR Funk.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-

January 16 — Vonda Shepard. January 17 — Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad. January 18 — The Wayward Sons and Way Cool Jr.

January 19 — Charley Hoffman Foundation, Kelley James. January 22 — Randy Rogers

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836. January 23 — 25 Years of the

Casbah with Tim Mays.

Bread & Salt: 1955 Julian Ave., Logan Heights, 619-851-4083. Ianuary 24 — Fresh Sound presents Clocked Out Duo.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. January 18 — Before the Mourning, Back From Ashes. January 21 — The Aristocrats, Points North, Travis Larson. January 25 — Bl'ast, Final Conflict, Systematic Abuse. January 26 — Ground Beneath, Suicide Chords, Blue Suns.

Cafe Panini: 505 Oak Ave. #C, Carlsbad, California 92008, Carlsbad, 760-730-9183. January 25 — Alaina Blair.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 N. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138. January 18 — The Harvard Glee Club.

January 25 — San Diego Youth Symphony. January 30, 31 — 1st Marine

Division Band free concert. February 5 — The Sweethearts of Swing.

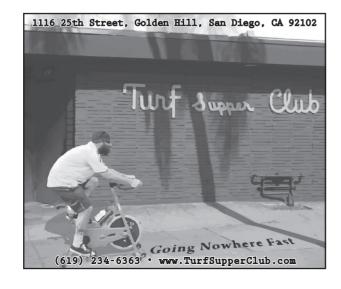
The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. January 17 — Penetrators, Loons, Sidewalk Scene. January 18 — Buck-O-Nine, Heavyweight Champions. January 19 — The Silent Comedy and the Heavy Guilt.

Cheers Too: 9995 Carmel Mountain Rd., Rancho Penasquitos, 858-484-4215. January 25 — West Of 5.

Chico Club: 7366 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-465-4190. January 16, 17, 19 — DJ Harvest.

Che Cafe: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311. January 18 — Parquet Courts and Destruction Unit. January 24 — Silver Snakes, Griever, Children of God. *January 30* — The Menzingers, Off With Their Heads February 3 — Into It Over It.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. January 16 — Too Rude For Sunday. January 17 — Mystique Element





January 18 — Master Splinter & the Shredders.

Daley Double Saloon: 546 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-1366

January 29 — Pray For Surf and Sister Jaunita. Dizzy's: 4275 Mission Bay Drive

(in the showroom at San Diego let Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467. January 17 — Lin, Shakelford,

McDaniel & Tafarella. January 31 — Tokeli & Friends.

Don's Cocktail Lounge: 13321 Business Highway 8, El Caion, 619-390-9847. February 1 — Stone Wolf.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. January 31 — Firestarter, Old Again, Scarlett Avenue.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-277-8888.

January 17 — Steam Powered Giraffe album release.

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Ianuary 25, February 8 — Brown Sugar Band Dance Party.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816. Ianuary 17 — Johnette Napolitano. January 29 — Robert DeLong and Mystery Skulls. February 1 — Futurebirds and Natural Child.

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Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 2955 Jamacha Rd., Rancho San Diego, 619-670-7468. January 25 — Lafayette Blues Band

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January 17 — Gungor. January 18 — Led Zepagain and Bonfire.

January 19 — Kirk Franklin Gospel Brunch. January 19 — Volcano Choir and

the Cloak Ox.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. January 16 — Ruby & the Red Hots.

Ianuary 17 — Rockola. January 18 — Alan Iglasias. January 19 — Marcus Johnson.

Infinity at Pala Casino: 11154 Highway 76, Pala, 877-946-7252. January 18 — David Brighton. January 25 — Green Today.

The Irenic: 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335. January 24 — Max Bemis, Matt Pryor, Perma, Merriment.

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January 16 — Nightshift. January 17 — Jungle Fridays. January 18 — Dragon Lounge.

January 21 — High Tech Tuesdays.

February 1 — Calabrese, Stellar Corpses, Blackjackits.

Ki's Restaurant: 2591 S. Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-436-5544 January 24 — Robin Henkel and

Whitney Shay.

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1551 Shelter Island, Shelter Island, 619-221-8000 January 22 — Lance Dieckmann Blues Band

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January 18 — Allison Lonsdale. January 20 — Open Mic with Chad Taggart

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. January 16 — Diego Star. January 29 — ASCE Mixtape Exchange.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641

February 7, 8 — Windy City.

The Merrow: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. Ianuary 23 — Sierra West, Lovebirds, Sickstring Outlaws. January 24 — Big Lewinsky, Smack This, the Grind. February 1 — Mink.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050. Ianuary 17 — Natural Selection. *Ianuary 24* — Stone the Giant. January 31 — Rock the Country



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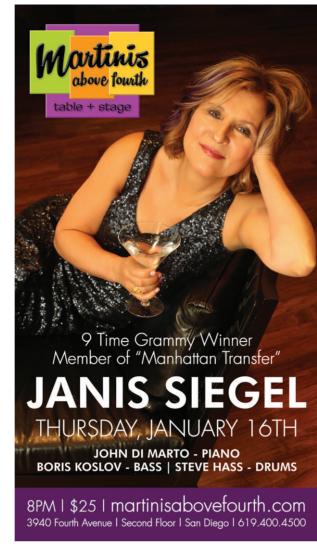
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January 31 — Muriel Anderson and Tierra Negra.
February 7 — Local Flavor: Clay Colton Band.

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.

February 14 — Art After Dark: Vintage Pop.

Padre Gold: 7245 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista, 858-277-8681. January 18 — BBW Party with DJs Demond & Klean. January 25 — DJ Pat's Zydeco Dance Party.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-582-6699. *February 15* — West Of 5.

Pala Events Center: 11154 Highway 76, Pala, 877-946-7252. *January 18* — Arrival From Sweden: Music of ABBA. *January 31* — Wilson Phillips.

Parkway Bar: 9188 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 619-463-8757. *January 25* — Homegrown Hour.

Pechanga Resort & Casino:

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. January 25 — Styx. January 26 — Thuy Nga: Paris by Night. February 7 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo. February 14, 15 — Englebert

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Pier View Pub: 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-757-2827. *January 17* — The Shakedown Daddies, Black Scabs.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828

January 23 — Boondock Brothers & Brothers at Large. January 31 — Ab-Soul.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505. *January 18* — 2014 International Music & Art Festival. *January 24* — Celtic Nights: The Emigrants Bridge.

Prohibition: 548 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego. *January 16* — Piano Joe & the Wheelers. *January 17* — Jon Ji & the Moonshiners.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008. January 18 — Vinny Appice and Carmine Appice.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777. January 16 — Chickenbone Slim.

January 17 — Midnight Pine. January 18 — Bedbreakers.

Seaport Village: 849 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-4014. *February* 9 — Windy City.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373. January 16 — Hocus. January 18 — Squirrelly Arts, Ashen Earth, Ruines ov Abaddon

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. January 16 — Crooks on Tape. January 17 — Dread Crew of Oddwood, Unicorn Death. January 18 — Maria Taylor. January 19 — Austin Jenckes and Cody Beebe.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. *January 16* — Falling in Reverse and Escape the Fate. *January 18* — Brave Coast and Days Of Struggle.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:

762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-696-9436. January 17 — Teaser and Disco Pimps. January 18 — Hott Mess and DJ Miss Dust. January 19 — Funhouse/Seismic.

January 20 — '80s Gothic Night.

Sycuan Casino: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. *January 17* — Cameo. *January 24* — Average White Band.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-516-4746. *January 22* — Hard Fall Hearts, Sewer Rats, Blackjackits.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525. January 16 — Roger!, Youngsville, Defero. January 17 — Haymarket Squares and Desolators. January 18 — Blood Dancer, Bella Novella, Boy King.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158. *January 17* — Grape Apes, Void Boys, Western Setting.

The Turquoise Cafe-Bar Europa: 873 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200. *January 17* — Fish Out of Water.

