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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Chums forever

Jan Goldsmith and U-T San Diego

San Diego — Reporters for the U-T San Diego have a friend in city attorney Jan Goldsmith.

Whether it was the flap over the Tourism Marketing District, the project-labor agreement for the convention center, the pension deficit, Goldsmith's view on state legislation addressing medical marijuana,



U-T reporters seem to have an all-hours hotline to city attorney Jan Goldsmith.

or former mayor Bob Filner's management style, Goldsmith was always available for comment, clarification, or suggestions on what reporters should include in their stories.

As seen in emails turned over in a public records request, Goldsmith was available day or night. During much of 2013, Goldsmith used the paper to wage a public war against Filner and to push his own agenda. The emails span the entire year from January 2013 to December and dealt with a variety of topics.

One example of the tight relationship came August 16, when city-attorney spokesperson Thomas Mitchell issued a press release celebrating a judge's decision in favor of pension reform. Less than one hour after the release was issued, Goldsmith contacted U-T San Diego's editorial editor William Osborne, reporter Craig Gustafson, and CEO John Lynch to expound on the release.

"There is more going on than just the Mayor," wrote Goldsmith, referring to then-mayor Bob Filner's desire to change elements of Prop B, known as the "Pension Reform Initiative." "Nice win for the city and local control."

The U-T's CEO, John Lynch, responded, "Great work!"

But the emails show more than just a chummy relationship between journalists and U-T executives. On some issues, Goldsmith would offer suggestions to reporters for their stories.

On November 21, Goldsmith contacted reporter Lori Weisberg at 7:02 p.m. with a suggestion on what to include in her story regarding the city's approval to release the assessments collected under the Tourism Marketing District.

"Lori, do you want to put something in your story that the city retains the uncon-

ditional right at any time to hold back more money up [to] 100 [percent] of the assessments?"

Two minutes later, Weisberg responded that she would add the information in the online article.

The relationship between the daily's writers and Goldsmith included the editorial staff as well. William Osborne had a direct link to the city attorney. For example, on November 21 of last year, Osborne contacted Goldsmith for public documents related to the project-labor agreement.

"Hi, Jan," wrote Osborne. "I would like to formally request that your office provide me with copies of emails and any other communications between staff in the mayor's office and the contractor for the Convention Center expansion project regarding a project labor agreement for the expansion project."

Twenty-four minutes later, Goldsmith responded: "Thanks, Bill. I have routed this to our [Public Records Act] lead, Bill Gersten, with a request to expedite."

Dorian Hargrove

Shaking, crying, and afraid

Third suit against Filner

Downtown — A third lawsuit has been filed against ousted former mayor Bob Filner over charges of sexual harassment made while he was in office.

This time the plaintiffs are Marine veteran Katherine Ragazzino and her nurse, Michelle Tyler. The pair approached Filner attempting to get help in dealing with the Department of Veterans Affairs for Ragazzino, who was suffering from a brain injury, post-traumatic



Katherine Ragazzino (in tank top); Gloria Allred (left)

stress disorder, and spinal cord and nerve damage. She was living in her car at the time.

Filner allegedly asked Ragazzino to leave the meeting regarding her own case and proceeded to come on to Tyler, pressing her for a date, seemingly in exchange for his help (while in Congress, Filner spent years on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs). After repeated failed attempts to redirect focus on Ragazzino's issue, Tyler left the meeting "shaking, crying, and afraid," according to

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Will Nicolas Marsch be invited to the Jewel Ball?

By Don Bauder

Patricia Marsch was the 2012-2013 president of Las Patronas, the philanthropic organization that annually puts

on the Beautiful People's biggest social event of the year, the Jewel Ball at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club.

On May 30 of last year, the *La Jolla Light* wrote a rave story about Mrs. Marsch. The publication asked her, "What is it that you dislike most?"

Her response: "Dishonesty and lack of compassion." (Italics mine.)

Hmmm... Her husband, Nicolas Marsch III, and his company, Briarwood Capital, last month were hit with a \$1 billion judgment for smearing a company. A Florida jury awarded the big Florida builder, Lennar Corporation, \$802 million in com-

pensatory damages and \$200 million in punitive damages for defamation and conspiracy. Lennar does not expect to get the money because Nicolas Marsch and Briarwood are in Chapter 7 (liquidation) bankruptcy.

This story goes back a long way. In the late 1990s, Marsch and Lennar formed a partnership to develop a luxury golf community called the Bridges at Rancho Santa Fe. Marsch and Briarwood later sued Lennar for breach of contract, expecting a fat payment. Marsch wrote Lennar directors threatening to expose "dirty little secrets" if they didn't cave

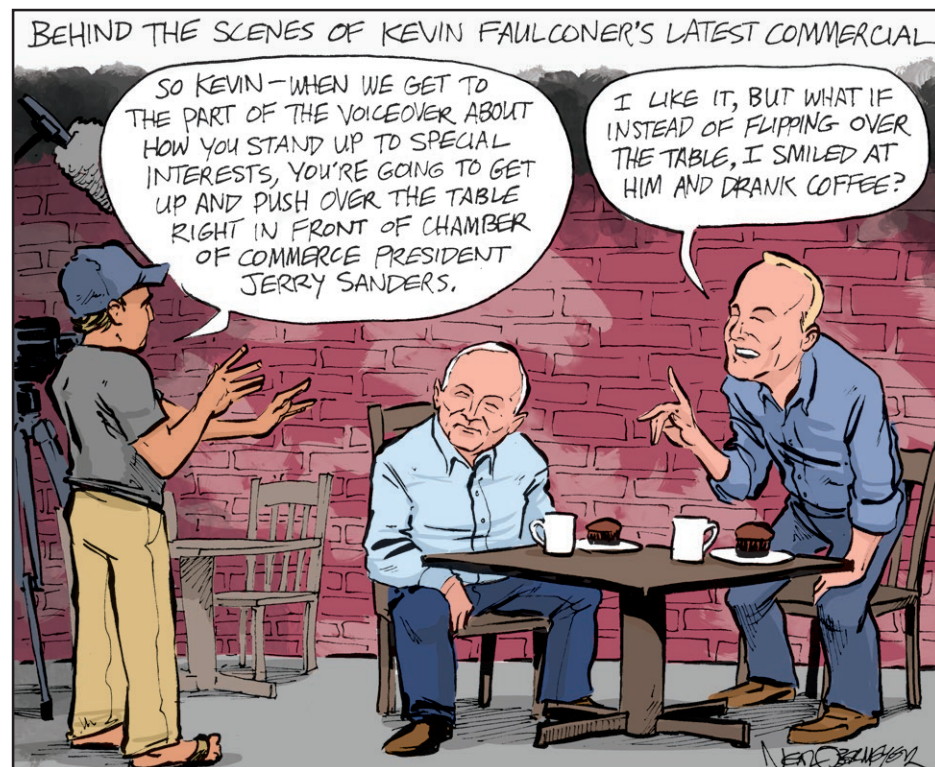


Socialite Patricia Marsch says her chief dislike is dishonesty, which makes one wonder what she thinks of her husband Nicolas Marsch.

in to his demands. Marsch hired San Diego con man/born-again minister/fraud sleuth Barry Minkow, who publicly proclaimed that Lennar was run like a Ponzi scheme. Lennar stock plunged. Lennar sued Minkow and Marsch for defamation and extortion. Then a San Diego judge said Marsch owed Lennar \$54 million, rather than Lennar owing Marsch from the Bridges deal.

Marsch and Briarwood went into a Chapter 11 bankruptcy that was later converted to Chapter 7. Minkow pleaded guilty

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A Florida judge awarded a billion dollars in damages to builder Lennar Corporation in a defamation suit against Nicolas Marsch III and fraudster-turned-pastor Barry Minkow. Marsch filed bankruptcy. Minkow went back to prison.



to conspiracy, manipulating the stock market and engaging in insider trading, and is now serving a five-year sentence in prison. He readily admitted his guilt, then told *Fortune* magazine that the real cause of his bad behavior was drugs: 1400 milligrams a day of OxyContin.

Marsch says he has been bullied by Lennar and Florida judges in the company's pocket.

But what of Patricia Marsch's disdain for dishonesty? Jose M. Rodri-

"dishonest testimony under oath" at a critical meeting. "This Court has lost confidence in Mr. Marsch's capacity for candor and honesty." Bowie booted Marsch out of Briarwood and put it under a trustee's control.

San Diego superior court judge William Nevitt Jr., who presided over Marsch's suit against Lennar, said Marsch's explanation of events "did not withstand close scrutiny and cross-examination." The judge said Marsch

to escape paying court-ordered damages, Miami state circuit court judge John W. Thornton said that Marsch destroyed and deleted evidence. "Since this case began over five years ago, Marsch has consistently and unabashedly refused to comply with this Court's orders," said Thornton, blasting "Marsch's corruption of the litigation process."

On April 26, 2012 — almost two years after her husband and Briarwood filed for bankruptcy — Patricia Marsch was deposed under oath by a Lennar lawyer. She said she gave her husband \$128,333 of jewelry and \$70,000 in cashier's checks. She admitted it was to make the money inaccessible to Lennar, the major creditor in the bankruptcy procedure.

"We can't comment on any specific case, but concealment of assets in a bankruptcy is obviously prohibited," says Jane Limprecht, spokesperson for the Executive Office for United States Trustees in San Diego.

"Lennar has undue influence on the courts in Miami," Nicolas Marsch claims. "Those judges don't write the orders. Lennar writes them and the judges sign simply where indicated." (In a deposition, when asked about one judge's various opinions, he responded, consecutively,

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Lennar and Marsch partnered to develop the Bridges luxury golf community in the 1990s.

guez, state circuit court judge in Miami, said, "The evidence of the continuous and intentional misconduct perpetrated by Defendant Nicolas Marsch is overwhelming." Alleging that, among other things, Marsch concealed evidence, Rodriguez entered a default judgment against Marsch.

Judge Peter W. Bowie of the bankruptcy court in San Diego flayed Marsch's

"repeatedly gave false testimony on material issues."

San Diego superior court judge Lorna Alksne, after hearing a case in which Marsch wanted the court to slap down Lennar's president, said, "Mr. Marsch's sworn declaration in support of his petition was false and misleading."

In a suit that Lennar filed against Marsch, Briarwood, and Minkow, protesting Marsch's attempt

UNDER THE RADAR

Christmas in Jerusalem

Following the lead of his boss, a staffer for freshman Democratic congressman **Juan Vargas** has jetted off to Israel, courtesy of the American Israel Education Foundation, a project of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC for short, which styles itself as "America's pro-Israel lobby." Vargas and his wife made the journey last summer, from August 4 through 13, getting put up at such

five-star hostelrys as the King David Hotel in Jerusalem and the Scots Hotel in Tiberias. Along the way, they hooked up with Israeli prime minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** and **Mahmoud Abbas**, president of the Palestinian Authority, according to an itinerary filed with the House ethics committee. Total cost to the foundation for the couple's jaunt: \$16,230.

The same outfit funded the two-week trip of **Aaron Allen**, a foreign affairs legislative assistant to Vargas, who departed Washington December 14 and returned on December 28. According to his disclosure form, Allen paid for the part of his trip between December 24 and December 27. The total tab picked up by the foundation was \$5868.61. As justification for the gift, Allen wrote, "This trip will be an opportunity to expand my understanding of the U.S.-Israeli relationship." After checking in to the Tel Aviv Sheraton, Allen's congressional tour group had a "dinner and discussion with **Nadav Perry**, Reporter, Channel 10." The next day it was on to a tour of the Knesset

and dinner with Israeli high-tech types. A visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum and a "Palestinian Perspective" session with **Issa Kassisseh** of the Palestinian Negotiations Support Unit was also on the agenda. Later, it was off to the Gaza Strip and briefings on "Israel's Missile

Defense System," "Regional Threats Overview," "Strategic Threats at the Lebanese and Syrian Borders," and "The Iranian Threat." Scenic side trips included the National Archeological Park at Masada and "Exploration of the Dead Sea region."

According to a report last week by the *National Journal*, Israel is by the far the top destination for congressional free junkets of both parties, with a total of \$1,940,000 in 142 trips in 2013. Turkey, a big favorite destination of onetime Democratic congressman

and Vargas predecessor **Bob Filner**, was a distant second with \$640,000, representing 87 trips. India was behind that at \$396,000, with 31 trips.

"Today, a wide network of nonprofits — many with a clear agenda and some with excruciatingly tight ties to Washington's biggest lobbying operations — are putting together international congressional excursions," the report observes. Freshmen members and their staffs are particular targets for the Israelis, according to the report, and spouses are encouraged to come along. "South Carolina's **Mark Sanford**, who returned to the House in 2013 after an extramarital affair led to scandal during his term as governor, received a special ethics waiver to take along his mistress-turned-fiancée."



Juan Vargas staffer Aaron Allen met with Israeli TV news anchor Nadav Perry. Why? Because free trip! That's why.



Port chairwoman Ann Moore and other port staffers received free events to gala events at the end of 2014.

Portable parties

Officials of the San Diego port authority who remained close to home during the party season still managed to take advantage of many free opportunities to celebrate in style. On November 9, it was the Asian Film Festival Gala 2013, where ten employees and family members from financial services, environmental and land-use management, general services and procurement, and the

engineering department all took a turn on the red carpet to the tune of \$200 each, thanks to the festival's sponsor. Justification for the freebies was given as "Representation of the District at an event to sustain or build relationships with tenants,

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The Barking, the Biting, and the Smell

Someone is inhabiting the wrong place ("La Jolla Cove Is Becoming a Sea Lion Cesspool," January 16 cover story.

Mr. Merkel referenced the colony of sea lions saying the sea lions "feel as though the cove has become their own yard in which to play." News flash, Mr. Merkel! It is their yard! The builders built next to the sea and the restaurateurs and residents moved in. I think that the sea lions were there first.

You don't build your house near the ocean cliffs, as they may erode in the future and your house could fall into the ocean. Who's at fault there?

It is the people who chose to inhabit an area that always belonged to sea creatures.

So much talk about solving the problem of what to do about the sea lions! It's pretty easy, really. The people need to move or need to put up with the barking, the biting, and the smell. Is that too obvious? But wait, we have spent so much money to be here and we can make so much money if we stay, so it's the sea lions that have to go. Right? Not!

Name Withheld
North Park

Not a Cesspool

Here in San Diego County we have over 70 miles of pristine beaches, and an idyllic climate for all of us to enjoy. Your article, "La Jolla Cove Is Becoming a Sea Lion Cesspool," (City Lights, January 16) focuses on the habitat of the seals that measure the size of a few football fields, out of those 70 miles.

The majority of the other 70 miles have no seals or other marine life to contend with — just sand, people and seagulls. There are plenty of other beach options for people.

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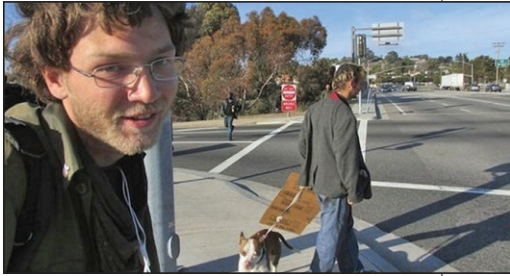
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They were Boss Hoggin' us Panhandler turf battle at freeway exit

On the eastbound off-ramp of Highway 78 at Jefferson Street, a turf war developed on January 8, causing three California Highway Patrol units to respond.

Ian, from San Diego, and Randall, from Houston, both in their 20s, were standing on the off-ramp with a cardboard sign that read, "Save a Life. Give a Smile. Need \$," reportedly trying to get some money to take the bus back to Ian's home in Ocean Beach. Both had full backpacks; Randall also had a duffle bag, his leashed dog Bubbers, and a surfboard.

Two other men with a homeless appear-



Freeway-exit panhandlers Ian and Randall were threatened by the two men across the street.

ance were yelling at the duo from the opposite corner. The men were becoming verbally aggressive and gesturing in a frustrated manner with their arms.

Ian said he called 911 because the other two men came up to him and Randall and were "Boss Hoggin' us," a reference to TV's *Dukes of Hazzard* character Boss Hogg, the town's powerful mayor, saying they had to

leave. "It was their corner," said Ian.

For about ten minutes, the two angry men would walk several feet in the opposite direction, only to turn and charge back closer to Ian and Randall, threatening the pair. Ian and Randall started to walk south on Jefferson to get away from the men.

When the other men saw me, they charged across the street at me. I identified myself as a reporter. The white man said his name was "Angry Oceansider" and his buddy, a black man, said his name was "Anonymous." Anonymous said, "We own this intersection."

As CHP units arrived at around 3:15 p.m., Anonymous said to me, "You better get your fucking story straight and I ain't talkin' to you."

KEN HARRISON

SAN CARLOS

Critters trump bikes

Trail-making must cease in Mission Trails

At least 500 mountain-bikers, hikers, and equestrians paraded through Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday morning, January 11, to protest the closing of popular trails in the northeastern section of the well-used open-space area.

"There's a long built-up frustration and you're seeing it turn into movement," said Matt Bartelt, who rode the protest with his children. "We have a lot of open space where you see trails continually marked as illegal — they're shutting down trails and there's no adequate plan to replace them."

The San Diego Mountain Biking Association backed — but did not take credit for organizing — the protest after a series of meetings with the city's Parks & Recreation Department failed to produce a plan to reopen trails, even with the biking association's offer of help to get the work done.