U-31: 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188. *January 18* — Dance!Dance! with DJ Qenoe.

UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-3336. January 28 — National Kazoo Day.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. *January 31* — George Strait and Miranda Lambert. *February 15* — Imagine Dragons, the Naked & Famous.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-230-2657. *January 23* — Robin Henkel.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. January 16 — Atlantis Rizing, Sighphur One, Alowe, Unspoken. January 17 — V Elements Yoga Pants Dance Kick-Off Party. January 18 — Turkuaz. January 19 — Jose Sinatra hosts OB-oke

Wong's Dragon Room: 7126 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-464-9772. January 17 — Homeless Sexuals.

January 18 — West Of 5.

Zel's Del Mar: 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076. *January 18* — Robin Henkel.

HAPPY HOUR

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ALLIED GARDENS

Emiliano's Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$1 off all bottled and draft beer, \$2 off flavored margaritas, \$2 off appetizers.

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

ALPINE

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

BALBOA PARK

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

BANKERS HILL

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

Azuki Sushi Lounge: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 Sapporo draft, \$5 large sake, wine, grapefruit passion, wild hibiscus, purple rain, \$3 garlic

edamame, \$3 shishito, \$4 seaweed salad, \$5 vegetable fries, \$6 spicy albacore tataki.

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

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

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

RAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: Daily, 3-6pm: \$4 draft, \$5 house wine by the glass; \$2 oyster shooter, \$3 fish taco, \$6 basic sushi rolls, \$8 ceviche, \$8 crispy calamari. Bar only.

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.

RONITA

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

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

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

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

CARL SRAD

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

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

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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

CARMEL VALLEY

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

CHULA VISTA

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

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

CITY HEIGHTS

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

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

The Tower Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

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

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$5 vodka martini, house margarita, \$6 cadillac margarita, \$4 house wine by the glass, \$5 well drinks, beer specials. \$5-\$6 appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$5 vodka martini, house margarita, \$6 cadillac margarita, \$4 house wine by the glass, \$5 well drinks, beer specials. \$5-\$6 appetizers.

COLLEGE AREA

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only).

CORONADO

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. shripp. oysters.

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

Village Pizzeria: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9pm-close: \$3.50 drafts, \$5 wine by the glass. \$2 off artichoke hearts and mozzarella sticks

DEL MAR

Cafe Secret: *Wednesday*, all day: 1/2-off bottle of wine. All night: Buy one ceviche, second one 1/2 price.

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

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

drafts, \$6 premium wells. 1/2 off artisan flat breads.

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, 1/2-off all Drinks. Saturday, 6pm-close: \$15 Hurricanes/\$12 refills, \$8 big-ass beer/\$6 refills. Sunday, 7pm-close: \$3 Buld drafts, \$3 shot special, \$4 wells. \$1 off appetizers(except fries).

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

Time Out Sports Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Discounted Appetizers, \$3 Domestic Beer, \$4.50 Craft Beer, \$4 Wells, \$3.50 House Wine, \$2 Jello Shots. *Saturday-Sunday*, 3-7pm:

Discounted Appetizers, \$3 Domestic Beer, \$4.50 Craft Beer, \$4 Wells, \$3.50 House Wine, \$2 Jello Shots. 8:30-10:30pm: \$3.50 House Wine, \$4 Wells, \$5 Shots, \$8 Jumbo Pretzel + Beer, \$3 Carne Asada Tacos (w/ \$10 purchase).

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

Urban Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts; \$4 wells; \$5 house wine & Moscow mules, \$6 signature cocktails.

Whiskey Girl: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 well drinks, draft beers, house wine. \$5 bites.

EAST VILLAGE

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

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

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

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

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.









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

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

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

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

ENCINITAS

Solace & the Moonlight Lounge: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1.50 oysters, drink specials on beer, wine & cocktails, discounted appetizers.

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

ESCONDIDO

Escondido Sports Pub: *Daily*, 6am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles/drafts, wells; \$3 well pints; \$4.50 tall domestic drafts.

Sand Crab Tavern: *Monday-Thursday*, 3pm-close. 1/2 off appetizers; \$1.00 oyster shooters; Buckets of beer 5 for the price of 4.

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



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

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

HILLCREST

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

Martinis Above Fourth: Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm. Everything discounted! \$6 Svedka Martinis, \$2 off any food/drink item \$10 or less \$3 off any food/drink item over \$10.

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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.

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MIGUEL DURAN Uptown Tavern 1236 University Ave, 619-241-2710 uptowntavernsd.com

Uptown Tavern's bar back Miguel Duran is in the advanced placement class of bartenders-intraining. Observing Uptown's bartenders at work, he's come up with his own signature cocktail.

When he began creating what's now known as Miquelito's Rye Manhattan, he knew he wanted to spin it out of a liquor infusion — the same sort that has become a trademark of Uptown's bartenders.

"We have other fusions at the bar, and I didn't want to stick with vodka or regular bourbon," he said. "The only liquor that wasn't infused at the time was rye." The Miquelito ("Little Miguel" — a moniker Duran acquired in the course of his labors) uses an apples-and-cinnamon infusion that mellows out the drink as it invokes the warmth of the season.

"If someone orders a regular rye Manhattan, it's a regular rye Manhattan with vermouth," he says, "but this one has a sweeter aftertaste with the apple, and it coats your mouth with a cinnamon flavor. It's quite delicious, especially on those cold nights."

The infusion has become popular among Uptown patrons, Duran says.

"Sometimes the people order shots of the rye whiskey infused with apple and cinnamon itself," he says. "It's that good."

Duran's apple of choice for the infusio is the Fuji, which plays a middle ground between tart and cloying.

"The Fuji is crisp and sweet, but not too sweet," he says. "Unlike the Granny Smith, it's not puckery or sour."

MIQUELITO'S RYE MANHATTAN



- 1 1/2 oz. apple cinnamon-infused Old Overholt Rye Bourbon*
- 3/4 oz. Carpano Antica sweet Vermouth
- 2 dashes Angostura bitters

*Miguel Duran's rye-apple-cinnamon infusion: In an infuser, pour:

- 1 bottle Overholt Rye Whiskey
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 3 Fuji apples, sliced
- Infuse five to seven days before use.

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, 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

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KENSINGTON

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

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

LA JOLLA

Iberico Spanish Bistro: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$4 draft beers, glasses of sangria, all tapas.

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 appetizers.

Whisknladle: Daily, 3-7pm: \$8 cocktails, \$25 pitchers of sangria, 25% off all bottles of wine. \$4 tapas(bar/lounge only).

LA MESA

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

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: Friday, all day: \$5 glass of sparkling wine.

LAKESIDE

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

LEMON GROVE

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

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Daily*, 2-6pm: \$3 pints; \$9 Bud & Coors Light pitchers; \$2.50 bottled beer, \$2 PBR, \$12 select pitchers. \$2 pulled pork or beef brisket sliders, \$4.95 1/2-sandwich & side, \$3.95 pulled pork fries.

LITTLE ITALY

Puerto la Boca: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers. *Sunday*, All Day: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: Monday-Friday,

4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

MIRA MESA

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

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: Monday, 4-10pm: Buy One Get One 1/2 Off Drinks Tuesday, 4-10pm: \$1 Tacos, \$4 Corona & Dos XX, \$5 Patron Shots Wednesday, 4-10pm: \$4 Vodka Rockstars Thursday, 4-10pm: \$4 Jack & Coke Friday, 4-10pm: \$4 Fireball Saturday, 4-10pm: \$4 Jager Bombs Sunday, 4-10pm: \$4 Jager Bornt, Bottles & Tall Cans Starts at 10am During Football Season

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SOUTH PARK

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Whistle Stop Bar: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

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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

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

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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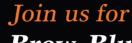
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Anything Goes

Welk Resort Theatre presents the music of Cole Porter in a tale about an evangelist, a gangster and his moll, a high-society family, and love finding a way. Dan Mojica directs. WELK RESORT THEATRE 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO 888-802-7469, 1 & 8PM THURSDAYS. 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 23.

Fiddler on the Roof

Lamb's Players is reprising one of the best shows they've ever done. Ever! Robert Smyth and Deborah Gilmour Smyth have co-directed this feast for the eyes and ears, including nontraditional elements (Mike Buckley's set could be a painting by Marc Chagall; the backup band plays klezmer instruments, and the fiddler's live: Ernest Saucedo weaves through the story and enchants throughout). Sam Zeller heads a strong cast as Tevye, an impish Iob who watches his family, and his world (a Jewish shtetl on the cusp of change), collapse around him. From individual voices to choral



ndra Ruiz, Jacqueline Lopez, and Elisa G star in the San Diego Rep's In the Time of the Butterflies through January 26.

effects, the production's a treat. And when the script calls for an over-theroof image, as in Tevye's dream, the show delivers. Critic's Pick. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS THROUGH FERRUARY 2

In the Time of the **Butterflies**

The San Diego Rep stages Caridad Syich's drama based on the Mirabel sisters (aka "the butterflies") who led resistance against Generalissimo Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. Todd Salovey and Herbert Siguenza direct.

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The 39 Steps

Due to popular demand, Lamb's Players Theatre has moved its pro-

duction to the Horton Grand. In the classic Hitchcock movie, Richard Hannay's caught in a web of international intrigue and becomes wanted on three continents. In Patrick Barlow's parody, Hannay goes through a warped looking glass and enters the Actor's Nightmare: He has a clue about a vital secret but narry a clue what to do next. The Lamb's Players show, brisk and beautifully timed, is goofy fun. David S. Humphrey, Kelsey Venter, Jesse Abeel, and Robert Smyth sprint through blink-of-an-eye scenes and costume changes. Some of the funniest parts come when a bit doesn't work, by design. These supposed mishaps skewer the campy stuff the way the script skewers the movie. They also underline the dexterity of the cast and Deborah Gilmour-Smyth's spot-on direction. Worth a try. HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23.



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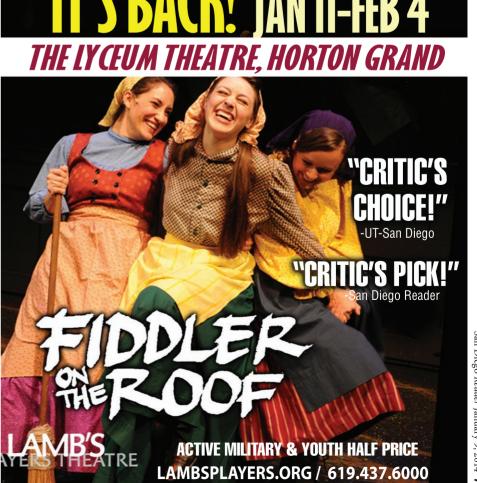
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t first glance, you might be tempted to think that Spike
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Theodore (Joaquin Phoenix, who, as usual, comes across as simultaneously walled-off and wide open).

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But if you actually

see *Her*, it will be obvious that it is really about him. A grammarhead might at this point be tempted to point out that the film's title isn't, after all, the nominative *She*. Rather, it is the accusative *Her*: the object of the action, not the subject. The sentence "He loves her" is about the dude.

This should not come as a surprise — sci-fi is not usually about the technology of the future — in this case, a future that might be only two or three iPhone updates away. (The sleek, sculpted world of the film might have been designed in Cupertino, with the possible exception of the bulky,

high-waisted pants that the menfolk wear. More on those later.) Rather, it's about the people who inhabit that future. And even Samantha admits that she is not a person. At least, not in the usual sense of the word.

Then again, that's the point here: as media does more and more mediating of human experience, the usual senses of words are changing. Anyone who

has spent an evening at someone else's house playing one funny

YouTube video after another on an iPad knows that there is less and less difference between your IRL friends and your virtual friends. You could have shared the same material online. What, in the end, is the big deal about having bodies in proximity? About having a body at all? (If your answer to that is "sex," then rest assured that *Her* has anticipated your answer.) Bodies limit a person — they're stuck in one place at a time, they provide limited conduits for information, and oh yeah, they break down and die.

Samantha is free of all that — she takes the best bits of being a person



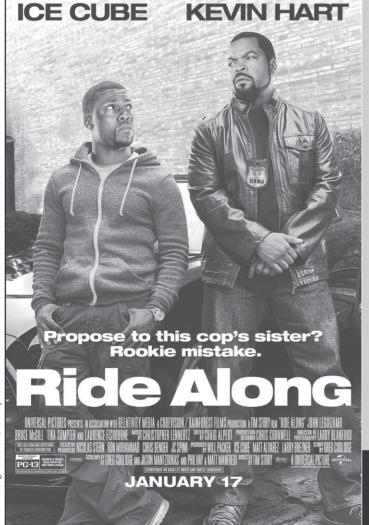
Her: What is a person, really?

(all the good stuff her developers uploaded, plus what she learns on her own) and leaves the awkward junk behind. In this, she is much like Theodore, who spends his days taking the interesting details from other people's lives and crafting better-than-reality "personal" letters between them. (Why,

it's almost like she's an amplified version of him!)

And yet, for all of Samantha's virtual advantages, I think Jonze thinks that bodies remain integral to our sense of ourselves, and our sense of what life as a person is and ought to be. *Her* is about the way that bodies

matter, about the way that "person" is more than simply "persona." When Theodore's ex scorns him for having a relationship with a computer, she sounds a little bit like a Luddite. But she's right about this much: an operating system is easier to subsume, to view as an extension of yourself, than



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someone who can stand across the room, hands on hips, and shout at you.

It might be objected that every five-year-old who's had to take turns on the swing set should have a basic sense of other people's difference and worth. But some folks take longer to grow up than others. Which may help to explain those weird, bulky, highwaisted pants. Jonze has said that when he tried them on himself, he thought they felt "kinda like you're being hugged." Aw. Theodore may want Samantha to be a lover, but she's much closer to Mom, apron strings and all.

— Matthew Lickona

INTERVIEW WITH THE LEGEND OF HERCULES STAR KELLAN LUTZ

Because every superhero needs an origin story.

The Legend of Hercules is the first of this year's two Hercules films. The second, due in July, will star Dwayne Johnson, a suitably gigantic actor for the part of the original strongman. But Kellan Lutz, whose most famous role to date has been that of Emmett Cullen in the Twilight films, is happy to lend his leaner (but no less chiseled) physique to a story that treats Hercules as a young man who is still figuring out his identity.

Matthew Lickona: You've said that Hercules was a great favorite of yours growing up. What do you remember about your early attraction to the demigod?

Kellan Lutz: I've always been into the arts. I drew the animals on the farm. I was into my coloring and my oil painting. When I was around five, I remember coloring, and one of the pictures that really stood out

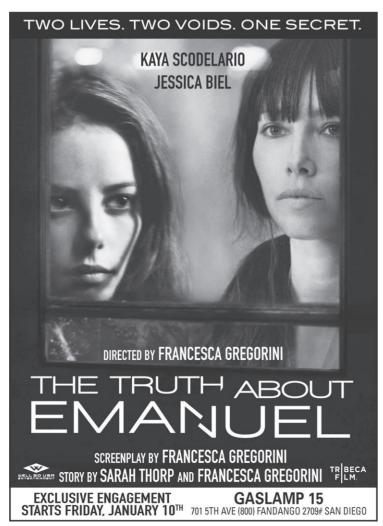


was of a hero with his sword out, about to attack this beautiful, huge lion. That was Hercules. Then, when I was ten, my grandmother showed me that picture — she kept all my [artwork] — and I just fell in love with who that was. Maybe I just did a great job of coloring him in, but I was really drawn to him, the hero fighting the lion. After that, I fell in love with mythology. I read books; I read articles; I read the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. I could lose myself in

those stories. I would go outside in our backyard or the woods with a cutout cardboard sword and just play Hercules — it was Kellan's land, my fantasy land. I loved the superheroes of my own time — Thundercats, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles — but Hercules always stood out to me. He's part god and part man, and he deals with a lot of human issues throughout his journey.