For four-year-old Gavin, who rode in the parade, the problem is simple: "Our jumps are closed now," he said. "Closing jumps for kids is sad."



The finish line of the protest at Mission Trails Regional Park

City Parks & Rec. closed the trails in response to a demand letter the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife sent in August. Among other things, the letter forbids the park from going forward with any trails until the wildlife protectors are satisfied.

MARTY GRAHAM

TIJUANA

Never was the Élysées

Sara's London Shop stops selling perfume after 70 years

Sara's London Shop, a popular perfume store in downtown Tijuana that once attracted tourists from around the world, has closed its doors after 70 years in business.

The store, at the corner of Avenida Revolución and Calle Tercera, opened for business in 1944 and drew thousands of customers during the heyday of Tijuana tourism. It once sold over 200 brands of fine imported perfumes at duty-free prices.

"This perfume shop has captured the atmosphere and elegance of the Champs Élysée of Paris," said a description of Sara's on the website of Ceturmex, a group promoting Tijuana tourism. "It is acclaimed by thousands of Europeans and Americans as the twin of Parisian perfume shops."

Sara's managed to survive events that devastated other Avenida Revolución busi-

nesses following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S., including a new requirement that visitors returning to the U.S. from Mexico have a passport and traffic jams at the border that have discouraged visits to Tijuana.

But it was increasing costs of doing business, along with new, complicated tax laws imposed by the federal government and an increase in the sales tax to 16 percent, effective January 1, that finally did in the business, according to the daily newspaper *El Sol de Tijuana*.

BOB MCPHAIL

SOUTH PARK

Did it for tips

Holdup at coffee kiosk

A woman with a gun robbed a coffee-kiosk tip jar in South Park on Tuesday, January 14, at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Armed with what appeared to be a black semiautomatic pistol, a woman driving a two-door sedan waited in line at the Captain Kirk's drive-thru coffee stand located in the Gala Foods parking lot at the corner of Fern and Grape streets. Two baristas were on shift, and when one approached the car to take an



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order, the suspect showed her the weapon, told her not to scream, and demanded the contents of the tip jar.

Witnesses described the suspect as a Hispanic woman with medium-length to long dark hair, dark eyes, tattooed on the right side of her neck and on her left arm. They said she had been a regular customer

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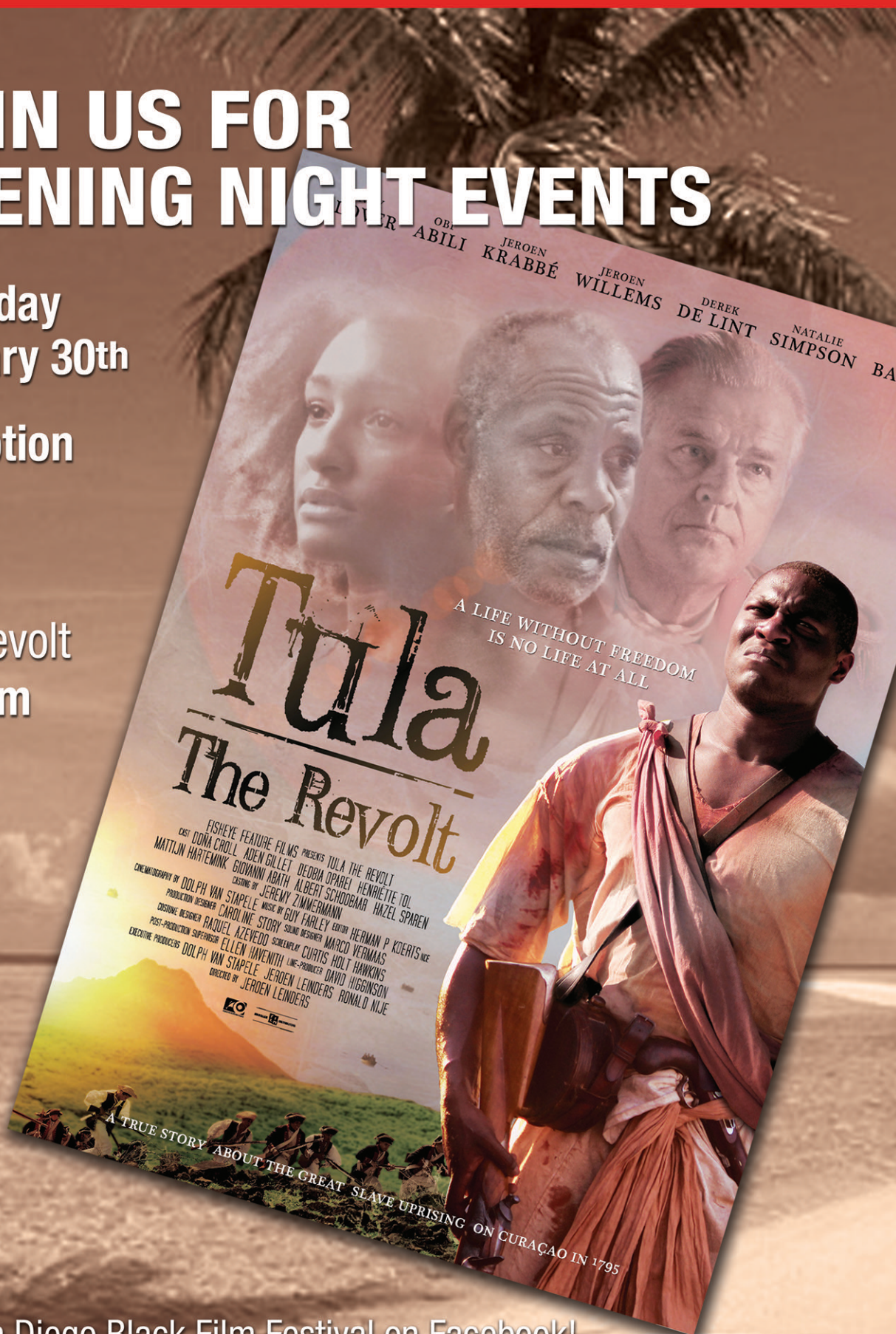


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of the kiosk in previous weeks and appeared disoriented, possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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MISSION BAY

The orca dilemma

Boosting *Blackfish* boosts SeaWorld

Animal-rights activists staged a demonstration at the entrance to SeaWorld on Saturday afternoon, January 11.

Approximately 50 activists brandished picket signs and formed a line along Sea World Drive on both sides of South Shores Road, the primary point of access to the amusement park's parking lot. A number of the signs urged passing motorists — including many park attendees — to boycott the park. Several other signs referred to the movie *Blackfish*, a 2013 documentary examining the death of a trainer working with an orca at SeaWorld Orlando in 2010.

Many of the protesters said the film's depiction of the so-called killer whales in captivity played a large part in their decisions to picket SeaWorld. They cited ethical concerns with keeping the large open-sea creatures

in the relatively close confines of the parks' seven-million-gallon habitats (adults weigh up to six tons). They also referred to the film's allegations that orcas in captivity experience significantly shorter lifespans, a contention that SeaWorld has repeatedly refuted.

SeaWorld San Diego is home to 10 orcas, as well as 40 dolphins, 3 pilot whales, and nearly 10,000 other aquatic species. Many of the large mammals are trained to perform in regularly scheduled shows, and the orcas in particular seem to be immensely popular, their images prevalent in SeaWorld marketing campaigns.

The release of *Blackfish* and its subsequent broadcast on CNN has created a persisting public-relations problem for the SeaWorld brand.

Organizers Marisa Ohanian and Dana Kaiser Henry said they have been advocating for animal rights for several years, and while this demonstration had social-networking support from large animal-rights entities including PETA, the protest included mostly non-affiliated individuals. Ohanian indicated the current publicity brought about by the film impacted the timing of this and other recent demonstrations.

"With *Blackfish* putting pressure on SeaWorld," she said, "now is the time to keep the pressure on."

Most professed their biggest goal was to raise awareness about the documentary, which they felt would turn more people to their cause, putting social and economic pressure on SeaWorld to alter its practices. Whether they were effective remains to be seen.

A number of drivers passing by honked in approval, while few expressed opposing views with derisive shouts or gestures. For the most part, the publicity in the wake of the film does not seem to have put a dent in SeaWorld's bottom line.

On Monday, January 13, the company issued a press release announcing record profits in 2013, "fueled by record fourth-quarter attendance" in their parks.

IAN ANDERSON

IMPERIAL BEACH

Poodle mix jaw ripped out, front teeth gone

Ban pit bulls on beach?

A lifelong lover of dogs who says she lives in fear of them now is asking the Imperial Beach City Council to ban pit bulls along the shoreline.

Caesarina Kelley planned to present a petition of some 50 names to the council at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 15.

Kelley, her daughter, and a four-year-old

poodle mix named Simon that her daughter owns, tussled with a pit bull on the beach on December 22. Both women and Simon required emergency care.

The incident took place around noontime on a stretch of beach near a jetty where the borders blur between the cities of Imperial Beach and Coronado. A naval communications installation nicknamed "the elephant cage" is nearby, as is the YMCA Surf Camp. Especially in the off-season, dogs are often seen running free on this section of beach.

As Kelley recalls, Simon was unleashed, chasing balls of kelp around, when it approached a dachshund and a pit bull, both being held on leashes by a woman on the beach. The pit bull also wore a muzzle. Other unleashed dogs joined the get-together.

As Simon sniffed around, the pit strained at its leash, broke free, somehow shook off the muzzle, and went for the poodle, which wound up between its jaws. Kelley said her daughter forced her knee onto the pit bull's neck while, with Kelley's help, she dragged the dog into the water up to its head, where it let go of the poodle. Simon lost several teeth while trying to break free of the dog's jaws.

Animal-control officers paid visits to the owners of both Simon and the pit bull the next day. Later, authorities ordered the pit owner

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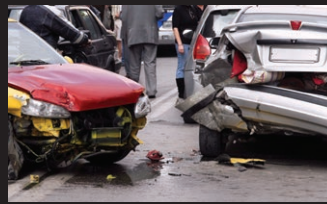
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ALLEGED MASTERMINDS BEHIND NORTH PARK-BASED SEX-TRAFFICKING RING RELEASE HIT SINGLE TO RAISE MONEY FOR DEFENSE.

KEEPIN' IT REAL IN NORTH PARK — On January 8, U.S. attorney Laura Duffy unsealed federal indictments against 24 defendants, alleged members of a sex-trafficking ring based out of San Diego. The alleged crimes took place nationwide, in 46 cities across 23 states, and involved a wide array of abuses against the (frequently underage) women being trafficked. If you want to know exactly what those alleged crimes were, all you have to do is pony up the \$5 to purchase “North Park Trappin’,” a rap single released on January 9 by the defendants themselves. All proceeds from the single go to support the defendants’ legal costs. However, *SD on the QT* has managed to obtain an excerpt from the song’s lyrics, for those who might not wish to contribute to the Black MOB/Skanless Legal Defense Fund.

Grant Minzy, a local blogger who covers San Diego bands, says he understands why some people might find the song objectionable. But he stresses that, ultimately, it’s a work of art and should be judged according to its own merits, regardless of the alleged character flaws of its creators. “I’m not saying I think it’s okay to kidnap underage girls and force them into a life of sex work,” says Minzy. “I’m just saying it’s a really cool song — I love the way they reference the old TV show *Rawhide* — and it gives an honest depiction of the group’s struggles to make it in today’s world. Mad cred, yo. I mean, I’m a white guy with a college degree — who am I to judge? And besides, this thing is *nationwide*. Good or bad, San Diego is on the *map*. Maybe now, we’ll get some respect.”

As of press time, it was unclear whether or not the prosecution would attempt to treat the song as a confession. “They didn’t even change the names,” marveled Duffy. “It’s like they just read the indictment, laid down a beat, and made it rhyme. I just...I don’t even know anymore.”

Keep rollin’ rollin’ rollin’ Rollin like they stolen Keep them bitches rollin’, Black MOB	Prostitutes were farmed out nationwide. Some prostitutes were kidnapped.
Hey what now Lil’ Play Doh You come to choose up a ho? Bottom bitch gave her a name You wanna teach her the Game?	Defendant Prostitutes were “traded” between pimps. “Bottom bitches” performed recruiting duties. “The Game” is a set of rules for prostitutes.
Nah, I’m just doin my job For the Skanless/Black MOB Big Daddy Kane feels my pain Hard out here for a pimp This ball and chain makes me limp Bitches holdin me back Bitches shortin my stack Don’t have to understand ‘em Just round ‘em up and brand ‘em Put the rawhide To the backside Just to keep ‘em in line Apply the UPC sign Put the meat on the street Or they can get they ass beat Gorilla style, turnstile, drop in the bills Come ride the tunnel of love, bitches poppin the pills Hook OT, Double D, Polo Flo and the Juice Been trappin bitches all night now it’s time to get loose Pimpin’ ain’t easy, but it sure as f*** fun	The enterprise operates like a business. Rapper who performed “Pimpin’ Ain’t Easy.” Title of song in pimp movie <i>Hustle & Flow</i> . BMS members longed for a better life. Some prostitutes attempted to keep money. Some prostitutes were physically branded. Some prostitutes were severely beaten. Some prostitutes branded with UPC codes.
Pressure building, I can feel it They bring the law, I repeal it Lawyer up here it comes, BMS in the dock Grand jury indicts, but they can all suck...	“Gorilla” pimps used force on prostitutes. Prostitutes were expected to be profitable. Prostitutes were given addictive drugs. Defendants. Defendants.

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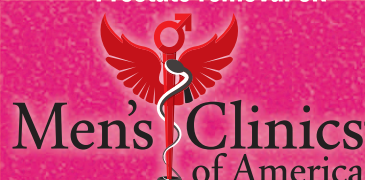
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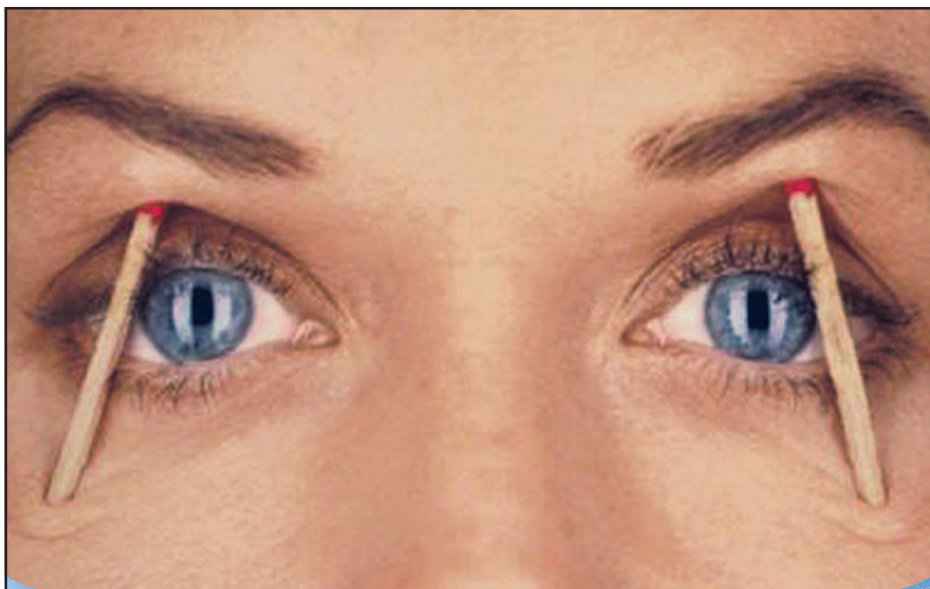
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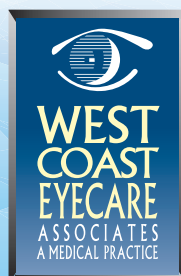
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Wretched excess XLVIII



Nestled in the romantic confines of East Rutherford, New Jersey, is the \$1.6 billion MetLife Stadium.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... Super Bowl 48 will be played in the \$1.6 billion MetLife Stadium, which is nestled within the romantic confines of East Rutherford, New Jersey. According to the New York/New Jersey Super Bowl Host Committee, the February 2 Super Bowl will be the most expensive ever played. The committee will spend \$70 million putting on a 60-minute football game plus miscellaneous activities. Said activities include closing Broadway, literally shutting down the heart of NYC, for 13 blocks. The stretch from Times Square to Herald Square will be closed to traffic from noon until 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The roadway will be renamed Super Bowl Boulevard and a giant pop-up shopping mall will rise from its hallowed asphalt. The mall will provide opportunities to shop for Super Bowl gear, watch NFL propaganda films, stand, hat in hand, before the Vince Lombardi Trophy, and meet "trained tourism professionals who can provide suggestions on everything from restaurants in the area to must-see sights in NYC's outer boroughs."

Super Bowl Boulevard, more than any other detail, gives you an idea how big the Super Bowl has become. Can you imagine any other event, from inaugurating a president, to burying a president, to celebrating the end of World War II, that would have the juice to shut down Times Square for four days?

There's still time to watch the Super Bowl in person. StubHub is offering a full lineup of MetLife Stadium suites. These suites are good for one game only, Super Bowl XLVIII. The last time I looked, StubHub suites were being offered from \$610,000 to more than \$1 million. Still, it's always wise to shop around. SeatGeek

is selling a Commissioner's Club Suite, top-of-the-line stuff, for \$826,000. That won't last long.

The New York Times reports, "...the NFL is working with more than 100 law enforcement agencies to protect the weeklong extravaganza. The league is also spending more than \$10 million to hire thousands of private security officers to patrol MetLife Stadium, Super Bowl Boulevard, and elsewhere."

It's taken 10,000 workers a month to get the stadium ready. "Two sets of chain-link fences four miles long ranging from six to eight feet high will surround MetLife Stadium. There will be 'welcome pavilions' containing 130 metal detectors placed just outside those fences. Fans will have their tickets scanned and go through security on game day. During the week leading up to the game, train and bus stations will have more screening, a 300-foot barrier and lock-down zone will be established around the stadium, and every vehicle entering the stadium property will be searched."

Newspapers are pulling reporters from local city halls because they can't afford to keep even one lousy journalist onsite. There are more than 5000 credentialed media covering Super Bowl 48.

The 5000 number is what got through the maze and received their credential. Twenty thousand people applied for credentials, the FBI ran a background check on every one of them.

You know you're spending your money right when you buy a ticket to the Super Bowl and then watch the game on TV. Regard "Fandevor, the Gameday Experience Company." For \$17,995 per person, you get "The Green Room Experience." "The Green Room is the best experience inside the stadium. This ultra-exclusive lounge features an inclusive premium bar, inclusive upscale food, and a private area equipped with multiple flat screens to watch the game...."

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"Let's hear it," I answered, half listening as I Instagrammed.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings./ Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees./ The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."

"It's from John Muir, and he is spot-on," Patrick said. "Work your magic, Evie, and find some beautiful walks in San Diego. Some place where nature's peace will flow into us as sunshine flows into trees."

"Every morning we walk," offered Lissa, "and our favorite walk is our Thursday route — through Harry Griffen Park from the Blackthorne Avenue entrance, past the dog park, and then down along one of the nature trails. Beautiful lemony smell in the air in the early mornings, hawks wheeling, sometimes a great blue heron standing in the middle of the grass. We meander the trails and then leave the park via the Poppy Street gate."

"San Clemente Canyon, Marian Bear Memorial Park," said Katie. "At the intersection of Genesee and the 52 freeway for parking, the walk is a rustic dirt path which goes almost all the way from the 805 to the 5 along the 52. During the winter months, the creek is running. It's a bit of a mountain-getaway feeling if you ignore the freeway noise."

"I love walking and running at Sunset Cliffs [Ocean Front Street and Sunset Boulevard] because it is a very peaceful and happy setting," said Jeannie. "I am not a huge lover of sand, so the running trail is awesome, and the views are amazing."

"I love driving over the Coronado Bridge to walk in Coronado," explained Kathleen. "I park in the beautiful neighborhoods a mile or so from the Hotel Del; the houses are gorgeous and of various architectural styles. I walk to Coronado Beach, where the sand is very fine."

Lita also loves walking in Coronado. "The grounds and flower beds in front of the ocean at the Hotel Del," she recommended. Lita also loves a stroll through Old Town, ending up at La Casa de Estudillo, an adobe house, one of the oldest examples of Spanish architecture in

"It's a bit of a mountain getaway feeling if you ignore the freeway noise."

California as well as a free museum. "It gives one a real feeling for the days of the Spanish dons," she added.

"I love walking by the water," said Julie. "Lake Murray, Santee Lakes, the lovely sounds, the pure scents, surrounded by nature. I take deep breaths and drink in the views." (Fees for entry to Santee

Lake: \$3 per vehicle on weekdays; \$5 per vehicle on weekends and holidays.)

Cherie walks Carlsbad beach from Harbor Fish Café south to the end of the path. "I also enjoy the walk from San Diego Maritime Museum to Seaport Village. And walking by Lake Hodges or the trails on Black Mountain."

"Our teens like going over Cowles Mountain from Big Rock Park in Santee to the San Carlos side," answered Peter. "Something about going up and over a mountain is exhilarating."

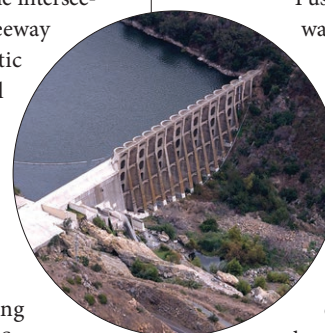
"I love hiking around Miramar Lake," said Mariana. "It's a five-mile loop, so the scenery is not repetitive. The road winds and has light hills, so it keeps it interesting as opposed to a boring straight road."

"I used to think that Balboa Park was only about the architecture and the museums," added Mariana. "But on the northwest corner of the park, I discovered a map of all the trails around the park. Flat, nice leisurely hiking trails with different hill difficulties. I've been doing them for a year, and I have yet to discover all of them!

Plus it's great people-watching as well." "I don't take nice walks," said Bernice, "when I want a real butt workout, and I don't mean that in a dirty way, then I'm walking the Mount Nebo stairs in La Mesa. I call them the Endless Stairs of Moria. I go up and down twice, and it really gets my heart pumping. Or I head up to the amphitheater on the top of Mount Helix and tread up and down those stairs. There are always nice views and a breeze at the top."

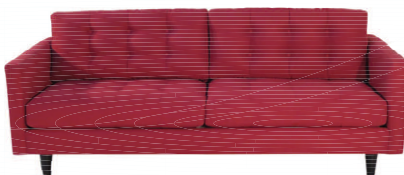
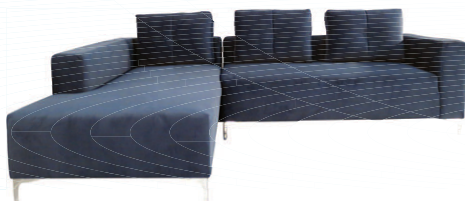
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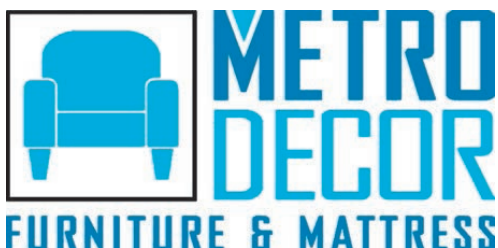
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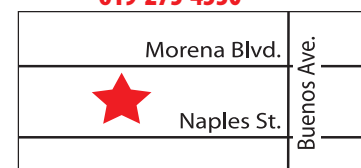


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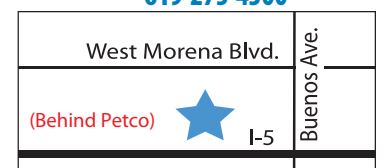
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by Chad Deal

for a party dubbed “El Futuro,” the Tijuana-modern house situated above the Caliente greyhound track felt perfect. The façade’s dominant feature — a series of angled mirror-windows — echoed the outside swath of streetlights and partygoers in warped, otherworldly segments that self-morphed like an ominous mushroom vision.

Accordingly, the all-night electronic exposé saw sets from Tijuana luminaries, such as members of Los Macuanos, Santos, and María y José — all ambassadors of the city’s “ruidosón movement.”

As much an augury of Tijuana’s bleak future as it is a meditation on the broken promises of an industrialized maquiladora-polis, *ruidosón* is a post narco-war retort to the optimistic anthems of Nortec Collective.

Where Nortec warmed the gut like a shot of electric mezcal, *ruidosón* is a portentous bellyful of eclectic mescaline. Suspicion and doom lurk beneath every beat.

“Nortec founded a very aesthetic vision of Tijuana,” Dorian Santos tells me after his midnight set. “All we want to do is reveal the dark side of Tijuana.”

You wouldn’t guess it by watching the hundred or so locals shaking ass to his electro cumbia,



Josué Josué freestyles over ruidosón. Photo by Siete Catorce

but Santos is at the forefront of musical realism in Tijuana, and what he sees isn’t pretty.

“Tijuana has violence. Tijuana has bad people. There are narcos, human traffickers, lots of problems. Tijuana is not happy,” he says, countering Nortec’s canonical refrain, “Tijuana Makes Me Happy.”

Rather, *ruidosón* posits, “Tijuana makes me paranoid, but there’s a pulse beneath the pandemonium.”

Mercurial by nature, *ruid-*

**“Tijuana makes me
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osón reimagines Mexican cumbia and Afro-Cuban rhythms through the binary beatwork of techno, minimal house, doombia, hip-hop, ambient, and krautrock.

And, while largely influenced

by Monterrey’s 3Ball MTY crew, *ruidosón* trades the peacockish pointy boots of tribal *guarachero* for urban shit-kickers with steel toes and power laces. *Ruidosón* is dystopia you can dance to.

“*Ruidosón* is a movement that Moisés Horta of Los Macuanos and I did over the internet,” say Tony Gallardo II, who performs as María y José. “It’s just a name-drop we did, like, five years ago, and then we decided to name it after a genre we made, but it’s not a genre. It’s a mix of a lot of things.”

Among them, Gallardo acknowledges El Guincho, Discos Fuentes, Los Temerarios, Los Bukis, Los Fugitivos, and Selena.

“*Ruidosón* is a mix of all the cumbia rhythms that have been remixed, plus our own touch,” says Gallardo, “which is these lyrics about violence, hypocrisy, and the bad government we have in Mexico. It’s criticism.



Siete Catorce dials in the doom. Photo by Josué Josué



Tony Gallardo II, the prophet of ruidosón. Photo by Josué Josué

It’s prophecy. I’m the fucking Machiavelli of *ruidosón*.”

Even so, Gallardo is quick to admit, “I’m not the greatest producer of *ruidosón*. Siete Catorce is. He’s a fucking genius. I’m just the prophet.”

Siete Catorce (aka Den5ion aka Sin Amigos) grew up in Oakland and moved back to his birthplace of Mexicali in 2007. The Luke Skywalker to Gallardo’s Obiwan, Siete draws on his hip-hop upbringing in the Bay Area, the experimental undercurrents of Baja’s capital (see: Tron, Fax, Vampire Slayer, Letters From Readers), his



Dark rhythms, light people. Photo by Josué Josué



Dorian Santos digs into the dark side. Photo by Josué Josué

camaraderie with the NAAFI crew in Mexico City (with whom he released his first EP), and his own bedroom meddling in glitch and bass.

“Everyone has a reason to be depressed but they ignore it,” Siete says, “so I’m trying to get people to acknowledge it and dance to it. It’s the only way to continue progressing, to bring the positive out of it.”

By now it’s around 5:30 a.m. and the police want us to turn the sound off. Instead, TJ ambient beat trio Siberium turns it down and we make the best of the pre-dawn disarray. ■

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I'm looking at you

"I had to fight for my attention from my family," he says, "and playing sports is what gave me their attention."



looking at me



As Theo Tucker crosses the campus at Morse High School in track pants and a backward-facing ball cap, female students greet him with hugs or quiet stares, and male students offer fist bumps and chin nods.

The 21-year-old responds in kind, returning the hugs and fist bumps as he passes, waving occasionally, and once admonishing a young man to remove the red bandanna he has tied around his head. The kid laughs and takes off the bandanna. Apparently, two years after his own graduation, Tucker still has some pull around here.

Five minutes later, we're sitting on the bleachers overlooking the football field on this colder-than-expected day. A physical education class of mostly reluctant runners makes its way around the track. Of all the places in San Diego he could have chosen for our conversation, this is where Tucker, a former defensive end/tight end for the Morse Tigers says he feels most at home.

"I have a history of just taking my mind off things at [this] school," he says of this choice for our meeting location.

He grew up six blocks from here, in the neighborhood of Skyline. Most of the Pop Warner teams he played on as a child held their games here. And although construction of the school's track and field forced the football team to play all their games away from home during Tucker's senior year, he spent more time here than anywhere else during the most promising period in his life so far.

At the beginning of the

year, September 2010, Tucker had football scholarship offers from a handful of Division 2 schools around the country, mostly on the East Coast, one for a full-ride. He played "both sides of the ball" (offense and defense) as well as special teams and was what he now calls "a primary factor" on the team. That season, he had three sacks in the first three games and a touchdown in the fourth. The fourth of five boys in his family, he was on his way to becoming the first of his siblings to graduate from high school and go to college. His year was looking good. Until...

"I lost every last [scholarship] due to one night," he says mysteriously.

Rather than explaining further, he folds his arms across his chest and stares out across the field. I sense it's too early in our conversation to probe, so I ask instead about his family.

"I don't know if you can tell by the look on my face," he says, turning briefly to look at me, "but I really don't want to talk about my family."

But immediately after this statement, he turns back to the field and launches into a series of stories about his childhood and family life in Skyline, where he, his brothers, and his mother lived with his grandfather.

"My family wasn't what you call a family. I was always the one that was

pushed to the side. I was the one that was abused. I was the one that was left alone," he says, punctuating the statement with a laugh.

While the P.E. stragglers make their final lap around the newly renovated track, Tucker paints a sad picture of himself walking home alone, sometimes for hours if his football practice or games were held in other neighborhoods. He tells the story about when his mother told him she hated him and another of being jumped by his brother's friends.

At 6'2" and 230 pounds, Tucker likely intimidates out on the field, but up close, he smiles often and speaks frankly. Even during the most emotionally charged moments of the stories he tells, he

laughs. Not a full-out belly laugh, but the sort of incongruous chuckle that draws my eyes again and again to the crisscross of surface level cuts on the inside of his left wrist.

"I think about it sometimes, and I actually should have grown up to be some type of psycho or bad child," he says. "I don't know what it is, but I always believe in smiling. Smiling and just believing that everything will be all right. I don't know if that was a lesson from my grandfather or if I'm just really good at hiding things."

He pauses for a moment and appears to contemplate the kids on the track.

"Don't get me wrong, I did have some type of adults, you know, who just thought I was amazing. But I was a kid," he

says. "No adult wants to get that close to a kid, because that's not your kid. I wanted to spend more time with them, because they would make me feel like I was somebody."

It was through sports that Tucker found a way of connecting to family — both biological and otherwise.

"I had to fight for my attention from my family," he says, "and playing sports is what gave me their attention."

From the age of six, he played football and basketball, and later added volleyball and track to his list. Along the way, on various teams, many of his closest friendships were formed on courts and fields. But, today, it's when he speaks of the adults involved that he offers unrestrained adoration. "Teachers and coaches became

family to me," he says, "especially high-school coaches. I stay in contact with all of them. Even though some of them are not at district schools, I stay in contact with them. I see them as family."

Mom

I meet the kingpin of those teachers and supporters on the day after Thanksgiving. Her name is Heidi Selman, and she's an academic coach for the football and basketball programs at Morse. When speaking of Selman, Tucker refers to her as his godmother, but when speaking to her, he calls her "Mom."

"I can't remember the last time he called me anything else," Selman says from across the large dining-room table in her Spring Valley home. The room's

sliding-glass door overlooks what Selman calls her "million-dollar view on a Spring Valley budget."

Although it's past noon, Tucker sleeps on a sofa in the nearby living room.

Selman met Tucker in his freshman year but had heard of him before that.

"The [football] coach would tell a story about him and another player," she says. "All eighth-grade year, they wanted to come to practice, they wanted to come to practice, and the coach said, 'You can't practice until you graduate.' So, the day they graduated from eighth grade, they basically left their graduation ceremony and ran to the football field in their suits and everything so they could practice that day."

Later, during the summer bridge program for incoming freshmen, Tucker brought attention to himself by defying a teacher

who wouldn't let him leave the classroom by jumping out a window in order to make it to football practice.

"I think I first got to really talk to him when we took the freshmen team to Magic Mountain for a day. We were all on the bus," she says. "One of the last seats was by me, so he got stuck sitting by me. But he just talked the whole time about football and Pop Warner, and he didn't seem to care."

After practices, Selman and other coaches would drive players home if they needed a ride. Tucker lived on Selman's way home, so he often rode with her. By the time his grandfather passed away around Christmas of freshman year, they were already close, and he claimed her as his godmother.

"I think he first introduced me as his godmother at his grandfather's funeral," she says. "Me and a lot of coaches went to the funeral, and we've all kind of taken him under our wings since then."

Over the next four years, Selman continued getting to know (and bonding with) Tucker, serving often as his confidant and sometimes playing a parental role.

"I remember we got into a big argument one summer because I told him he needed to do summer school to make up some Ds, and he was just dead-set against it because he wanted a break and wanted to do probably something sports-related instead."

It was her job to help him succeed academically, but Selman also kept up with what Tucker did on the field. He wasn't the superstar

Environmental Assessment for the Miramar Pipeline Repair and Relocation



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of the team, she says, but he was right up there at the top. “They’d run a mile before practice,” Selman recalls, “and usually you have your wide receivers and your running backs out in front of everybody, and then you’d have your bigger but stronger guys, like your tight ends, safeties, linebackers, and then your linemen, barely walking. Theo should have been somewhere in the middle of the pack, but he would almost lap out ahead of the guys that were running the four-by-four for our track team. He just had that combination of power and speed.”

And then everything changed

Back at the field, Tucker eventually winds his way around to telling me about “the thing that happened.”

It was late at night, in the week prior to the fifth game of the season against traditional power Helix High School. Tucker heard a sound in his family home. When he went to investigate, he noticed that the living-room window was wide open and the blinds were torn off. At first he didn’t see anyone, but he could sense someone was there. And although some part of him knew better, he entered the

living room to check it out.

In retelling the story to me, he laughs at himself in retrospect and mimics shouting “Don’t do it” at the movie screen the way we all do when the person on screen is about to do something stupid. “But something told me just go ahead and investigate. I’m, like, *Turn around. Investigate. Turn around. Investigate.*”

Tucker took two steps in and was body slammed. All he knew was that his attacker wore a hoodie, maybe a mask, because he can’t remember seeing a face. The struggle was intense, and Tucker

tried to strangle the intruder. At one point, the man in the hoodie got away and leapt out the open window.