ML: When you were a kid, did you ever think about that whole aspect of







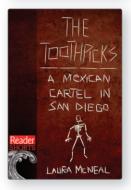
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Tour de Cheesesteak

lan Pike, restaurant critic at the San Diego Reader, travels the length and breadth of San Diego county in search of Philly cheesesteaks. Over the course of several weeks, Pike devoured ten distinct cheesesteak subs from the county's best (and worst) steak sandwich shops. His travels, recounted in detail, prove that there's a lot of Philadelphia style in San Diego.



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a god coming down and having sex with a woman and then taking off and Hercules being the result of that? It seems to leave room for Hercules to have all sorts of daddy issues, and from what I've gathered, that's sort of a theme in your movie.

KL: I've always thought that was funny. I'm a man of faith, and it's a bit biblical, [like] having God come down to the Virgin Mary, and her having Jesus, who was the savior of the people. There's a small difference between our story and that one, though, because Jesus had a direct connection with God. He was able to speak to His Father. In our story, Zeus will not meddle with mankind, so Zeus doesn't really talk to Hercules. And once Hercules realizes that the evil king isn't his real father, and that his real father didn't show up when his mother was murdered, he's pissed off at his father.

ML: Does some measure of Hercules's power eventually come from acknowledging who his real father is?

KL: I believe so. He always had that strength. But if you deny yourself that strength, mentally — if you say you aren't good enough and you aren't strong enough — then you won't be good enough and you won't be strong enough. I think we all have that power within us — not to be godlike, but to do whatever we can. When Hercules accepts who he is, his power is unlocked. When he denounces that self-denial he's been dealing with on a human level, he can live to his fullest potential, which is his godlike state.

ML: You've said that there's a real journey from boyhood to manhood here. What would you say marks the completion of that journey?

KL: I think, for Hercules, it's a state of mind. When we pick up the story, his only focus is the love of his life. Then he's taken away from her, he's enslaved, his mother is murdered by his stepfather, and he learns that he's the son of Zeus. He has all these things in his mind, and it helps him to mature quite quickly. He's fighting to the death as a gladiator, and so you either die or man up to the circumstances, accept your new identity, and fulfill your destiny. That's when his central focus starts to become more broad — he starts to care about his village, about dethroning the evil king, about righting injustice.

ML: You've mentioned your love of mythology. Why are myths impor-

tant?

KL: It's the origin of faith. It's pre-Christ, pre-biblical times. It's the telling of a tale time and time again. It's the core of faith — just being able to believe. People need something to believe in; they need to believe in a higher power in times of desolation and destruction and injustice. They need a stronger power to believe in, to make them better. In our movie, when I save the villagers from the soldiers, they ask me, 'Is it true that you are the son of Zeus?' And I say, 'No, I am just a man.' I love that. I'm saying, 'I'm just like you; and we can all do this together."

(Interview continues at *The Big Screen!*)

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

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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 Continues — 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 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 proceedsonal 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)

August: Osage County — This year's entry in the dysfunctional family holiday sweepstakes is a heaping plate of fried green magnolias. The Weston clan and company gather in Tulsa to mourn the suicide of the family patriarch and wind up wishing that their beastly, cancer-riddled mother (Meryl Streep) could trade places with him. John Wells, who scored big with his debut feature The Company Men, does little besides can the setbound collection of dinner table tour-de-screamfests that make up Tracy Letts's 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Piper Laurie would have been a better casting choice than Streep, who, for the first time in her otherwise spot-free career, acts as both willing assistant and active ingredient in the ghastliness. There's enough leftover cud from her tempestuous scenery chewing to feed the cast. If this is what passes for award-winning, state-of-the-art theea-tuh, thank God for the movies! With Julia Roberts, Ewan McGregor, and Chris Cooper, the latter managing to emerge with his dignity intact, 2013. - SM (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Book Thief — Filmed version of the popular Young Adult novel about a pretty blonde orphan girl (a cherubic Sophie Nelisse) who gets taken in by poor, decent German folk just as World War II gets underway. Papa (a hunched Geoffrey Rush) hides a Jew in the basement because the Jew's father once saved his life; Mama (a haggard Emily Watson) scowls but does what's right. There's a lesson here somewhere about the importance of words and stories, but

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722) American Hustle (R) Fri-Sun (10:25 1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:35) 4:10, 7:05, 9:40; August: Osage County (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:00) 5:00, 7:4 10:40; **Frozen** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Her (R) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; **Inside Llewyn Davis** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:45; **Lone Survivor** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:35, 7:30, 10:25; Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R) Fri (10:45, 12:50, 2:50) 4:55, 7:40, 9:45 Sat-Sun (12:00, 2:50) 4:55, 7:40, 9:45; **Saving Mr. Banks** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:40) 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; The **Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) Fri (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sat (10:30) 7:45, 10:30 Sun (10:30) 7:30, 10:30; The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 3:25) 10:35; The Legend of Her**cules 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:00) 5:50, 8:15; The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10: The Wolf of Wall Street (R) Fri-Sun (11:35, 3:10) 7:00, 10:30

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theater 820 Orange Ave (619-437-6161) Call theater for program information. DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp 701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709) 47 Ronin (PG-13) Fri-Sun 8:00, 10:35: American Hustle (R) Fri (10:30, 11:10, 1:15, 2:15) 4:10, 5:10, 7:10, 8:05, 10:10, 11:00 Sat (10:10, 11:10, 1:15, 2:15) 4:10, 5:10, 7:10, 8:05, 10:10, 11:00 Sun (10:10, 11:10, 1:15, 2:15) 4:10, 5:10, 7:10, 8:05, 10:10; August: Osage County (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 9:40; Captain Phillips (PG-13) Fri (10:30) 6:30 Sat-Sun (10:05) 6:30; **Evangelion: 3.0 You Can (Not) Redo** (Evangerion Shin Gekijoban: Kyu) (NR) Sat (2:00pm); **Her** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:05, 2:05, 3:45) 4:55, 7:40, 9:30, 10:25; **Lone** Survivor (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 12:20, 2:00, 3:00) 4:40, 5:40, 7:20, 8:20, 9:55, 10:55; Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; The Adventurer: The Curse of the Midas Box (PG) Sat-Sun (10:00a.m.); The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) Fri (11:55, 3:20) 6:45, 10:05 Sat-Sun (10:15) 6:45, 10:05; The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12: 1.35, 2.55) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 9:50, 10:50; The Legend of Hercules 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 3:55) 8:30; The Sleeping Beauty-Bolshoi Ballet (NR) Sun (2:00pm): The Truth About Emanuel (NR) Fri (11:05 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35 Sat-Sun (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; The Wolf of Wall Street (R) Fri (11:45, 1:00, 3:25) 6:05, 7:05, 9:45, 10:45 Sat (10:50, 11:45, 2:25, 3:25) 6:05 7:05, 9:45, 10:45 Sun (10:50, 11:45, 2:25, 3:25)

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Call theater for program information.