Tucker ran out the front door and “The Match,” as he calls it, went from the living room out to the driveway. And that’s all he remembers. He would later discover that the attacker had stabbed him four times: once on the right side of his face near his jaw bone; once in the back; once in his chest, which punctured and collapsed a lung; and in his left thigh, which severed the femoral artery.

Selman found out about the incident

within hours.

“I always have the news on when I wake up in the morning, and they were already covering the story of a stabbing on Skyline. It was still probably 5:30 or earlier in the morning,” she says. “I knew the area exactly where they were talking about, and I knew it was right by his house.”

When she received a call from Tucker’s girlfriend just before 6:00 that morning, she knew the news story had something to do with him. “It was really, really, really, bad,” she says. “They basically found him in a pool of blood in his driveway.”

It got worse: Tucker learned that the attacker was his brother, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia, and who had, two weeks prior, been jailed for attempting to stab their grandmother. While in jail, he was warned by uncles not to return to the house, but on his release, he did just that. Tucker numbers rather than names his brother.

“It was Brother Number Three, the one right above me,” he says. “Me and him, we just never connected at all. We used to argue, and ’til this day, it hurts me. I ask myself sometimes what could I have done different to at least make

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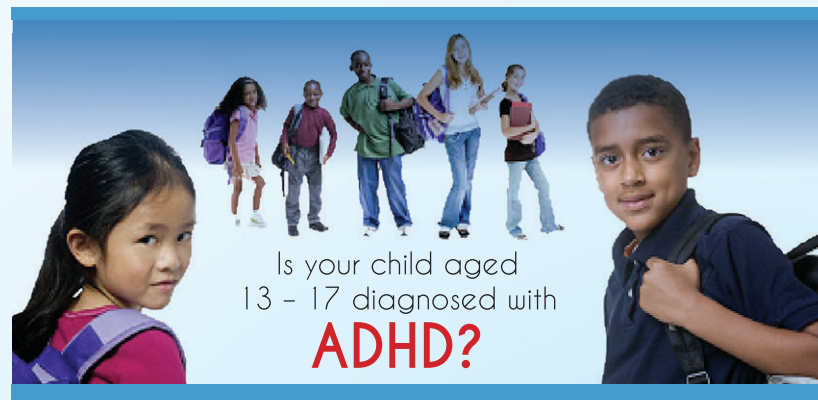
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us get along growing up.”

Following the incident, Tucker spent a week in the hospital and underwent five or six surgeries to repair his lung, his leg, and his face.

Selman drove his girlfriend to the hospital every day after school.

Tucker lost approximately 60 pounds over the next month. (“You know how hard it is to go on a bland diet as a young high school kid?” he laughs.) But he got back out on the football field as soon as he was able.

“The only thing he cared about was getting back to playing football,” Selman says. “The whole time he was in the hospital, he was doing stuff before he was supposed to, getting up, walking around, way before they were saying he should. But he pushes himself



Scottish triathlete Lesley Paterson wondered if “this big guy who’s all muscle-y” would respect her.

like that. He always has. He beat the odds, but we had hoped for more.”

As much as he wanted to resume his old life, however, Tucker wasn’t the same. He did play in the last four games of that season, but he had a newfound fear of sprint-

ing because of the pain in his lungs and his leg. Aside from the pain, he was also more vulnerable in collisions on the field.

“I did get hurt one game,” he says. “I caught a pass, and I ran up the field. [One guy’s] arm hit me in the painful area of my face, one hit me in my leg where I had surgery, and then the last dude hit me exactly where my lungs were hurting. It was an awkward situation, and I got hit in all three places. And I didn’t get up.”

His scholarship offers, he says, began to fall away as he lost his momentum and recruiters lost their confidence in him. Today, Tucker has almost one year’s worth of college credits under his belt — some from Mesa and some from City College. But when

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his family lost the house he grew up in and he was left to make his own way in the world, he ended up dropping out for a semester. For a few months, he and his girlfriend rented a room in a family home in Skyline, but the family moved away right around the time he and his girlfriend broke up, and now he's on the couch at Selman's.

He hasn't been on the football field in two years.

"The thing that hap-

pened with his brother in the middle of football season of his senior year kind of put a damper on [his future plans]," Selman says. "I mean, we hoped for more, but with everything he'd been through, [Theo] beat the odds just by graduating and surviving it all."

These days, even if he were in school, he says he wouldn't have time for football. He's working 60-70 hours a week, half doing day-to-evening hours at Charlotte

Russe in the Chula Vista Mall, and the other half doing the graveyard shift at a downtown McDonald's.

That, plus up to four hours of travel time per day. To get to work from Selman's, he has to walk a mile to the bus stop where he takes the 856 to the Lemon Grove trolley stop and then rides the trolley to 12th and Imperial. If he's going to Charlotte Russe, he then hops on the Blue Line to the H Street stop in Chula

Vista, from where he can either walk or take the 705 bus to the mall. It's as much as two hours each way.

"He's overwhelmed," Selman says. "He's on his own. He was working three jobs. He's working two right now. And he's just trying to get on his feet for the most part."

The Scottish bird and the muscle-y guy.

In the spring of 2013, Heidi Selman received a call from her longtime

friend, Lesley Paterson, the petite but hard-core two-time winner (2011 and 2012) of the XTerra World Championship Triathlon (she came in second in 2013).

Selman, once an avid cyclist, has known the now-big-time triathlete since 2003, when Paterson married Selman's cycling coach, Simon Marshall. The "Scottish lassie and f-bomb dropper" (Patterson's own description) called Selman seeking referrals for disadvantaged

young adults who might be interested in participating in her first Braveheart Bootcamp, a weeklong triathlon camp for beginners.

Selman thought immediately of Tucker because he's "the type who likes to do things that people wouldn't expect him to do," and because she knew he'd follow through.

"It was just to give him a new experience, and I knew it would be something positive for him," she says. "And I

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knew that he'd be meeting some quality people and making some connections that could help him."

What Tucker remembers from the initial conversation he had with Selman about the camp was that it was run by a professional athlete. Besides that, only one other thing stood out.

"She's, like, 'It's cycling, running, and swimming stuff,'" he says. "And I'm, like, 'I don't swim.'"

But he applied anyway.

It was in that application packet that Scotland-born-and-raised Paterson got her first impression of Tucker.

"We asked them to send in a picture with their application, and his picture was of him in the gym, holding the camera up in a sort of

pose," she tells me in the living room of her Point Loma condo. "And I thought, *This guy's super cocky and arrogant. This might be interesting.* You know, this little white Scottish bird coaching this big guy who's all muscle-y. I wondered if he would respect me."

A few weeks later, on July 22nd, he showed up for his first day of camp.

"On the very first day we met, he called me 'Coach' right off the bat," she says. "From that point on, it was all about trying to impress me."

Tucker admits that his first thought on meeting Paterson was, "I will burn her in a foot race."

On that first day, in July 2013, Paterson and her crew (many of whom are her coaching clients through

her Braveheart fitness coaching for triathletes) passed out swag bags filled with everything they'd need to start participating in triathlons. Her sponsors helped her provide the campers with bikes, wet suits, running shoes, nutrition bars, waterproof MP3 players, action cameras, sunglasses, running visors, goggles, cycling kits, and, in Tucker's words, "water bottles out the butt. She was, like, 'One thing you will become best friends with if you continue this career is water. Water is your life.'"

Tucker was hyped about the \$5000 worth of gear Paterson provided, but he was also moved by the personal touches.

"One of the funniest things, which was kind

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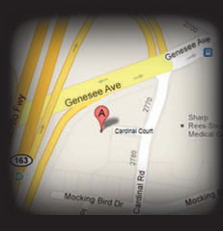
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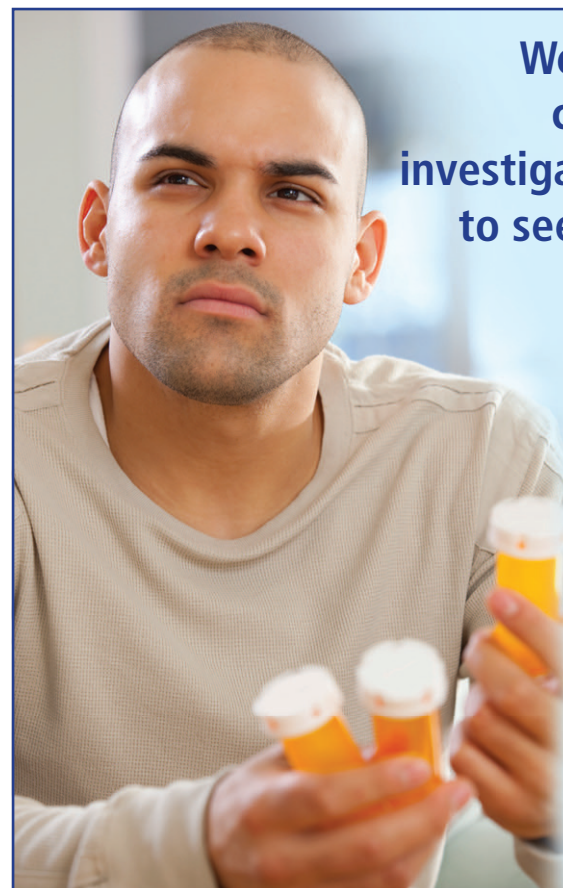
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of cool and made me see this lady is a family person, she actually put her mom's shortbread cookies [in the bag]," he says.

The week consisted of basic instruction (how to use a wetsuit and adjust the gears on the bike), training (running drills, an open-water swim, swim-to-bike transition practice) all over San Diego, dinner and lunch, and daily guest speakers discussing nutrition and goal setting. They trained on bikes around Fiesta Island, in the pool at the Coggan Family Aquatic Complex in La Jolla, did hill repeats in East County, and boot-camp strength workouts on the grass at Ventura Cove.

"That one week felt like a year," Tucker says.

Paterson was impressed with Tucker, but it wasn't his football-player muscles or his speed so much as his willingness to push himself that made him stand out to her.

"[On day two] we were doing these hill repeats, and it's probably a 21 percent grade climb. It's brutal. To just get up it, you're dying," she says. "He pushed so hard, like I've never seen anyone push."

Paterson's initial idea for starting the Braveheart Bootcamp was, "Wouldn't it be cool if I could go out and do a camp for some kids or some young adults that are in those challenging times of their lives that they're trying to discover themselves, and help them in some way?"

She wanted to bring

the sport to underprivileged youth who normally couldn't afford to take part in what she says is a "privileged sport, such a luxurious sport for middle classes and upper classes that have money."

A study initiated by the USA Triathlon in 2009 and entitled "The Mind of the Triathlete" found that not only is the average annual income of triathletes \$126,000, but that 88.2 percent are white, and the average age is 38. Only 7 percent are under 25, and 0.5 percent are black.

Within three or four months, she was able to secure gear from her sponsors, raise approximately \$5000 through San Diego's triathlon community (on top of \$5000 of her own money), and elicit the help of clients and friends who would serve as speakers, helpers, and mentors during camp week.

For the final day of the camp, Paterson arranged a mini triathlon at Glorietta Bay. It included approximate distances of a quarter-mile swim, a nine-mile bike ride, and a three-mile run. It was the first time Tucker had ever swum unassisted in open water, and Paterson assigned one of her coaching clients to be his swimming buddy.

See video of Lesley and Theo at sdriver.com/videos

"She had to really stay with him," Paterson says. "He had to swim on his back, he had to really take his time, and he kind of got in a bit of a panic during the swim. He's so unfamiliar with that sense of being out of his depth like

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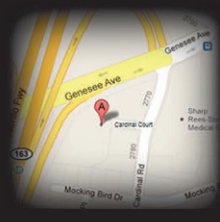
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that. It's, like, *Oh, shit, I'm supposed to be the athlete. Why can I not master this?*"

Selman came to watch the mini triathlon and remembers it the same way.

"It was weird seeing him not excel at something, because when it comes to the sports he's used to, he's always at the top. It was hard for him," she says.

The transportation system is shit

A week hardly seems long enough to hope for much more than a finish for beginning triathletes, especially those who start it stating, "I don't swim." And when I bring this up to Paterson, she agrees that a week is not ideal. "The goal was really to find out about the lives of the campers and how we can help facilitate you in your growth," she says.

Early on in the camp, she realized that transportation is a huge obstacle not only for participation in the sport but also participation in out-of-the way internships and other opportunities.

To that end, she's now on the hunt for a car or rental-car sponsor so that the next time she holds the camp (she's

planning to do it every 18 months or so), she can offer some of the participants as much as a year's worth of access to transportation.

Another obstacle Paterson says showed up in some of the participants is their own frustrating patterns of behavior.

"You know, when someone calls you, you call them back," she says. "And Theo was the best of them, but he still has moments."

She gives an example of a recent post-camp trip to visit Gordon Ramsay's *Hell's Kitchen* TV show. The camp participants had known about it for weeks, and Tucker knew when and where to be to catch the van up to Los Angeles. But an hour or so before the group was scheduled to leave, Tucker called and asked if someone would come get him. Paterson found the experience frustrating.

"You're just, like, 'Theo, buddy, come on. We gave you all the information. Why didn't you just follow through?'"

Wow. That's Theo Tucker

Tucker's story doesn't have the kind of big, triumphant Hollywood ending that we all

hope for. In October, he participated in the Mission Bay Triathlon, a sprint-distance race that included a ½K swim (again with a swimming buddy in the water beside him), a 15K bike ride, and a 5K run.

"It was beautiful," he says. "I mean, it hurt. While I was running, my calves were on fire, and I thought I was done. I just stopped. But out of the blue, six people who didn't even know who I was and didn't even know each other were, like, 'Come on. You got this. Please don't quit. We'll jog with you. I'm, like, 'Wow. Who's paying you? Where are the cameras?'"

He has also signed up for spring semester classes at City College, working toward a degree in physiotherapy. But he's still struggling with the idea of how he'll be able to manage school, bills, two jobs, and a practice schedule should the opportunity to play football arise again.

When I ask if he fears the idea that his glory days are behind him, he hesitates for a moment before he says, "Yes, I do. I like to hear those oohs and those aahhs. I mean, I'm not out there raising my hands and showing off or anything,

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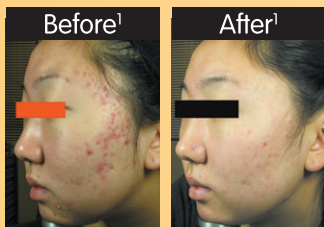
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but my thing is, I'm looking at you looking at me."

He pauses, and for a moment I think he's going to go on to explain how and why he fears it. But instead, he says, "Everything dies eventually. There's going to be a time when — who knows? — two years from now, when I can walk up to Morse and everything about my history, everything that I've ever done is gone, and no one ever knows."

Before we part ways, I take a chance and ask Tucker about the crisscross of cuts on his wrist. He tries to pass them off as the result of an incident with a cat. Twice. But then he relents, says, "Yeah, they're not from a cat" and tells me the story of his newly estranged

together-since-freshman-year girlfriend that he just couldn't seem to make happy.

No, not everything has gone Tucker's way. But the triathlon camp did give him new ideas to mull over. "I won't say football is [over] for me, but I can't play football forever," he says reluctantly. "But you can kind of be a triathlete forever. There are some people out there that are pretty high in age, but they're still kicking like they're my age."

For now, he keeps up with the biking a couple of times a week, swims at the MLK pool once or twice every two weeks, and runs hard for at least a mile every day. He keeps his eyes downcast as he confesses that it's not the several hours

a day that he needs to stay in on-the-field shape or to participate in another triathlon, and I'm reminded of something Paterson said: "He's so desperate to find his sporting identity again. It's such a huge thing that he lost."

And at the same time, sitting next to him, able to see his scars up close, and to hear his laughter in person, it's impossible for me not to be swept up in his optimism.

"I'm trying to set new goals," he says, "and basically perform to make people say, 'Wow. That's Theo Tucker.'"

As for happy endings, Selman says, "He's too strong-willed not to have it happen. We'll just have to see what it is." ■

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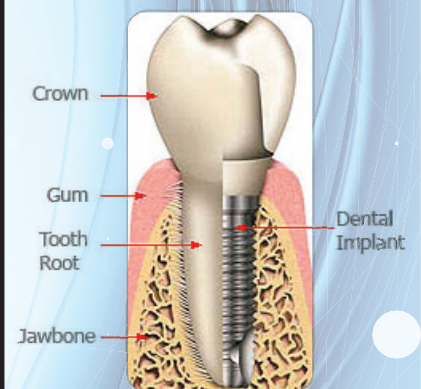


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I'm dizzy, I'm hot, my chest aches

CHRIST, NOT NOW. It's March, I'm at home in San Diego and getting ready to teach my Monday evening class. It's strange: in the hour prior, I'm hot, sweaty. Constipated. Confused. Breathless, having just lumbered up the stairs to Suzanna's and my bedroom. The second story — how many times have I done that? I tell myself it's work, it's stress, nothing else. I'm out of shape, easily winded. Indeed, for months, I've been trudging on the treadmill, a lot slower than usual. But I'm not sick. I'm older. What age? I have to remember. Fifty-six. Driving to class, I'm heating up, rolling down the window for a breeze. At class, I'm no better. I give my flock a writing assignment, which I check, moving from student to student. Ten minutes pass this way. Then I

excuse myself — a quick bathroom stint, I think, should dispel this acidic burn in my throat. I lean into the toilet, try to vomit. Nothing. I crap, blow-it-out like bird shit. That's got it. I rush back to class, wondering what's happening? I don't know. I do know I don't want to suffer in the way I'm suffering right now. How will I make it through the next three hours? I've never left in the middle of a class, and only twice in 15 years have I canceled — the day my mother died and the day one of my twin sons left home, leaving a cryptic note that terrified Suzanna and me. I rationalize it — tonight's lesson needs completing. It's amateurish to postpone the work. Maybe I can do ten minutes on each essay we've read and let them go. From my notes, I outline on the board the writing strategies in each piece. And here it gets strange. The taste of reflux soils my mouth. I feel as though I've just plunged off a cliff and halted midair. Afloat, I sense there is no future: however many years are telescoped into these few minutes. Years into minutes. A spiral appears, widens, pinwheels, and sucks me in. I recall how I've told students it's a copout to say, "It

felt like an eternity" or "Time dragged on" or "Hours rushed by." Clichés, I've called them. How do you capture trauma, intensity, in words? There's no other side to this thought. I discuss one essay in two minutes, the next in a minute, the next, in 30 seconds. My words are boggy, slow. Then I hear myself speak — as though I've been called on — "I'm afraid I'm not feeling well. I have to leave." In my bag, I stuff books and papers. My hands sweat. My legs quake. "For next week," I say — and stop. Everyone is looking at me. "I have to leave." I'm running.

Clothes Off. A nurse takes me to an emergency-room bay. "Symptoms?"

she asks. "I think I'm having a heart attack," I say again. She tells me to get undressed. I'm sitting on the bed, and begin taking my clothes off — peeling,

that's the word. They've been stuck on me like a soiled diaper for half an hour. My body is leaking its insides. It's not the soul coming out, wet and furious. It's my skin, like packaging, trying to strip itself of the invader. These god-damn clothes nag because they curtain my fat, a lifelong source of shame. For several years I've gained weight (again) —

in the 1980s, a runner, I was svelte; in the 1990s, I got so sedentary and lazy teaching full-time I put the pounds back on; now, in the 2000s, a full-time writer/



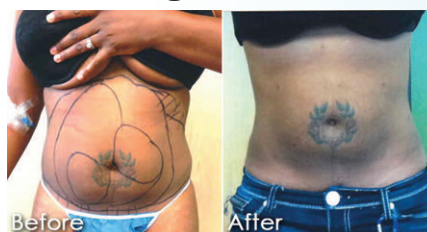
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journalist, and I procrastinate getting back in shape, my belly jellying, a midlife bulge pushing me to 220. I hate the weight. I hate unbuttoning the faded pink travel shirt I've worn for years. I hate unclasping the stretchy waistband pants, size 40, all this so pungent, so whiny — I don't want to see the tumescence over my too-tight underwear: how often I hide behind a T-shirt prior to sex with Suzanna (What sex? It's been months). Why don't I stop worrying? "Stay here," the nurse says, "I'm coming right back." As if I'm going anywhere.

Where is the drug to curb or redirect this avalanche?

Where are my saviors?

I put on the gown. To hell with the ties. I get back on the long plastic mat.

An orderly enters, wires me up to the ECG machine, prints out a graph-paper page on which I espy its Himalayan-like peaks and valleys. He hustles out. He returns. With a well-groomed pro, the Doc, in crisply tailored whites, who tells me what I've known now for an hour: "You're right, Mr. Larson. You're having a heart attack."

I'm Sorry. Is it then that the nurse asks the mandatory questions: my name, my address, my date of birth, my cardiac history (do I say, father, brother, both dead of heart attacks, or the less volatile heart disease?), my symptoms (I'm dizzy, I'm hot, my chest aches.) Have you ever had angina before, a sudden name for the pain that keeps washing through me? Does she lean over next and smirk a tad wickedly and say, "Please try and relax," and I laugh? Does it happen a minute later that she rifles a medical bag for aspirin and a sublingual nitroglycerin tablet, and

asks, almost like an afterthought, who to phone, and I say, Suzanna? While I wait, harried and calmed by the theatrical flurry, the pinging machines, the seismic readouts, you appear, curtain-parting

and padding your way up to the bed where I lie and where on your face I see two women, you who are unafraid to approach me, indeed, desire my trouble, and you who are shocked to come any closer.

To both of you I say, "I'm sorry."

"Don't be," you reply.

"But I am."

"What for?"

Good question. I'm sorry that this dread wants you, as well as me, to bear it.

Don't Drive Yourself. But I did. My last act of volition. Isn't that why I'm alive and being helped? I got here lickety-split. For which I think I should receive some credit. Ah, we're dialoguing. I'm out

of danger. Indeed, I'm purring and holding onto Suzanna who smiles at the busy, fraught nurse—Suzanna, a psychotherapist, whom I've been with for 17 years (our home offices adjoin), who is

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beside me, which means I will make it. I love her for magically appearing: our eyes (hers, herb-garden hazel; mine, sky blue) lock and promise we'll work the shock out — and what it means for us — later. She and the nurse are iterating how "right" it was I came in. Though I "could have called an ambulance, you know." But I was just a mile away, I say. I don't mention that I knew where the emergency room was because six weeks earlier I had rushed to this hospital, Scripps Green, a half-mile from the beach at La Jolla, when I was half-panicked, a chunk of silicone that I had buried in my ear canal for silence while sleeping was stuck. I'd had underwater hearing and couldn't think straight. The shock of the \$350 bill came later, but the good doc tweezered the greasy lump out, then

told me never to do such a dumb thing again. I also don't say that an hour earlier while hustling to my car I thought to drive home, a jet-fast three miles to get Suzanna and, with her, figure out what was

That's my artery widened. That's my blood getting through. That's me, oxygenating.

wrong. This nurse would have admonished, "Had you done that, you probably wouldn't be alive."

These assessments keep interrupting what I want to be conscious of — blood draw; blood-pressure cuff; wristband; electronic chart; new faces, uniforms; dog-eyed gaze — and I sink back into myself where I need not partici-

pate, though I'm grateful they're reviving me, a rare spiritual tilt for me, primed as I am, as we all are, to put this moment off until the one day, this day, when mortality shuts our putting it off up.

not shorter. It's a netherland I'm feet-dragging my way through now that the E.R. gang has stabilized me with a blood thinner, a clot buster, a diagnosis. I have time to stomach its yaw and gauge its slice, lifted onto the altar of having a heart attack and not yet having had one.

I'm the back-flat center of attention, fluorescent lights above me, film frames, clicking by, Ishmael adrift in Queequeg's coffin. The novel's ending reads, "I was he whom the Fates ordained." And then, "The unharmed sharks, they glided by as if with padlocks on their mouths; the savage sea-hawks sailed with sheathed beaks." The orphan, abandoned and saved.

The smell of disinfectant and Ajax, the funhouse sound of wheels rubbering the floor, the creaky squeak of the bed's aluminum bars like wind-swayed chains — is it then that I look up, pausing at an electronic door and a passkey pinging it open, and regard again in Suzanna's frightened look the two women she carries — my tongue, she tells me later, curled out and onto my thin-lipped pucker with some talky intent: in that moment I recognize her double-sourced ache. First, for her grandson born three years ago with a chromosomal defect (lissencephaly) so severe that they fear he will not develop beyond infancy. Second, for her son, the boy's father, now 42, who, just after the boy arrived, was found to have tumors on his throat and spine, little black flags of cancer. On a bookshelf, Suzanna has posted their photos above a candle and incense base. There I have seen her pause — communing with the heaviness, the helplessness her grief begets.

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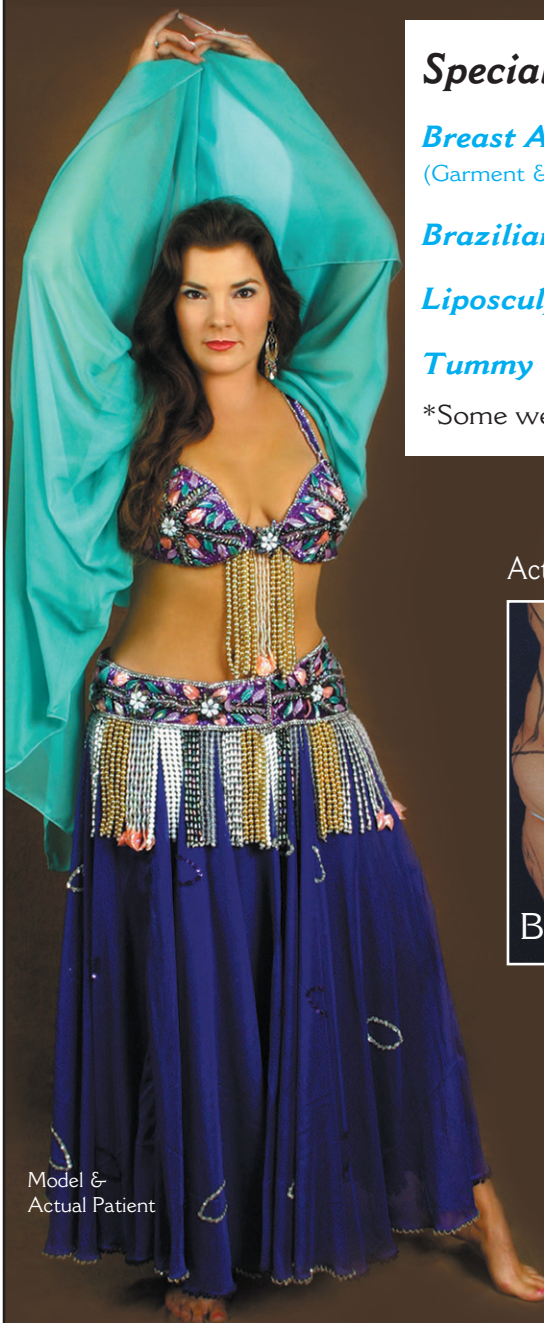
And now she reaches down to palm my forehead, the heart patient who needs (I'm sorry) son and grandson to move over so he — so I — receive the anxiety and sorrow she renders them.

Unclogged. The cardiologist tells me to watch a monitor as he performs the angioplasty. (His card, which I consult later, reads "interventionist," a title reminiscent of a medical exorcist or a latter-day shaman.) I'm shaking like I'm freezing. I am freezing and frightened. "Don't worry," he says. "We've done this a thousand times." But, I think, not on me. Above my chest he glides the fluoroscope, a Cyclopean eye, projecting real-time images of my arteries. He clicks it on and there, on a screen, is my turbulence, X-rayed within. (All this high-tech jargon, I cobble together weeks after.) He says, "I need you to pay attention. Hold your breath when I say so, okay?" Okay. He tells me he's puncturing my groin for the catheter. Punct, and for a few hard moments I feel a hose inched in. He says that's done, and now the dye's coming. On the screen, my arteries darken and animate. "See them?" Yes, I do. Floating in some gray, groundless landscape, they are pulsing. They jump and jerk. Puppets on sticks. The broad, flat scope above me rotates, tilts, turns, pulls back, repositions, and hastens in close, robotic motion with spasmodic intent. I can't quite tell whether the image is gyrating, the cath line is wriggling, or the electrical voltage is causing it to shake. (Later, I download a YouTube angioplasty video that shows such quaking is actually the excited beating of a human heart. The flush of rescue.)

"Hold your breath . . . and release." This is like vivisection: live surgery. I see a squirming strand, like a car being chased, tracked by a night-vision camera, prodding its way through the artery's narrow passageway. "See the balloon?" Yes. It's an inflatable little barge, a cowcatcher sweeping away the debris. The balloon unplugs the artery. "Here comes the stent," he says. "Now hold your breath . . . and . . . and . . . release." I follow another tunneling in but already I'm feeling something other than breath release itself. Something like the light and the whoosh when a wrecking ball barrels open a building. That's my artery widened. That's my blood getting through. That's me, oxygenating. My body sighs; it need not work so damn hard. "Got it," the interventionist says. Meaning, he's placed the stent. (A stent is a pencil-lead-thin expandable wire mesh, made of a chromium alloy 33 millimeters long, 3 millimeters wide. Wedged in there for good.) "Two more to go." Two more? Holy shit! But it doesn't matter. He — we've — done this a thousand times, and now, include me. I feel revived. I'm back, on track and train. I know I'm back since I turn to see mortality's depot, its eternity of benches, its ticket-taker asleep. Where I was disembarked. And from which I am yanked back onboard. "Got number two," he says. And I can hear the train whistle woo-woo, feel the wheels wobble, see the view blur. ■

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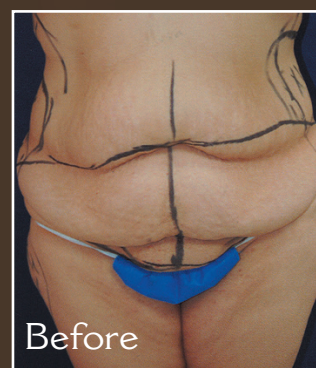
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Nicolas Marsch

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“absolute bullshit, total bullshit, complete crap.”)

If Florida judges are biased, what about three San Diego judges who didn't believe him? Marsch criticizes them, too. He says Lennar has spent \$100 million “just suing us.” General Motors spent \$110 million on its extremely complicated bankruptcy. Lennar's key lawyer was Daniel Petrocelli of Los Angeles's O'Melveny & Myers, who handled the wrongful death suit against O.J. Simpson and represented former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling. Petrocelli's modus operandi is “to wreck our credibility, call you names, put pressure on you in terms of spending.”

Vows Marsch, “This isn't nearly over. We will appeal the Florida thing.” After a few more words, he hung up on me. I was not able to reach Patricia Marsch.

Responds Petrocelli, “The proof is in the pudding. Every court that has heard Marsch's story and testimony related to Lennar has concluded that he has been untruthful.” Lennar won't say how much it has spent on the Marsch, Briarwood, and Minkow cases but admits it has been a bundle because Marsch keeps coming back for more and filing more cases.

Minkow originally went to prison as a young man for pulling a gigantic Ponzi scheme. Then he found religion and was released early and helped government agencies sniff out fraud. In 1997, he was named head pastor of San Diego Community Bible Church, where he was a prodigious fund-raiser and soul-saver. He spent half his time at his Fraud Discovery Institute, which got some fat settlements from

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companies he exposed — but his errant attack on Lennar was his undoing. Marsch still insists that he and Minkow did not exchange many emails — but courts convincingly say otherwise.

Since 1974, Marsch and his entities have been in courts as plaintiffs or defendants more than 75 times. San Diego attorney Todd Macaluso represented Marsch for three years in the Lennar imbroglio. Marsch suddenly fired him and is now claiming malpractice. Macaluso refuses to comment on the malpractice charge or other aspects of the case. ■

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businesses, or local, regional, state or federal agencies.” On November 18, port chairwoman **Ann Moore** of Chula Vista, a partner in the law firm of Norton Moore & Adams, got a \$250 admission to the 30th-anniversary bash for the Institute of the Americas. She was joined by fellow commissioner and real estate lawyer **Rafael Castellanos**, a partner with the firm Solomon Minton Cardinal Doyle & Smith LLP, and ex-commissioner **Lou Smith**.

Conflicted interests

Last year wasn't the best in the ethics department for the University of California San Diego. The nadir was reached with release of an email by the university after a public records act request. It revealed social science dean **Jeff Elman** to be discussing the getting of cash from Qualcomm billionaire **Irwin Jacobs** to pay the professorial salary of ex-Republican assemblyman-turned-Democrat **Nathan Fletcher**, a once and future candidate for mayor. “Those monies would have to come from development funds (e.g., Friends), or else we'd have to do some laundering,” wrote Elman. “However, my guess is that there are people like Irwin Jacobs and others who have contributed to Fletcher [redacted] and

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they might be willing to provide these monies — or even more.” Whether or not the disclosure has anything to do with it, UCSD is now looking for a director of conflict of interest. Says a recent job notice: “This position conducts reviews of National Science Foundation and Public Health Service research as well as all privately sponsored research (non-profit, for-profit, etc.) and gifts for early identification and resolution of any issues that could be perceived as a Conflict of Interest.”

— **Matt Potter**
(@sdmattpotter)

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the suit.

Dave Rice

Fewer parolees returning to prison

Except, perhaps, in San Diego

San Diego — New numbers from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on January 15 suggest that fewer prisoners are returning to incarceration after being released.

The state's 2013 Outcome Evaluation Report looks at the recidivism rate — the proportion of released felons who commit new crimes — over a period of three years. This year's report, the fourth produced to date, follows ex-cons released in 2008 and 2009.

While the majority of former inmates (61 percent) still find themselves in legal trouble again within three years of being released, that number is down from 63.7 percent last year and 67.5 percent when the study began four years ago.

San Diego County didn't fare as well as the state overall, reporting that two-thirds of offenders released here wind up back in prison. Of 7148 offenders released in San Diego during the course of the study, 4763

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found their way back behind bars (66.6 percent).

Dave Rice

Fickle

Qualcomm execs lining up for Faulconer

Downtown — During last fall's primary election for San Diego mayor, Qualcomm took a lot of heat from the GOP Lincoln Club for backing Republican-turned-Democrat Nathan Fletcher for mayor.