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken 4061 Adams Ave (619-283-3227) Reaching For The Moon (NR) Fri: (2:15), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (2:15), 5:00, 8:00, Mon – Thu: (5:00), 8:00; **The Room** (R) Dolby SR Digital – **Audience Participation Show**, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmarks Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "()"; **The Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza)** (NR) Opens Friday, January 17; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Dolby — with "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Plays Saturday, January 18

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla 8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (888-262-4386)

12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 5:10, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:20, 10:25 Fri-Sat 1:00, 4:15 Sun 1:00, 4:10; Ender's Game (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:20, 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Grudge Match (PG-13) Fri-Sun 1:20, 7:25 Fri-Sat 10:05, 10:45 Sun 10:05, 10:30: Lone Survivor (R) Fri-Sun 10:00, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:25 7:30, 9:25, 10:30; Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:05, 4:10, 7:35 10:25 Sun 10:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25; Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R) Fri-Sat 10:45, 1:10, 3:35, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45 Fri-Sun 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50 Sun 10:45, 1:10, 3:35, 6:00, 8:25; **Philomena** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:35; **Thor: The Dark** World (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:55, 4:00, 9:45 Fri-Sun 10:10, 6:40

American Hustle (R) Fri-Sun 10:15, 11:20,

8879 Villa La Jolla Dr (858-453-7622) **August: Osage County** (R) Fri: (1:40),
4:20, 7:00, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20,
7:00, 9:35, Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00,
9:35; **Inside Llewyn Davis** (R) Fri: (2:10),
4:50, 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:10, 4:50,
7:20, 9:45, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:50), 7:20, 9:45

Landmark La Jolla Village

4:50, 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:50), 7:20, 9:45; **Saving Mr. Banks** (PG-13) Fri: (1:50), 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:40; **The Wolf Of Wall Street** (R) Fri-Sun: (1:00), 4:40, 8:30, Mon-Thu: (1:00), (4:40), 8:30, Dis-

count Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"

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MISSION VALLEY AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Rd (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

AMC Mission Valley 1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

SAN DIEGO

ArcLight La Jolla

4425 La Jolla Village Dr (858-768-7770) Call theater for program information.

Digiplex Mission Valley

7510 Hazard Center Dr #100 (619-685-2841) **American Hustle** (R) Fri-Sat (11:10, 2:00) 5:00, 7:50, 10:45 Sun (11:10, 2:00) 5:00, 7:50; Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) Fri (11:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sat (11:30, 2:30) 5:10, 8:00, 10:30 Sun 8:00pm; **Divorce Corp.** (NR) Fri 4:30pm; Her (R) Fri-Sat (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sun (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30; Lone Survivor (R) Fri-Sat (11:20, 2:10) 4:50 7:45, 10:30 Sun (11:20, 2:10) 4:50, 7:45; Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15; The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:15) 5:25, 8:40; **The** Royal Opera House: Parsifal (NR) Sun (1:00pm); The Wolf of Wall Street (R) Fri-Sun (12:00, 4:00) 8:20

Digital Gym Cinema

2921 El Cajon Boulevard ((619) 230-1938) Birth of the Living Dead (Year of the Living Dead) (NR) Fri-Sat 10:00pm; Outrage Beyond (Autoreiji: Biyondo) (R) Fri 5:30, 7:45 Sat-Sun 3:15, 5:30, 7:45 San Diego Natural History Museum-Kaplan Theater

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Call theater for program information.

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest 3965 Fifth Ave (619-298-2904)

Inside Llewyn Davis (R) Fri: (2:10), 4:45, 7:25, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:45), 7:25, 9:50; Dallas Buyers Club (R) Fri: (1:30), 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Mon-Thu: (1:30), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Mon-Thu: (1:30), 6:40, Mon-Thu: (2:00), 6:00, 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Mon-Thu: (2:00), 6:00, 8:00; Philomena (R) Fri: (1:50), 4:10, 6:45, 9:15, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:10), 6:45, 9:15, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:10), 6:45, 9:15, Mon-Thu: (1:50), 4:30, 7:10, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45, Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:10, 9:45, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adventures in Wild California IMAX (NR) Fri 2:00, 4:00 Sat-Sun 11:00, 2:00, 4:00; Coral Reef Adventure (NR) Fri-Sun 12:00pm; Cosmic Collisions (NR) Fri-Sun 5:00pm; Country Music: Spirit of America (NR) Sat-Sun 6:00pm; Mysteries of the Unseen World (NR) Fri-Sun 1:00, 3:00; Rolling Stones at the Max (NR) Fri 7:00pm

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

Captain Phillips — If you can get past the bombastic score and the wavering, seasick camera and what is perhaps the hackiest, laziest opening-scene conversation of the year, you might find something remarkable in Captain Phillips: a quietly scathing critique of American exceptionalism, wrapped in a story of American survival. Captain Richard Phillips (beloved everyman Tom Hanks), whose cargo ship is boarded by Somali pirates bent on obtaining a ransom, is the victim throughout. But consider those bad guys. One of them winds up with broken glass in his foot because (a) the crew proves resourceful in their efforts to slow him down and (b) he has no shoes. Eventually, the lovely long shots of massive Navy gunships trailing behind a tiny

lifeboat that is trying to reach the shore start to sink in. On the one hand, we're fighting to preserve civilization and the rule of law. On the other, they're fighting for survival. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Dallas Buyers Club — Matthew McConaughey plays a bag-of-bones, good of boy piece of sex-addled trailer trash who has the misfortune to bang the wrong (female) intravenous drug-user (HIV+) in the wrong way (sans condom) in the wrong place (darkest Texas) at the wrong time (the panicked, unmedicated '80s). Suddenly, he's cast out among those he hates, and overdosing on the only medicine out there (AZT), which nearly kills him. (The bastards at Big Pharma and the FDA, eager to cash in on the AIDS panic, are running human trials.) Eventually, he heads south of the border to visit a disgraced doctor who knows what's good for him. And what's good for Ron is good for his fellow sufferers, including Rayon, a junkie trans woman played with mesmerizing commitment by Jared Leto. So our hero starts peddling meds and making bank, and learns to love along the way. Naturally, the authorities object. With Jennifer Garner, 2013. — M.L. ★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Ender's Game — Brilliant young tactician Ender Wiggin is called upon to defend earth from nasty foreign invaders - and you know what they say about what makes the the best defense. Not for nothing does space commander Harrison Ford say that "What we need is a Julius Caesar, a Napoleon." But while Asa Butterfield conveys Wiggin's complicated, chilly interior with a brave disdain for mere likability, Ford stumbles as his equally complicated and possibly chillier mentor/advocate/father-figure. All growls and glares and gravel, he's more general than god. Still, the film makes a fine transition from the classroom to the battle field — interestingly, it's the classroom that involves actual bodies in motion, while the battlefield is all holodecks and drones. And except for a sloppy climactic confrontation, it manages to manifest its concerns with clarity and force. Director Gavin Hood has an eye for a battle scene, and keeps the action clean and clear no matter what the scale of the conflict. With Hailee Steinfeld, Abigail Breslin. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; ULTRASTAR CHULA VISTA)

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)

Her — Reviewed this issue. 2013. — ML ★★★ (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-com-

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Ctr Dr (800-326-3264 #2710) American Hustle (R) Fri-Sun (10:35 1:35) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:35) 5:15, 8:00, 10:40; Frozen (PG) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:00, 9:30; **Her** (R) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:40) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; Lone Survivor (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10: Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R) Fri-Sun (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:15; Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; The Adventurer: The Curse of the Midas Box (PG) Fri Sat-Sun (10:30a.m.) The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) Fri (11:50, 3:30) 7:10, 10:25 Sat-Sun (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:25; **The Legend of** Hercules (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 3:45) 10:45 The Legend of Hercules 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:20) 6:05, 8:25; The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Iamacha Rd (800-326-3264) Her (R) Fri-Sun (11:15) 2:10, 5:05, 8:00, 10:55; Lone Survivor (R) Fri-Sun (11:40) 2:30. 5:20, 8:10, 11:00; **The Legend of Hercules** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30) 4:30, 10:00; **The** Legend of Hercules 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun $(2:00)\ 7:00$

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Ave (619-448-7447) Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennery Rd (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey

1025 Tierra del Rey (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway (between H and I) (619-338-4214) Call theater for program information.