The volley of hit pieces against Qualcomm executive and onetime state assemblyman Fletcher grew so intense that the company's then-CEO Paul Jacobs felt compelled to fire off a letter to Lincoln Club president Bill Lynch, saying he was "outraged" over accusations made by the club that Fletcher had been given a "no show" sinecure by the cell-phone giant.

Despite the best financial efforts of Jacobs and his father, Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs, a multimillion dollar backer of Barack Obama, Fletcher went down to a third-place defeat in November. Steve Mollenkopf has since replaced Paul Jacobs as CEO.

After his defeat, Fletcher vowed to throw his support to Democratic city councilman David Alvarez, who placed second behind GOP councilman Kevin Faulconer, the Lincoln Club's candidate.

Though Fletcher has since made a personal contribution of \$1000 to Alvarez, his backers at Qualcomm have been lining up exclusively behind Faulconer, according to a lobbying disclosure statement filed by the company on January 15.

Covering the final three months of last year, the disclosure reveals that Qualcomm public affairs vice president Christine Trimble and the company's governmental affairs manager Monique Rodriguez headed up a December 12 fundraising reception for Faulconer that generated \$18,975.

According to its lobbying

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report, the company has a busy agenda at city hall, backing a giant Qualcomm "campus expansion" and "monitoring" the city council's actions regarding adoption of the so-called linkage fee, a low-income-housing subsidy program that is currently the subject of a referendum drive by Faulconer backers, including the local chamber of commerce led by ex-mayor Sanders.

Matt Potter

Slave sold for \$8000

Local couple among defendants in lawsuit

San Diego — An area couple, Rim and Tarik Alahmad, are defendants in a lawsuit brought forth by an Indonesian woman who claimed she was enslaved for 13 years in the United States. The suit was filed January 13 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, federal court.

Members of the Harrisburg family who allegedly enslaved her have already been tried, found guilty, and sentenced by the federal government for transporting and harboring illegal aliens.

The plaintiff in the civil suit is Peddu Pattaiso, who cannot read or write the Indonesian or English languages. She was recruited in Indonesia to come work in the United States under a visa that was not applicable for the work she did, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Harrisburg.

Pattaiso was sold to several families, who had her doing domestic work, paying far lower than the minimum wage, charges the suit. In early 2010, her Harrisburg captors allegedly sold her services to the Alahmads for \$8000. Pattaiso received none of that money, she claims.

At the Alahmad home, Pattaiso says she was confined to a small shed at the rear of the house. For 16 months, she worked as a domestic servant and child caretaker. She was paid

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\$1000 a month and worked seven days a week with no breaks or time off, she says in the suit.

Don Bauder

Silberman clan backs Alvarez

At least some rich Dems stay loyal

San Diego — The son and daughter-in-law of Richard Silberman, the fallen San Diego financier who was once a powerful advisor to Democratic governor Jerry Brown, have cast their lot with Brown's fellow Democrat, city councilman David Alvarez, in the race for San Diego mayor.

Jeffery Silberman and wife Karen each kicked in the maximum \$1000 individual contribution allowed by law on January 13, according to a disclosure statement posted online by the city

clerk's office.

She is an heir to the Foster family real-estate fortune, the holding company for which, Carleton Management, Inc., is run by her husband.

Her sister, retired superior-court judge Lisa Foster, is married to onetime San Diego city schools chief and teachers' union foe Alan Bersin, currently assistant secretary of international affairs and chief diplomatic officer in the Obama administration's Department of Homeland Security.

Matt Potter

Beer is beer

Bloody fight goes to court San Marcos — "This is a mess," said judge Harry Elias, commenting on a bloody street fight that happened last October in San Marcos; the matter came before his court January 14.

The alleged victim, Elvis

Gonzalez, claimed that he was struck in the head by a man who had tried to open the passenger-side door of his mini-van while it was parked outside his home. (Gonzalez said he has tinted windows on his van.) Gonzalez said he got out of his van to ask, "What are you thinking?" But when he turned his back, Gonzalez said, "I got struck with something."

The man accused of felony assault, Jesse David Rodriguez, 29, claimed he accidentally approached the wrong vehicle at the curb. When he realized his error, he said he backed up and apologized but was attacked.

Rodriguez came out of a home on the 200 block of Avenida de Suerte after 9 p.m. on October 17, 2013. Rodriguez was looking for a woman who was supposed to pick him up; it would be their first date. But the woman apparently had already come and gone from the residential cul-de-sac, according to testimony. The woman was approached by Gonzalez and found him so "weird" that she drove away, according to a deputy's report. She never saw Rodriguez.

Gonzalez confirmed that he had been drinking, "I was buzzin' [but] I wasn't drunk-drunk." He told the judge he had consumed a

40-ounce bottle of Hurricane Malt Liquor. "Beer is beer, basically."

Eva Knott

Good-bye, Happy Days

Helen Copley foundation continues downward spiral Mission Beach — The mystery of who will end up with millions of dollars in cash from the late David Copley's estate continues, with the latest annual IRS filing of his mother's foundation shedding no light. According to the document, dated August 30 of last year, the total net assets of the Helen K. and James S. Copley Foundation were down to \$4,265,370 at the end of 2012.

Copley, the troubled scion of a declining newspaper family, died in a one-car crash in La Jolla after suffering a heart attack on November 20, 2012, at the age of 60.

He had previously sold off the remains of the struggling newspaper empire left to him by his mother Helen, who died in August 2004. Copley unloaded the *Union-Tribune* in 2009 to Tom Gores, an L.A.-based speculator who flipped the property to La Jolla real estate mogul Douglas Manchester in 2011.

Once a proud Copley family jewel that showered millions in charitable gifts on popular San Diego causes at

elaborate annual banquets, the foundation was in later years tapped by David Copley to provide funds for such favored out-of-town undertakings as the David C. Copley Center for the Study of Costume Design at UCLA, which got \$6 million in 2008.

Chaired by Chuck Patrick, former CEO of the Copley Press, Inc., the foundation posted \$1,340,461 in expenses and disbursements at the end of 2012, the disclosure says. Neither Patrick nor president Dean Dwyer, vice president and chief financial officer of the Copley Press, were paid. Contributions during the year included \$666,666 to the San Diego Public Library, in partial payment of Copley's \$2 million previous pledge.

The second largest recipient was the Sharp Healthcare Foundation, which got \$500,000. Copley, who received a heart transplant at Sharp in 2005, had subsequently pledged \$5 million to its non-profit.

Copley's executors have been selling off the real estate he owned in San Diego and Los Angeles. Last May his Mission Beach house went for \$3.85 million and his \$33 million yacht *Happy Days* was disposed of for an undisclosed sum.

Matt Potter

Highway 94 got an F

Construction begins on casino despite dust-up

Jamul — Jamul Indian Village and Penn National Gaming on January 10 announced that ground is being broken on a \$360-million casino in Jamul even though ongoing controversy culminated in a lawsuit challenging the tribe's existence.

The project is moving forward after the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) approved a Transportation Management Plan and issued an Encroachment Permit to allow construction traffic on State Route 94, the primary access road for many of the rural community's 6300 residents.

"We specifically planned for our hauling operations to travel to the southeast and away from the businesses and neighborhoods in Jamul to minimize any potential impact on the community," said tribe chairman Raymond Hunter in a release, which goes on to tout a "commitment to working with all public agencies to minimize any off-reservation impacts related to the facility."

That does little to reassure the Jamul Action Committee, which prominently states the goal of "No casino, not now, not ever!" on its home page. The group has expressed concerns over the size of the development and the impact it would have on the character of the community, noise and light pollution...but the most prominent concern pertains to the expected spike in traffic on SR-94 that the casino would bring.

"SR-94 is rated an 'F' in Caltrans classification, the worst. [There are] too many accidents and deaths to be ignored," Jamul Action Committee member Lisa Darroch said in an interview, though "that is exactly what Caltrans did by approving the [Transportation Management Plan] and Encroachment Permit."

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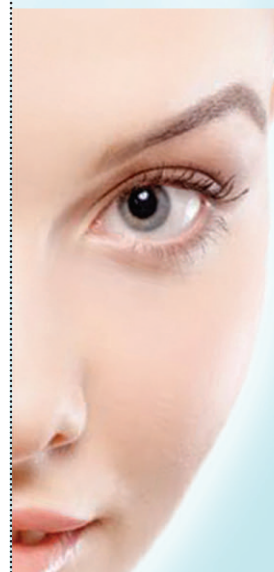
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ple to enjoy that have no seals or marine life to disturb us if we want to swim or wade in the ocean.

We are very fortunate to have a real life, non-aquarium view into how the seals live, and we should embrace it for the wonderful natural event that it is, and not label it a "cesspool." These are not rats or vermin, brought to us from a foreign land. These are amazing and beautiful aquatic creatures who have been here in their natural habitat before the Native Americans and the Spanish Explorers arrived.

This area should be designated a Wildlife Reserve, for all of us to enjoy and treasure for generations to come, just as we now enjoy Yosemite, Sequoia, and the Grand Canyon.

Joel Brown
San Carlos

Keep It Wet

Regarding the nasty stuff from the seals ("La Jolla Cove Is Becoming a Sea Lion Cesspool," January 16 cover story), all they need to do is put up a sprinkler system. Draw the water out of the ocean, and put it back into the ocean. Keep the rock wet and it won't stick. It'll just keep going downhill.

And it won't interfere with the seals — it would just be like a rainy day.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Smokeless and Tobaccoless

Re: January 16 City Lights: "E-cigs Face Enormous Obstacles"

Perhaps electronic vaporizers "can't get away from the stigma associated with cigarettes" because you are calling them a tobacco product when there is *no* tobacco used in most vaporizers. Only a few of the liquids actually have nicotine — nicotine being the only chemical used that is under FDA.

The e-liquid is a glycerine base, the same used in baby food. Some baby food manufacturers are even getting on board with the vapor industry.

Tobacco is not sold in e-liquid, nor is it sold in any of the products from Viper-Vape, the store mentioned in your article.

Carrie Madariaga
Carlsbad

What the Heck's a Bot?

Concerning Barbarella's story in the January 16 *Reader*, "Freaking Frauds" (Diary of a Diva). I quote, "[A] credit-card fraud-detection bot notified me of several small,

out-of-character purchases."

What the devil is a bot? The only thing I can find in several new dictionaries we have in the house is that it's the larvae of a botfly. I'm sure her bot is some sort of computer jargon, but I have no idea what it is.

It might be useful to know, since I have credit cards too. I check my statements all the time to make sure there's no hanky-panky going on anywhere. Please have Barbarella explain what a bot is.

And by the way, she shouldn't use such nasty language. She can just as well say, "What the *heck*?" The F-word is not really necessary, and it's not very becoming of her to use language like that. Even if she talks like that in real life, using it in print is not very graceful.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Bot is short for robot. You may have heard of "robo-calls" to describe those automated telemarketing calls. Just as *robo* is short for *robot*, *bot* refers to automated services online, like spambots that blast spam emails.

Regarding the cursing, I don't alter dialogue. If I said it, I write it. I thank my Brooklyn-born and raised parents for blessing me with my colorful, if not very graceful, use of naughty words.

— Barbarella

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WHEN: 8 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue, North Park. 619-239-8836; casbah25.com



mon birds. Presentations by the Raptor Institute at 2 p.m., plus bird-themed

crafts, face-painting, and guided bird-watching along the loop trail that overlooks the lagoon.

WHEN: 1 to 4 p.m. (also on Sunday)

WHERE: San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue, Cardiff by the Sea. 760-634-3026; sanelijo.org/family-days

Sunday | 26

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WHEN: 7 a.m. (also on Saturday)

WHERE: Maderas Golf Course, 17750 Old Coach Road, Poway. 951-845-4653.

Friday | 24

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WHEN: 7 p.m. (also on Thursday and Saturday)

WHERE: Valley View Casino Center, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Midway District. 619-224-4171; disneyonice.com



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WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-0347; warwicks.indiebound.com

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WHEN: Noon

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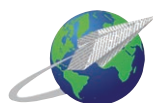
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The road to Cuc Phuong National Park winds between jungle-covered mountains.

Vietnam: a typhoon experience

By Caitlin Forrey

It was October 27, 2012, and the sun was shining down on North Vietnam. My friends and I had planned a motorbike trip to the national park of Cuc Phuong, some 120 kilometers south. Due to the brilliant weather and my desire for a tan, I headed out in short shorts and a tank top.

It was one of the most spectacular drives I've ever taken. Once down near Ninh Binh, the landscape becomes magical — huge limestone karsts jut up from the otherwise flat rice fields. But one look

at the sky and we knew there was something brewing.

Approximately halfway there, the sun disappeared and towns looked boarded up. Just as night was falling, we arrived at the park entrance, where we booked rooms at the first guest house on a lake. My English friend Tom had come along with his Vietnamese girlfriend. She turned on the television as we got settled in our rooms and washed up for dinner.

Breaking news: A Category 3 typhoon named Son-Tinh has ravaged the Philippines and is due to hit Ninh Binh by 13:00 October 28. It was pretty clear to infer what the news was warning us, but thank goodness we had Houg to translate. No wonder the towns seemed desolate! We should have checked the weather report before leaving town.

As we sat down for dinner, the electricity was out, the wind was howling, and it had begun to rain. Not too worried yet, we felt more of an electric excitement. By candlelight, we spent the night on our guest-house porch, watching the storm, throwing back vodka and playing cards.

The vodka had a double purpose. It was getting cold, and most of us were ill-

equipped for such weather. I didn't even pack a jacket or pants. Over breakfast we strategized the safest way home. Poring over a map of the park, we identified what seemed to be a way up through the mountainous park to bypass Ninh Binh on our return home. It was risky, though. The huge mountains, steep roads, heavy wind and rain, and the possibility of landslides and falling debris or trees were a concern.

"Well, at least we would get to see the park instead of turning around and driving down here for nothing!" It was settled.

By 10 a.m., we were packed and on our bikes, headed north through the park. A ranger waved us farewell and good luck. Travel was slow but gorgeous. After about an hour we reached a point where, according to the map, there was a turn-off to a road that exited the park. We were almost there!

Then it turned to a small dirt hiking



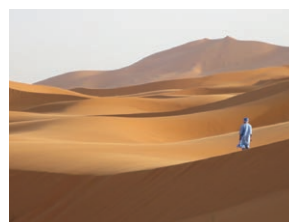
Fate would have us arrive in Ninh Binh along with typhoon Son-Tinh.

path blocked off to motor vehicles...there was no way out. We rechecked the map and circled the area for a bit, wondering if we were mistaken.

The ranger that waved us off knew we were looking to exit north to avoid the storm but didn't bother to inform us that the road we saw on the map was not a road at all! There was no other way.

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Other Adventures



Moroccotraveler: View of the Sahara Desert, Morocco, taken from my camel named Aziz.



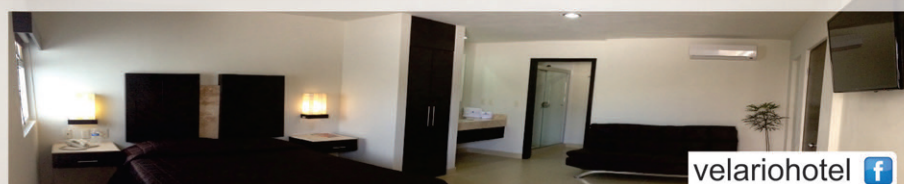
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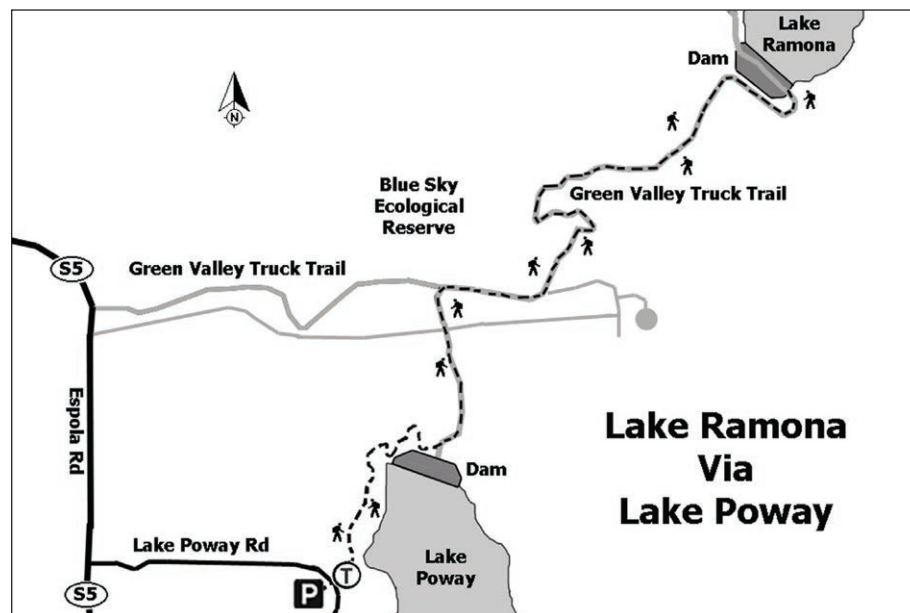
Start at Lake Poway, end up at Lake Ramona. In between, enjoy chaparral oak woodland habitats and, on a clear day, views of the Pacific.