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) American Hustle (R) Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30; Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:00, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25; August: Osage County (R) Fri-Sun 9:55, 12:55, 3:55, 7:00, 10:10; Frozen (PG) Fri-Sun 10:30, 1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35; Her (R) Fri-Sun 10:05, 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:35; Lone Survivor (R) Fri-Sun 10:10, 10:40, 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R) Fri-Sun 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Saving Mr. **Banks** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:55, 12:50, 3:50, 6:55, 10:05; **The Hobbit: The Desolation of** Smaug (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:55, 2:40, 6:20, 10:00; The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Fri-Sun 2:20pm; The Legend of Hercules **3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:40, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; The Wolf of Wall Street (R) Fri-Sun 10:20, 2:10, 6:05, 9:50

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Ave (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita

3030 Plaza Bonita Rd (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village Mission Rd (760-945-8784) Call theater for program information.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mntn Rd (800-326-3264 #2704) American Hustle (R) Fri-Sat (10:30, 1:25) 4:35, 7:25, 10:15 Sun (10:30, 1:25) 4:35, 7:25; **Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35 Sun (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Captain Phil**lips (PG-13) Fri-Sat 7:00, 10:00 Sun 7:00pm; Frozen (PG) Fri-Sat (10:05, 11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45 Sun (10:05, 11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05; Her (R) Fri-Sat (11:05, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:10 Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15; Inside Llewyn Davis (R) Fri-Sat (10:15, 12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20 Sun (10:15, 12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55 La Traviata-Teatro alla Scala (NR)

Fri-Sat: Lone Survivor (R) Fri-Sat (11:30 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Nebraska** (R) Fri-Sat (11:20, 1:55) 4·40, 7·30, 10·05 Sun (11·20, 1·55) 4·40, 7·30; Philomena (PG-13) Fri (12:15, 2:40) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35 Sat (12:15) 9:35 Sun (12:15) 7:20; Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:35, 2:30) 5:05, 7:50, 10:25 Sun (11:35, 2:30) 5:05, 7:50; The Adventurer: The Curse of the Midas Box (PG) Fri, Sat-Sun (10:00a.m.) The Book Thief (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:25, 1:20) 4:10; The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:00, 2:35) 6:00, 9:30 Sun (11:00, 2:30) 6:00; The Royal Opera House: Parsifal (NR) Sat (2:15pm); The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Sat (10:35, 1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55 Sun (10:35, 1:35) 4:20, 7:10; The Sleeping Beauty-Bolshoi Ballet (NR) Sun (2:15pm)

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Her (R) Fri 12:00, 3:00, 7:00, 10:00; Lone **Survivor** (R) Fri 12:30, 3:25, 7:20, 10:15; The Princess Bride (PG) Sun 2:00pm; The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Fri 12:00 5:10, 10:20; The Legend of Hercules 3D (PG-13) Fri (2:35) 7:45

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Her (R) Fri 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:35; Lone Survivor (R) Fri 1:05, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; The Princess Bride (PG) Sun 2:00pm: The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Fri (11:00) 4:20, 9:40; The Legend of Hercules 3D (PG-13) Fri (1:40) 7:00

POWAY

Digiplex Poway

13475 Poway Rd ((858) 679-3887) Call theater for program information.

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Blvd (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Digiplex Temecula Tower Cinemas 27531 Ynez Rd

Call theater for program information.

Krikorian Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Dr (760-945-7469) American Hustle (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30,

4:30) 7:30, 10:35; Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10. 2:00, 4:55) 7:40, 10:20; August: Osage County (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:35, 4:30) 7:20. 10:10; Frozen (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 11:50, 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00) 7:05, 9:35; **Her** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:25: Inside Llewyn Davis (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; **Lone Survivor** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:15, 1:20, 2:05, 4:10, 4:55) 7:10, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30; Paranormal Activity: The **Marked Ones** (R) Fri-Sun (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 7:55, 9:30, 10:10; **Saving Mr.**

Banks (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 1:30, 4:35 7:15, 10:05; The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:25) 7:00, 10:25; The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:20, 2:50) 7:50; The Legend of **Hercules 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (5:20) 10:15; The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; The Wolf of Wall Street (R) Fri-Sun (12:00,

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12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045) American Hustle (R) Fri-Sun 5:15, 8:30 Fri 11:30, 1:45, 11:30 Sat 10:45, 1:45, 11:30 Sun 11:30, 1:45; Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) Fri 11:15, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 11:30 Sat 11:15, 4:30, 7:30, 11:30 Sun 11:15, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Her** (R) Fri-Sat 10:45, 1:45, 5:30, 8:30, 11:45 Sun 10:45, 1:45, 5:30, 8:30; Lone Survivor (R) Fri-Sat 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:45, 11:30 Sun 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:45;

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ENCINITAS

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401 Mission Ave (760-439-1733) Her (R) Fri 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10: Lone **Survivor** (R) Fri 1:05, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55; **The** Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Fri 4:30, $10{:}00;$ The Legend of Hercules 3D $(PG{-}13)\ Fri\ (1{:}30)\ 7{:}20$

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Calendar MOVIES

mitted-enough supporting cast: Stanley Tucci as the game show host from hell, Elizabeth Banks as Lawrence's style-is-life handler. Donald Sutherland as the quietly wicked President Snow, and now, Philip Seymour Hoffman as the strategy-happy head gamemaker. (Woody Harrelson is fun to watch, but not nearly dissipated enough as the alcohol-soaked mentor.) The worst reasons? The soggy romantic entanglements, followed closely by the CGI-ridden Games themselves. Director Francis Lawrence (Water for Elephants) brings a steadier hand to the proceedings than his predecessor, and there's some fun political playmaking, but the series still stumbles over its brutal, bloody centerpiece. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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 Carev Mulligan, F. Murray Abraham, and a scene-munching John Goodman. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Last Vegas — A wealthy stag finally settles on a trophy bride, and three lifelong friends join him in Vegas for a senescent bachelor party. The Hangover with Depends. Michael Douglas tries, Kevin Kline succeeds, De Niro can barely summon the strength needed to hold a permanent scowl, and Morgan Freeman engulfing the crowd with an endless stream of incontinence jokes — deserves

better, like narrating a penguin picture. Whoever dreamed that the union of director Ion 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)

The Legend of Hercules 3D -

Because even a demigod needs an origin story, amirite? I mean, can you say Daddy issues? Review forthcoming. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Lone Survivor — The Passion of the SEAL. Peter Berg, having humiliated the American military by involving it in the ludicrous nonsense of Battleship, attempts to make up for it by telling the (based-ona-true) story of a four-man mission gone very bad in Afghanistan. The desired response to the action onscreen seems to be awe rather than gratitude — from the outset, it's made clear that these men are a breed apart, warriors by nature. They suffer and fight because they want to suffer and fight, not because of cause or country. And when the bad guys start to close in, it's not the soldiers' sacrifice that plays as heroic, it's their endurance in the face of horrific injuries and insane odds. Berg's hand is sure and careful; he handles the operation's buildup and detail with low-key aplomb and makes the case for war as hell, an inhuman darkness that serves to highlight brief flashes of humanity. With Mark Wahlberg. 2013. — ML ★ (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 eve) and brujeria hexes. 2014. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Past — A simple story, complexly told. After a four-year absence, a man returns to face the wife and daughter he skipped out on to rub eyeballs with his dreaded replacement. By the time director Asghar Farhadi (A Separation) and cowriter Massoumeh Lahidii (Certified Copy) get around to revealing the real reason why Ahmad (Ali Mosaffa) never received confirmation emails from his soon-to-be ex (Bérénice Bejo), their tightly constructed web of emotional deceit has become so tangled that it's likely audiences will have forgotten what in less talented hands would have played out like a formulaic foreshadow ing device. The Past is an emotional murder mystery that utilizes achingly authentic dialog and readily identifiable emotional violence to adroitly dust off classic themes of miscommunication and mistaken identity. If you are banking on an august, sagacious, and genuinely understated family-in-crisis melodrama count on this masterly antidote to Oscar bait. 2013. — SM ★★★★★ (LAND-MARK HILLCREST)

Philomena — A snooty journalist (Steve Coogan), remiss when it comes to covering human interest stories, rides shotgun on a road trip with a bemused mother (Judi Dench) in search of the son who, decades earlier, was taken from her and sold for adoption by corrupt Irish Catholic nuns. Coogan tries his hand at serious drama for the first time here, and the enormously talented writer-comedian — unable to put aside the mugging and under-his-breath one-liners — frequently steers this fact-based, remorse-ladenenough-as-it-is jaunt in the direction of another gooey Guilt Trip. Director Stephen Frears signed it, but this picture is clearly a case of actress as auteur. Dench's illocutionary skill constitutes a classic exemplar of an actress grounding her character in the context of real-life human existence. The woman is incapable of delivering one false gesture. Spoiler alert: the seemingly adventitious autographed 8x10 of Jane Russell nailed to the Sister's wall will find its explanation in reel five $2013 - SM \star \star (IN WIDE)$ RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Reaching for the Moon — Technicolor is the warmest color in Bruno Barreto's (Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands) euphoric return to '50s-style CinemaScope melodrama. Filmed in

the manner of Minnelli (the father, not Liza), this romantic tragedy — adapted from a novel by Carmen L. Oliveira — is based on the lives of bristly Brazilian architect Lota de Macedo Soares (Glória Pires) and the alien who found a home in her country and her arms. Pulitzer Prize-winning American poet Elizabeth Bishop (Miranda Otto). The plot calls for one special effect and it's a romantic blast: Soares blows up a mountain to afford her lover a better view. The narrative takes a brief hit when the grievously underdeveloped Mary (Tracy Middendorf) Soares's ex and Bishop's former BFF takes up residence across the street. Credit cinematographer Mauro Pinheiro Jr., composer Marcelo Zarvos, and production designer José Joaquim Salles for their vast contributions to the film's lavish look and feel. 2013. — SM ★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Saving Mr. Banks — Walt Disney spent over 20 years of his life struggling to bring author P. L. Travers's 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's 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 -

James Thurber's nigh-unto-perfect short story about a little man with big daydreams gets the therapy-culture treatment from director and star Ben Stiller. No more flights of magnificent fancy as a means of coping with mundanity. No, now it's time to break the shackles and make all your dreams come true. Daydreaming has gone from the panacea to the problem — the thing that keeps us from Really Living. Stiller plays the negative asset manager (admittedly, a hilarious job title) at *Life* magazine as it prepares for its final print edition. (In a high point, Stuart Dryburgh's cinematography makes Life's offices look like the greatest place vou'll never work. Everything else looks pretty good, too.) When the negative for the cover 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)

The Truth About Emanuel -Atroubled teen (the infinitely engaging Kava Scodelario) shoulders the blame for her mother's death in childbirth. New neighbor Jessica Biel not only bears more than a passing resemblance to Kaya's mom, the poor, delusional soul wants a child so badly that she's convinced herself the Cabbage Patch Kid in her arms is made of flesh and blood. Needless to say, this pair of surreal soulmates is a match made in allegorical heaven. Gatekeeper Scodelario, taking extreme measures to prevent her stepmother from eyeballing the stunt tot, provides much-needed laughter. Given the surreal nature of the piece, it could have stood to gift us with a few more sardonic snickers. As absurd as it all sounds. I never once found myself questioning the ground rules established in director Francesca Gregorini's (debuting here as a solo act) stylized clash of the mother figures. With Alfred Molina and Jimmi Simpson. 2013. — SM ★★★ (READING GASLAMP)

Walking With Dinosaurs — This is what dinosaurs do: they walk. Often, they are looking for food. Sometimes, they are looking for a new place to live. You can walk with them! They also eat. Some of them eat other dinosaurs. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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. Actorwise, 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)

FILM FESTIVALS

CENTRAL LIBRARY

330 Park Bl., East Village 619-236-5800

Film Forum: In Search of a Midnight

Kiss Alex Holdridge captures the swoon of 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. 90 minutes. Not rated. Monday, January 13, 6:30pm

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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

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Dive-In Theatre A weekly "cinema social" combining eclectic film choices, along with food and drink. Steeped in mid-century design, the Dive-In takes place at the poolside lounge and outdoor theater. Films are projected onto a 10' x 13' foot projection screen with full sound, overlooking the hotel's vintage, oyster-shaped swimming pool. Wednesday, January 15, 8:00pm, Wednesday, January 22, 8:00pm, Wednesday, January 29, 8:00pm

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Film Forum: The Willow Tree In Majid 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 minutes. Not rated. Sunday, January 12, 2:00pm



Film Forum: Cold Souls A frustrated New York actor (Paul Giamatti) decides to lighten 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 Film Forum: Twenty Feet from Stardom

Backup singers live in a world that lies just beyond the spotlight. This documentary shines a light on the unsung voices behind the greatest musical legends of pop music. Starring Darlene

Love. Mary Clayton, Lisa Fischer, Mick Jagger, Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, and David Bowie. 2013. 89 minutes. PG-13. Tuesday, January 21, 6:00pm Film Forum: A.C.O.D. Observes the unravel-

ing of a befuddled restauranteur (Adam Scott) who has spent his life trying to broker a peace treaty between his antagonistic parents (Richard Jenkins, Catherine O'Hara). An acerbic jab at nodern monogamy and romantic commitment 2013. 88 minutes. Rated R. Tuesday, January 28, 6:00pm

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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

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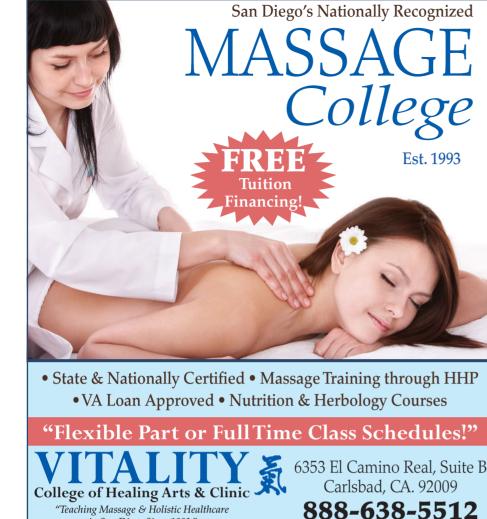
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POINT LOMA

U.S. Marshal injured in shootout

Suspect was sought for murder the night before

After a December 30 shootout on Catalina Boulevard in Point Loma, a briefing was given by Lt. Jose Duran of the San Diego Police Department at 11 a.m. He said a U.S. Marshal Violent Crimes Task Force had led them to a pink house on Catalina.

According to Duran, a suspect and four other individuals were holed up in the house between Santa Cruz and Coronado avenues. The suspect was believed to have committed a murder the previous evening in Linda

Duran said the suspect tried to escape in a black Mustang, but several cars — including those belonging to a passerby, a cab, and law enforcement in unmarked vehicles — were involved in a crash in front of the house. The Mustang was stopped and ended up across the street. The wounded suspect came to rest lying on the ground next to the Mustang.

Duran confirmed that a U.S. Marshal had been shot in his lower extremities during the shootout; his condition was not immediately known.

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TEMECULA

Just kidding!

Mostly teens order victims from cars, facedown onto pavement

A group of teenagers and a young adult who pretended to be police officers ordering people out of their cars and onto the ground — were arrested December 27 after a tipster informed police that a video of one of their pranks was posted online.

Three of the juvenile arrestees were girls; one of the males was identified as 18-yearold Temecula resident Mason Gonzalez. who faces felony charges in addition to the misdemeanor charge of impersonating an

officer.

"He's also charged with false imprisonment," said Temecula police Sgt. Kevin McDonald.

The same day the internet video was discovered, all six suspects were identified, located, and arrested. Authorities are not releasing the video because there are

five juveniles involved in the case, McDonald said. He also said the suspects considered the crimes to be pranks and that there were no attempts to harm or rob any of the victims during the incidents.