Lake Poway Recreation Area is a convenient starting point since it provides abundant free parking during much of the year. The lake also provides numerous additional recreational opportunities. The hike to Lake Ramona offers a variety of habitats, including shady oak

woodlands and chaparral, a great ocean view; one can see a peak at San Clemente Island if visibility is clear. The trails are all heavily used and well signed, making navigation easy with the view of Lake Ramona dam as well as much of the trail visible from Lake Poway.

trail, which is actually a dirt road (but with no motorized vehicles allowed), follows an oak-forested canyon and will shortly join the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve Trail, also a dirt road. Before reaching this junction, you will pass what was once the Lake Poway Campground.

Find the Lake Poway Trail entrance on the left side of the landscaping building and head north. The trail completely circles Lake Poway, but you will be on it for less than a mile as it winds up and over a hill northwest of the lake and down the front side of the dam. At 0.87 mile from the parking lot, the trail forks. The circumferential Lake Poway Trail continues to the right. A sign indicates that Lake Ramona is 2 miles ahead, following the trail to the left. This



Camping is no longer permitted here, but it is an attractive well-maintained area, set in a dense coast live-oak forest, with picnic tables, running water, and toilet facilities.

The hike continues near or through the oak woodland as you go north to the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve trail (labeled on many maps as the Green Valley Truck Trail). Once you reach this trail, go right (east). In addition to the live oaks, the forest blends with a lush riparian habitat and includes California sycamores, arroyo vil-

lows, mule fat Baccharis, and, of course, abundant poison oak. In another quarter of a mile is a signed junction. The road to the right leads to a pumping station and is closed to the public. Take the trail to the left. From this point, it is 1.2 miles to Lake Ramona, up a steep but well-graded dirt road. Lake Ramona offers few recreational opportunities other than fishing from the shore — in season and with a license — but the view to the west is outstand-

ing. San Clemente Island can be seen on the clearest days. After exploring the lake and enjoying the view, return to Lake Poway the way you came.

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

Film Director Edgar G. Ulmer Film-historian Noah Isenberg will discuss *Edgar G. Ulmer: A Filmmaker at the Margins*. Ulmer's daughter, Arianne Ulmer Cipes, will participate. Edgar G. Ulmer is perhaps best known for *Detour*, considered by many to be the epitome of a particular type of noir style that transcends its B-list origins. Friday, January 24, 7pm; **free**. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Sanctuary of Illness Join Thomas Larson for the launch *The Sanctuary of Illness: A Memoir of Heart Disease*, Hudson Whitman Press. Vegan treats 5pm; multimedia presentation 6pm; book signing (\$15) 7pm. Please park behind the San Diego Unified School District building on Normal Avenue (just off of Park Boulevard). Sunday, January 26, 5pm; **free**. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Soul Provider Local author Jody Sims will discuss *Soul Provider: Conversations with My Cat...A Survivor's Journal*, which showcases the 20 acrylic paintings that she created while recovering from stage-3 breast cancer and devastating loss. Selected paintings will be on display. Thursday, January 23, 5pm; **free**. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Comedy & Creativity Workshop Enjoy a chance to exercise your humor and creativity, meet other playful people, and laugh a lot. A variety of lively interactive exercises from the world of improvisation will give your creative talents and funny bone a workout and get everyone mixing, mingling, and laughing together. Info: 858-581-0050. Thursday, January 23, 7pm; \$20. 18 and up. LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

Lindy Workshop Saturday, January 25, 4:45pm; \$30-\$50. 18 and up. Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Photography Workshop: DSLR Basics Whether you just received a shiny new DSLR camera for the holidays or have had one collecting dust on a shelf for a while, professional photographer Daniel Solomon will show you some user-friendly tips and tricks to get you

snapping away. You'll spend a little time in the "classroom" at Outside the Lens' Media Lab to go over the basics, then Daniel will lead the group on a photowalk around Liberty Station so that you can put your new knowledge to use right away and capture images. Saturday, January 25, 1pm; \$49. NTC at Liberty Station: Barracks 15, Studio 103, 2750 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

COMEDY

Doug Loves Movies Podcast In 2006, Benson began hosting a weekly comedy podcast titled "Doug Loves Movies," which is recorded in front of a live audience at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in Los Angeles. The show typically tapes weekly and is archived on iTunes for fans to listen to for free. Benson and guests talk about movies and comedy both. Benson's guests have included such notables as John Lithgow, Leonard Maltin, Brian Posehn, Joe Rogan, Zach Galifianakis, Sarah Silverman, Patton Oswalt, Jon Hamm, Adam Carolla, David Cross, Bob Odenkirk, Scott Aukerman, Adam Scott, Bill Simmons, Aziz Ansari, Amy Poehler, Elisabeth Shue, Aubrey Plaza, and Michael Cera. Saturday, January 25, 4:20pm; \$24. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Greg Fitzsimmons Mixing an incisive wit with scathing sarcasm, Greg Fitzsimmons has achieved

success as a stand-up, Emmy Award winning writer, and host on both radio and TV. A regular with David Letterman, Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel, and Jay Leno, Greg has made more than 50 visits to *The Howard Stern Show*. Thursday, January 23, 8pm. Friday, January 24, 7:30 pm & 9:30pm. Saturday, January 25, 7:30 pm & 9:30pm; American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

PMan's Def Raw Comedy Vol. 5 Up-and-coming raw comedians. Hosted by PMan. Thursday, January 23, 7pm; \$10-\$20. 18 and up. Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Young Guns With Barbara Thomason and Veronica Burgess, plus Ryan Hicks, Matt Burke, Jeffrey Berner, and Jimmy Wolpert. Sunday, January 26, 8pm; **free**-\$5. 18 and up. Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

DANCE

Al Baile: Lakshmi Basile Dancer Lakshmi Basile will stage a live Flamenco performance, backed by the Al Baile trio, which includes Gabriel Osuna (guitarra), Jesus Montoya (Cante), and Jeff Pekarek Basile (upright bass). Sunday, January 26, 2pm; \$20-\$50. Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Argentine Tango with Colette Take a first free class Monday, January 27 at 7pm or Wednesday, January 29 at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday thereafter). We will

introduce you to the passion and magic of tango. Visit tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

FOOD & DRINK

The Alchemy of Beer Featuring Cismontane Brewing Company and Waypoint Public. With 30-plus breweries in the county and its own IPA category, San Diego is a beacon on any beer-lover's map. Take advantage of living in this hoppy town and join the beer-themed pop!TALK. Cismontane Brewing has been creating craft beer for eight years, and Waypoint Public is one of San Diego's newest craft beer bars. Including how the brewing process works, a brief and bizarre history of beer, what's in the beer you commonly drink, and where brewing will be in next 20 years. Sample a Cismontane beer brewed with dried gou qi zi berries and dried dang shen root, paired with Waypoint pretzel bites. Friday, January 24, 6:30pm; \$5-\$10. 21 and up. Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, 7445 Mission Valley Rd., Suite 105. (LINDA VISTA)

Beer-and-Food Pairing Dinner A three-course meal; a beer is paired with each course. Featuring Coronado Brewing Co. \$40 per person; \$70 per couple. Thursday, January 23, 6pm; \$40-\$70. 21 and up. Boll Weevil 53, 9621 Mission Gorge Road #101. (SANTEE)

Cheese: East vs. West Discover how "American cheese" is no longer a bad thing. Taste generous

samples of America's finest and sip complimentary wine. Thursday, January 23, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese Del Mar, 2650 Via de la Valle, #C140. (DEL MAR)

Hops for Humanity Join the San Diego Young Philanthropists for a night of trivia and craft beer. Make a team of up to five people and get ready to flex your brain for a chance to win fun prizes. Minimum donation of \$3 per person to play. Thorn Street will donate 20% of all sales to help fund SDYP's upcoming San Diego Habitat for Humanity build. Thursday, January 23, 7pm; 21 and up. Thorn Street Brewery, 3176 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Nickel Beer Co at Monkey Paw Tom Nickel (Nickel Beer Co, O'Briens) will be down at the brewery for the day making a collaboration beer, so we asked him to bring some of his brews down the hill from Julian. We will have Stonewall Stout on nitro, Devil's Copper on draft, and a cask of Bitter Beer Writer. You usually have to drive an hour and half to try these tasty treats (and drive back) so take advantage and drink them locally while you can. Thursday, January 23, 12pm; Monkey Paw, 805 16th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

FOR KIDS

Finger-Painting Friday: Celebrate & Create Ring in the New Year with colorful confetti-themed paintings. Friday, January 24, 10:30am; New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)



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Vietnam *continued from page 46*

We must turn back. Fate would have us arrive in Ninh Binh along with typhoon Son-Tinh.

Already soaked and chilled to the bone, we were back to square one. It was noon, and there was another 120 km to go.

As the arduous journey continued, the elements got worse. The rain drops became like needles; the sting was unrelenting. It felt worst on our faces. It became near-impossible to drive. I had to squint my eyes so I wasn't blinded by the rain, but obviously you can't see when your eyes are just about closed. When I attempted to put on the sunglasses, my breath came up and fogged them. It was an alternating hell of glasses or no glasses. And to top it off, my poncho ripped in the wind.

You know when you're in a car and a big gust of wind comes and you can feel it push your car? Well, imagine typhoon-strength winds pushing tiny 125cc motorbikes across highways!

Busy highways.

Being a fairly new motorbike driver, this was the holy grail of tests. We looked like drunks staggering home. A gust would come and send us traveling more sideways than forward. To counteract this, I drove into the wind, but when the wind subsided a bit I swerved back across the other way. After a bit of time I discovered another tactic. Instead of turning the handlebars into the wind, I just leaned into it. For a good amount of time, I was driving at a 75-degree angle. I wanted to give up so many times. You'd think missing a day of work could not be worth this, but then again, you don't know my bosses.

It took every ounce of energy and concentration to stay safely on the roads. Cormac had a brilliant idea of stopping by a hardware shop to find some safety goggles. They worked wonderfully! Now all we had to do was continue at a snail's pace to get back home by nightfall. We trudged on and after six hours of fighting Mother Nature, we safely arrived in Hanoi.

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Pastor: Father Lawrence Bausch

Age: 65

Born: Cleveland, Ohio.

Formation: San Diego State University; Seabury-Western, Evanston, IL

Years Ordained: 38

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

Father Lawrence Bausch: The importance of receiving the perspective that enables us to look at this life and our world from God's point of view. For example, we're in the church year where scripture urges us to think about the passing away of this age. There are signs to look for

that this age is passing away. I believe that these signs are characteristic of every generation. Essentially, the last days were inaugurated after the Ascension of Christ and Pentecost. Therefore, we're urged to be able to see the temporal in the context of the permanence of God, and the direction in which he is leading us that shows us how to handle what's going on.

SDR: What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?

FB: The enormous shift in our culture away from religion as a part of everyday life. There is a sort of — I won't say it's a science — but a certain quasi-intellectual scientism that assumes anything to do

with the spiritual realm or religion is inherently irrational and that what one does when one chooses to believe is to close one's mind. But I am of the conviction — and one of our great witnesses, a woman named Flannery O'Connor, who was a fiction writer for the most part back in the '50s and '60s made it clear — that it's the fullness of the Catholic faith that keeps the mind open to mystery. Anything else that limits our understanding to what we can see and measure through the tools we have, it is that kind of thing which narrows the mind because there is so much more going on than meets the eye.

SDR: Why Anglican?

FB: Being a Catholic repre-

sents and embodies continuity with the church from the very first centuries, and Anglicanism expressed its Catholicity by endorsing fundamentals about which everyone was expected to agree, but everything after that, we could disagree. They centered on the decisions of the church in the first millennium before the first split between East and West. So, what all Christians believed in the first millennium — that's what I mean by Catholicism.... I don't believe Catholicity is limited to Anglicanism by any means. It is certainly embedded in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches as well.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?



Lawrence Bausch

FB: To a certain extent, it's up to us. We are taught that all truth comes from God and all truth is of God and insofar as we are open to receiving the truth and being informed rather than trying to impose our views on the world, that openness to truth allows us to receive the grace that God will give which ultimately includes salvation. If we resist the truth

and harden our hearts sufficiently that we have resisted the truth — in the biblical tradition, the adversary of God is sometimes considered the Father of Lies — and if we choose falsehood or lies rather than the truth, then illusion rather than reality is presumably what we will get.... Whatever it is, if we pit our will against God's will permanently — the Christian writer C.S. Lewis says that for everyone who does not say to God, "Thy will be done," God will say to them, "Thy will be done."

— Joseph O'Brien

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LECTURES

Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation Volunteers An overview of the Batiquitos Lagoon ecological reserve and marine-protected area for those interested in joining the all-volunteer Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation. Saturday, January 25, 12pm; **free.** Batiquitos Lagoon

Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Big Bang Health Topics Learn how to search for health information on topics such as diabetes, arthritis, cancer, heart, obesity, emergency preparedness, injuries, clinical trials, and more. Complimentary handouts, giveaways, and snacks. 619-660-5370. Saturday, January 25, 11am; **free.** 18 and up. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555

Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Carlsbad Nafe Monthly Dinner Meeting "Digital Marketing Trends for 2014 You Need To Watch For." Speaker Sweta Patel, founder of Global Marketing Tactics. Thursday, January 23, 6pm; \$10-\$15. T.G.I. Friday's, Carlsbad, 890 Palomar Airport Road. (CARLSBAD)

The Dangerous Truth About Protein Presentation by Janice Stanger, Ph.D., author of *The Perfect Formula Diet*. "This presentation will transform your understanding of protein with must-know information on what protein is made from, how many kinds of protein there are, and three dangers of consuming too much." Sunday, January 26, 2pm; **free.** 18 and up. Joyce Beers Uptown Com-

munity Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

FUNGI: The Puppet Masters of the World The San Diego Mycological Society will be hosting a presentation by Britt Bunyard, PhD, founder, publisher, and-editor in-chief of the mycology journal *FUNGI*. Learn about plants and their mushroom partners, the mycorrhizal fungi. Britt's presentation is for general audiences.

The discussion will cover the latest understanding of how plants grow. In most, if not all, cases, plants enter into obligate partnerships with mushrooms and other fungi. Put another way, some fungi farm plants for a living. In Room 104. Friday, January 24, 6:30pm; **free.** Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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LA JOLLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sacra/Profana: Vocal Vanguard part 2

In the second part of the Vocal Vanguard series Sacra/Profana celebrates the modern generation, exploring an eclectic array of compositional styles and highlighting past winners

of the Annual Composition Contest. Sunday, March 23, 4 pm. LA JOLLA 7715 Draper Avenue (858) 454-0713

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

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January 25 at 5:11 pm. This month we will be talking about those inspiring football movies we love and how our faith and our love for football are sometimes intertwined. Join us as we enjoy inspiring music, share our faith and celebrate football and our third year of 5:11. See you there! Call (858) 453-3444 or UCUC.ORG for details. UNIVERSITY CITY 2877 Governor Drive (858) 453-3444

OUTDOORS

Birding Basics Learn to identify birds at a glance. Mission Trails Regional Park bird guide Winona Sollock's class explains five simple ways to do it and gives tips on field-guide use. Bring bird book if you'd like. Meet inside Visitor Center. Saturday, January 25, 1pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Family Discovery Walk An active outdoor experience designed for parents and children exploring the trail to the Kumeyaay grinding-rocks site. Meet inside Visitor Center. Sunday, January 26, 3pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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 open-space lands on trail guide-led walk. Meet at campground entry station. Saturday, January 25, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

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 25, 9:30am; Sunday, January 26, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Peñasquitos Waterfall Restoration Work Party Join the Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon in planting more native plants at the Peñasquitos Canyon waterfall. Bring water, sun protection, and gloves if you have them. Meet at the kiosk across from 7107 Park Village Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos. 858-484-3219. Saturday, January 25, 9am; **free**. 7101 Park Village Rd., 92129

SPECIAL EVENTS

25 Years of the Casbah with Tim Mays The driving force behind the Casbah is co-founder Tim Mays, whose entrepreneurial energies have been focused on his passion for music since producing his first show in 1979. The event features an intimate conversation with impresario Mays, chronicling his extraordinary career and contributions. Mays will be joined by friends and special musical guests who have helped make the Casbah the legendary venue that it is today and mark the milestone of its 25th Anniversary by reflecting on the events and music that have earned the club its distinctive place in San Diego history. The partial list of performers includes John Reis of Rocket From the Crypt, Gary Hefern of the Penetrators, Pall Jenkins of Black Heart Procession and Three Mile Pilot, Robert Williams of Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys, Mario Escovedo of The Dragons, Mitch Wilson of No Knife, Rob Crowe of

Pinback, Andrew McKeag of Uncle Joe's Big Ole Driver, and Joshua and Jeremiah Zimmerman of The Silent Comedy. Thursday, January 23, 8pm; \$15-\$30. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Bird Rock Tour of Homes Tour Bird Rock neighborhood homes and benefit Bird Rock Elementary School. Homes will be revealed on the day of the event. This is a perfect opportunity to get design ideas for your home while supporting a great cause. Tickets are \$20 and are available on the day of the tour in front of Bird Rock Coffee Roasters. Note: Self-guided, and no photography please. Saturday, January 25, 11am; \$20-\$2. Bird Rock Coffee Roasters, 5627 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Fall Teen Producers Program Screening Support the youth filmmakers from the Media Arts Center San Diego for a free screening of films they made during the Fall 2013 session of the Teen Producers program. Drinks and snacks provided. Sunday, January 26, 11:30am; **free**. Media Arts Center, 2921 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Free Appraisal Day Bring any kind of collectible, antique, art, valuable, rarity, or vintage item. Licensed estate appraisers will tell you how much it's worth at auction. Saturday, January 25, 11am; **free**. BlueVault San Diego, 5638 Mission Center Road #104. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Button Club Sale Antique/modern clothing buttons for sale at the San Diego Button Club's 18th annual winter regional. Twelve dealers from across the USA will be offering buttons from the 18th to 21st Century. Collectors/crafters/quilters welcome. Refresh-

ments provided. Info: 760-315-7895 or 760-789-4133. Saturday, January 25, 9am; **free**. Tecolote Canyon Natural Park & Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

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Winter Orchid Show & Sale Plants on display to be enjoyed and a sales area to purchase from many vendors, including donated plants to support orchid conservation. Everyone encouraged to submit your orchids for judging or just for display. Room 101. Saturday, January 25, 12pm; Sunday, January 26, 10am; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Looking for the Next Don Draper. Have what it takes to be the next superstar? The MARCC Academy is staging a 4P conference to attract new talent to their institution. The event will benefit The Honor Foundation. For information and registration: 619-795-4509; themarccacademy.com. Wednesday, March 5, from 1-8:30pm and Thursday, March 6, from 1-6pm. The MARCC Academy, 330 A Street. (NORTH PARK)

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SUBJECT/OBJECT

Customized My Little Ponies, as seen on Instagram

"I just thought that doing My Little Pony toys would be different," says Rizzo Michelle, reflecting on her decision to customize unwanted toys and try to sell them at Comikaze 2013. "When I went there, people really liked my stuff, and I sold all of my customizations at the show."