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MISSION BEACH

Fire destroys "Birdhouse" Birds and humans escape raging

A major fire broke out on the night of December 29 at a multi-unit residence in Mission Beach. Flames ripped through the entire structure within minutes.

San Diego Fire-Rescue battled the twoalarm blaze in the 800 block of Kennebeck Court for nearly two hours before it was brought under control.

Shortly before 8:30 p.m., Mission Beach



A thunderous blast preceded the blaze, which could be seen from several blocks away.

residents were startled by the sound of a thunderous blast or explosion. The thick smoke rising to the sky was visible from several blocks away. Fire crews arrived within minutes and began putting out the blaze. The multi-unit residence was known as the "Bird House" by local residents because a variety of birds was usually present on the patio.

Soon after the start of the fire, local neighbor Brandi was seen holding a single bird close to her chest. She explained, "After I heard the boom and saw the flames, I thought of the birds in that cage. When I got near the patio, a firefighter opened the bird cage. Two birds flew right away and another one fell out onto the patio. That's when I picked this little one up."

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 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

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- **1.** 100%
- 7. He played Sam on "Cheers"
- **10.** Unfortunate
- 13. Wilde of "Cowboys & Aliens" **14.** Crew team implement
- 15. Inside of a paper towel roll
- 16. Pietv
- **18.** Burden
- 19. "Let's
- **20.** Before, in verse
- 21. TV series with the tagline "One sick bastard"
- **22.** Actor who plays Jacob in the 'Twilight" movies
- 27. Kind of notebook 29. "That cuts me to the quick"
- **30.** Condiment often provided at an Indian restaurant
- **34.** Yule
- **35.** WSW's opposite **36.** PBS' Science Kid
- "Big Nudes" photographer 45. Benedictine monk who founded
- Scholasticism **48.** Afghanistan's national airline
- 49. NBA announcer's cry after exclaiming "Swish!"

 53. Wyle and Webster
- **54.** Kéllogg's Cracklin' _____ Bran
- **55.** Goth relative
- 58. Not working
- **59.** Magazine since 1984 ... or what you may call yourself by looking over a correctly-solved 16-, 22-, 30-, 39- or 49-Ácross
- **63.** Valley where David slew Goliath

- 64. Jim Beam product 65. "Life of Pi" director
- 66. Line part: Abbr.
- 67. Guitar innovator
- **68.** Seek the approval of

Down

- 1. Pea holders
- 2. Peter Fonda title character who says "The bees and I have an understanding"
- 3. More than interesting
- **4.** Bolivian president Morales
- 5. She plays Watson on TV's "Elementary"
- _ is human ..." for Picar **6.** China's Sun
- **8.** Prop for Picasso
- **9.** OBs, e.g.
- 10. George H.W. Bush's chief of staff
- 11. Rehab candidate
- **12.** Gobi, e.g.
- **15.** Like a big grin
- 17. Prefix with conservative or liberal
- 21. "Political Discourses" author David 23. Neighbor of Braz.
- 24. Ming who played for the
- Shanghai Sharks
- 25. Cousin of Inc.
- 26. Rhone feeder
- **27.** Tee sizes, on signs
- **28.** Kung _ _ chicken 31. Haw's partner
- 32. Three-time Burmese prime minister
- **33.** Vietnam War's
- **36.** As expressly said

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



- 37. Charged particle
- 38. "CSI" evidence, often
- 39. Villain's laugh
- 40. Yale students, informally
- 41. Alphabet string
- 42. Baseballer with a "W" on his cap
- 43. Directional suffix
- 44. Golfer Michelle who turned pro at age 15 **45.** John Denver's "_
- **46.** It may be glass or cellophane 47. 1953 film
- **50.** Singer of the #1 hit "Somebody That I Used to Know'
- 51. Sources of woe
- **52.** Beehive State native
- **57.** Subject of Weird Al Yankovic's "The White Stuff" **59.** It appears at the top of a page
- 60. Genre for Eazy-E and Heavy D
- **61.** Print option: Abbr. **62.** "Lord." in Turkish

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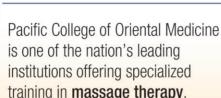




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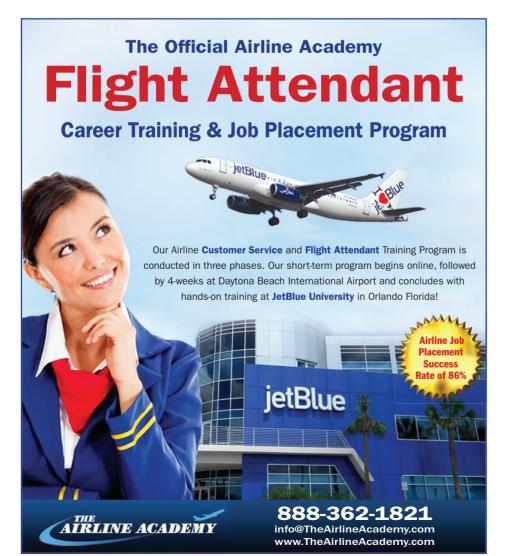
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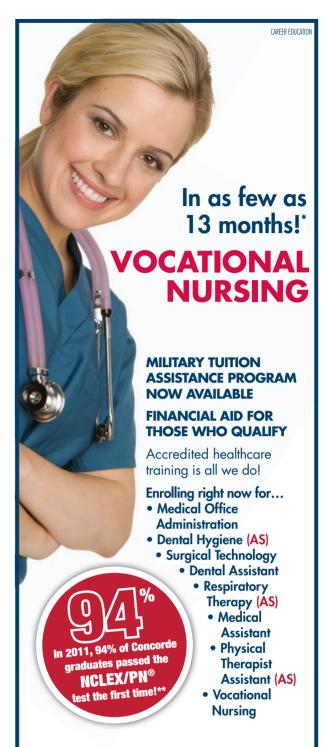


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4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four

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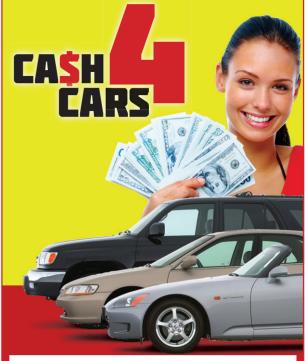
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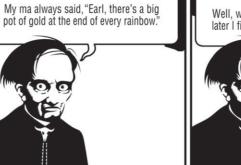
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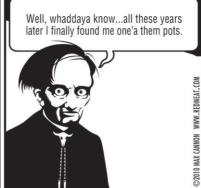
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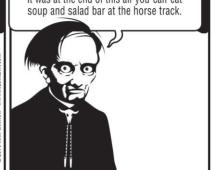




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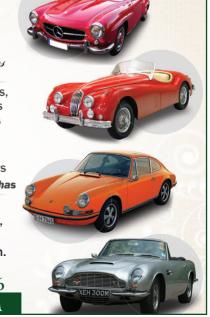
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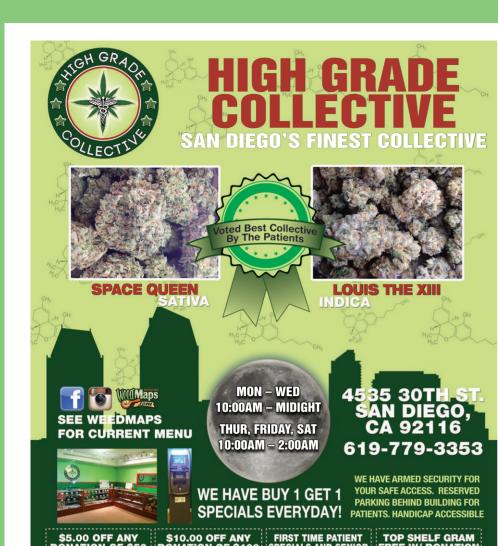
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