The Oceanside artist



Frank the Bunny... if he were a pony

monster from *Donnie Darko*.

"I'd never really cus-

tomized any toys before, and I didn't know I had any talents as a sculptor," says Michelle. "I use Super Sculpey and sometimes other materials like fabric or metal. I sew outfits for my customizations, and I attach hair to the dolls as well."

It takes a couple weeks to fully transform an old My Little Pony doll into a horse version of a famous person or character from a movie, comic, or cartoon. The artist shares photo essays of the process on Instagram (@the-pinupchronicles), and it's been through Instagram that ideas for customizations have come in from interested fans. Michelle says she receives the most interest when she shares

pictures of the ponies' creation, even more than images of the finished products.

It takes about a week to do the sculpting, attach the hair, sew the clothing, et cetera, and another seven-plus hours to paint the diminutive horse dolls' new faces.

Michelle's working on four different ponies for potential customers who found her via Instagram: Tim Burton's Corpse Bride, the Creature from the Black Lagoon, Optimus Prime, Poison Ivy, and the Joker. She considers herself mostly able to "ponify" (her term) anyone or anything. But

when "Someone asked for...one of the members of [pop group] One

more recognizable and easily represented features. "You really have to have someone well known or distinctive," she explains.

"Like, when I did Cheech and Chong, one of them had the bandanna and the other had the beanie, and, well, you know, they're Cheech and Chong!"

She even got the satisfaction of having Tommy Chong himself post pictures of her customized pony on his Instagram page (@heytommychong).

Does Michelle worry about pigeonholing herself as just "the pony girl"? Not at all.



Cheech and Chong as My Little Ponies

Direction...I didn't know how to change that person into a pony," she says.

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"I'm going to stick to the ponies," she says. "It's a challenge because people are giving me requests and I'm, like, 'I can do that. I can take on that challenge.' I wouldn't be offended to be known as 'the girl who works with the ponies.' It's distinctive."

If she's going to keep ponifying, Michelle wants to take the show on the road and display her work in conventions (Comic-Con, WonderCon, and others). She sells the completed customizations for \$85-\$100, so she's trying to get an *Indiegogo* cam-

paign off the ground to crowdsource some funds for her conventioning.

And if it works?

"I would love to ponyify all the characters from *Star Wars*," she says. ■

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ART

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Art Lab: Cy Kuckenbaker Creative Catalyst Fellow Cy Kuckenbaker edits the next video for his San Diego Studies project, live at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Kuckenbaker will be able to share his process and answer your questions while he works on site. Friday, January 24, 11am; free-\$8. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Art on the Green Carlsbad Oceanside Art League gallery-member artists display their artwork at Art-on-the-Green every Sunday. Sunday, January 26, 9am; free. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

ArtStop: Canaletto Guardi Led by Ariel Plotek, associate curator. Free with museum admission. Thursday, January 23, 12pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Color Blind: A Black-and-White Collection There is something nostalgic about black-and-white art. Newspapers, photographs, and television all provided a way to capture and preserve life without using color. Still, while media continues to progress, color has never completely replaced black-and-white imagery. Nowadays it is used as an artistic choice rather than as the result of technological limitations. Artists choose to draw, paint, photograph, and film in black-and-white because they want to convey a certain message that color cannot provide. Friday, January 24, 6pm; Saturday, January 25, 6pm; Sunday, January 26, 12pm; free. 21 and up. Exclusive Collections Gaslamp Quarter, 437 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Concetta Antico's Student Art Show Concetta Antico, local medical marvel tetrachromat and artist extraordinaire, will showcase nearly thirty of her students' work from her art school during this tenth-

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Cruising the Art Scene in Carlsbad Join the COAL Gallery, Oceanside Art Gallery, Phantom Gallery, Lynn Forbes Sculpture Gallery, and other Carlsbad Village art venues for live music, refreshments, and lots of art. Thursday, January 23, 5:30pm; free. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

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Our Love Affair with Art: Reception Meet-the-artists opening day reception with live music, hors d'oeuvre, and a raffle of original framed art, including an original J McNeil Sargent. Oil, acrylic, watercolor, photography, and other media, as well as two- and three-dimensional visual arts. All art can be purchased. Saturday, January 25, 12pm; free. Front Porch Gallery, 2903 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

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“Don’t get me wrong. If I didn’t love my place up in the Hollywood Hills, I’d come live down here.”

Seattle? Attitude problem,” says Mark. “Pessimistic outlook. Denver? Filled with conspiracy theorists. San Diego? You’re much more divided into haves and have-nots than we are in L.A., but you have a sunny outlook.”

It’s a breakfast-counter conversation. Easy to strike up here. Something I like about this eatery at the Y.

Just came in here, up those steep steps at the corner of Broadway and India, past the etched-in-stone sign that reads “Army & Navy YMCA 1924” and into this large dining room with spindle-back wooden chairs, pictures, lots of sky-blue wall, blond wood wainscoting, hooped windows, and — wow — a large fireplace with model trains running along its mantelpiece, and a huge station-type clock above.

Oh, yeah... Must have popped in here a couple of years back. Remember discovering they had an open courtyard you’d never expect, right behind.

Today, though, just a tad chilly. I slip into one of the swivel chairs at the blue counter with “Route 66” embroidered into its worn cloth cushions and wait for someone to bring me some coffee. ‘Cause it’s not even eight in the morning yet. Unheard of to be up and out so early.

This is when Mark turns up. As soon as he does, there’s Desirée, the waitress.

“Omelet with mushrooms and Swiss,” he says like he’s done this many times before.

I see they have a mushroom-and-cheese omelet for \$8.95. That’s the price of all omelets.

“I have it every time,” says Mark. “It’s light, it has energy, and it gets me through my day. This is the best value I’ve seen downtown. I’m here every time I’m in San Diego.”

He comes to help folks handle their 401(k)s, financial lives, whatever.

Raymundo arrives with my coffee (\$2.25,

with endless refills). On the back of his T-shirt is the name of this place. No mention of YMCA. It’s just called Grand Central Café. But it has the

Super Chief bursting through the lettering. Super Chief was the famous train that used to haul movie stars in super luxury from Chicago to L.A. Guess this is all because the Santa Fe Depot’s just a block away.

Even though they don’t push it, you can’t help but feel the nostalgia of this place. Let’s think: 1924. What was happening then? MGM was founded. President Woodrow Wilson died and George Bush Sr. was born. So was Jimmy Carter. And this place opened its doors and peeps started eating in this room. Probably on this same counter stool. I guess they called it the Army & Navy because this was pretty much an all-military town back then.

“Hon? Sir?”

Oh, right. Desirée. Old-fashioned place, think we’d better have a good, old-fashioned breakfast. Menu starts off with oatmeal for \$3.25, or a single egg, country fries, and toast for \$5.50. You can have corned-beef hash and eggs on toast for \$8.50. And, top o’ the line, steak and eggs for \$12.95.

But my eye stops at the pork chops (\$9.95). You get two of them, along with two eggs, toast, and home fries. Not the cheapest, but I’m thinking about those two pork chops.

Okay. I order that with the eggs poached.

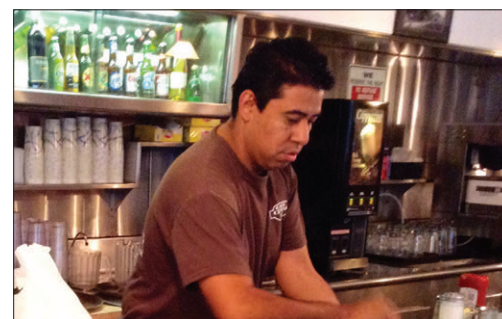
Mark and I talk L.A. vs. SD. “Don’t get me wrong,” he says. “If I didn’t love my place up in the Hollywood Hills, I’d come live down here.”

Ten minutes later Raymundo puts a big oval plate in front of me. Two poached eggs in a bowl, lots of home fries, and two pieces of pork. Except...not exactly chops as you think of them. Like, no bone.

But they smell grilled and there’s plenty to them. And, boy, tender, nicely burned edges and tasty. I ordered English muffin instead of toast, stuck each half under a poached egg,



The old station clock on the wall is battered but still keeps time.



Raymundo served Bedford’s pork chops and poached eggs.

and stabbed them with my fork so they’d mess all over the muffins.

We’re starting to get us a meal here.

Mark pays his bill and heads off to his first client. Me, I start reading this brochure about the Y. Yes, first thing you think about is that dang song by the Village People. “It’s fun to stay at the Y...” But, turns out this organization has been going since way before the Village People — like, 1844. That’s almost 170 years.

Started off in Britain as low-cost housing for young men and women who were moving from farms to the cities, the moths of the industrial revolution. A modest English draper named George Williams started it, and the idea spread. Within six years — by 1851 — it had spread to Australia, the U.S., Canada, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, you name it.

But now, 169 years later, does it still work? I look around me. Mostly business people, maybe lawyers. The courts are nearby. Maybe they came here as kids. Probably not.

And they’re calling the accommodation part “500 West.” No mention of YMCA. But they do have dorm beds for around \$14 a night if you book online. So, the idea of cheap beds for kids coming to town is still alive.

And, judging from this breakfast, the food’s still good.



A good deal then, a good deal now.

Through the doors, too, you can see that really romantic courtyard with tables. Great place for a party!

And another break from the prim, proper past: I see the menu has a section they call the “Caboose.” They actually sell grog here! Like, \$3.95 for a glass of vino, \$4 for a pint of *cerveza* (\$5 for local brewskis).

Except only till lunchtime? They close at two. Oh, well. Maybe I’ll get Carla to round up some rowdies and come back on a Sunday morning for a hair-of-the-dog brekky.

Couple of drinks and we’ll all be singing “It’s fun to stay at the WHY-MCA. It’s fun to stay at the WHY...” ■

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Fried, steamed, baked

3671 Fifth Avenue — While everybody has been obsessing over the protracted buildout process for Lucky Liu's (Alex Thao's new downtown Chinese restaurant), the restaurateur quietly renovated Celadon, his Hillcrest Thai restaurant.

Reborn as French Concession after the style of early-20th-century French Shanghai, the new-on-the-inside restau specializes in dim sum and craft beer under the supervision of Hong Kong chef Andrew Kwong, which could be a game-changer for fans of the famous Chinese small-plate meals. In the past, looking for dim sum meant a trip to Convoy and more driving than some people want to do for a substantial lunch. Now, dim sum's just a neighborhood away.

The remodel has the dining room looking good: 1930s and '40s Chinese and Chintown style inspires the interior, more in terms of color palette and Art Deco touches than anything else. Think lacquered elegance instead of dragons and fountains. Celadon, which was mostly excellent by virtue of superior staff, was just a bit too Liberace for its own good, and the classier look of French Concession is an improvement. Also, the place is huge — 3500 square feet — and the lighting drops down past moody, through dim, and straight into darkness.

In the past, Celadon's well-trained waitstaff repeatedly nailed it with professional service far beyond the restaurant's pay grade. The vast major-

ity of the staff left rather than work at the new restau, but there's no reason to expect the new servers will be any less well trained.

The expansive menu incorporates fried, steamed, and baked dim sum staples from mild steam buns to wild chicken feet. Simple dishes like Chinese broccoli with oyster sauce justify an \$8 price tag by large portions, though most items hover in the \$5.50 range. Shrimp, naturally, makes things costlier.

If there's one must-try dish, it's the steamed egg custard buns. A mixture of vanilla ice cream, egg yolk, and powdered custard cooks into a kernel of sweet pudding surrounded by tender steamed dough. Cut into a cross section, the yellow custard and white bun even resembles an egg. Fancy that!

Favorites of American-style Chinese cooking (orange chicken, lo mein, chow fun, etc.) comprise a short menu of main dishes. French Concession

isn't out to blow any minds, but the preparations all seem more careful and a degree finer than the average Chinese takeout joint.

Thus far, French Concession has flown under the radar in the wake of its quiet transformation, but it's certainly worth a trip, partly because the restaurant dispenses with ostentation in favor of a quiet quality, and partly because it brings something new to Hillcrest, legitimately bettering the neighborhood's dining scene.

by Ian Pike

Bacon jam oozing

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Simple dishes like Chinese broccoli with oyster sauce justify an \$8 price tag with large portions.



Southpaw's "Wild Shroom" flatbread comes with roasted wild mushrooms, prosciutto, mozzarella and reggiano cheeses, peaches, and roasted garlic.

at Petco, so the place is probably hopping during the 81 games played there during baseball season.

The other days of the year, it has more of a neighborhood-bar feel, and that's fine with me. I like to hear myself eat.

Like practically every bar these days, Southpaw strives to have a big beer selection, including plenty of local favorites. To be fair, I always feel like I have to warn my waiter.

"I want to support the local beer scene, but do you have any good beer that doesn't taste like a hoppy hairball is lodged in my throat?"

The waiter suggests the Coronado Orange Wit, which is smooth and light, but with a fruit-forward flavor that, to me, is unusual for wheat beers. Nice.

My nephew prefers those hairball brews (he also likes loud, heavy rock), so he's in love with the Dogfish Head 90-Minute Imperial IPA. With 9 percent alcohol content, he's enjoying his buzz.

The homemade pretzel sticks are a good starter, especially with the smoked cheddar cheese sauce. I prefer as much salt as possible on my pretzels (and there's not as much as I'd like here at Southpaw), but the fried jalapeños on the side are a highlight.

The strawberry-and-candied-walnut salad deftly combines a citrusy bleu cheese vinaigrette with greens, including cabbage and basil, and candied orange zest. Just enough dressing to add flavor without drenching it.

The meatloaf sandwich with bacon jam comes highly recommended by the waiter. Especially because of the bacon jam oozing over it and dripping down the sides. Fine with me. Bacon is, at heart, a food of excess.

I tend not to trust meatloaf that is too neatly sliced because I fear it's been processed.

Although the meatloaf does look like it's been premade and pre-packaged like the fake gyros at low-rent Greek restaurants, it doesn't taste that way. It's meaty

and moist throughout. The bacon jam, while having a great mouth-feel, has a flavor more like caramelized onion than bacon.

My nephew doesn't eat meat and ordered "The Wild Shroom," a flatbread with roasted wild mushrooms, prosciutto, mozzarella and reggiano cheeses, peaches, and roasted garlic. He asks for it without the prosciutto.

Guess what? It comes back *with* the prosciutto. The waiter is apologetic and brings him fries with onion and jalapeños instead. They are tasty and I eat most of them, despite having finished most of the salad, pretzels, and meatloaf sandwich.

Would I go back? Probably, for the meatloaf and the pretzel sticks. I don't know how busy it gets during baseball season, but I liked the vibe when it just had a few people and an acoustic-guitar trio in the background.

by Patrick Henderson

Finagle the wild

6502 El Cajon Boulevard — In the College Area, Tokyo Sushi Loha is a powerhouse. The place used to do slamming business out of strip mall, but the owners managed to finagle the wild, octagonal building at ECB and Aragon, which was an IHOP or a HoJo, or something equally ridiculous, if memory serves. With the remodel, Loha has gone

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from seedy to stylish. Glass sculptures, colored lights, and a suit of samurai armor (with cat whiskers!) set the stage for one of SD's weirdest sushi scenes.

This has to be among the loudest restaurants in town. EDM and hip-hop *blast* from the PA. Conversation is outright impeded. In just about any other restaura, this would constitute a serious faux pas, but Tokyo Sushi Loha manages to rock it out. It's a "ridiculously loud music sushi place," and proud of it. It's also (probably) the only sushi spot that doubles as a legit sports bar. College kids and neighborhood people jam the place during football games. It warrants reservations.

It's really too bad the sushi isn't much good. Not that you'd know it from looking at Yelp or other "crowd" sources. Comments like "best sushi in San Diego!" and such are flagrantly undeserved. Restaurant critics don't like to admit it, but, generally, Yelpers manage to strike near the truth, by volume and

the law of averages alone. It's worth pointing out the instances in which they get something totally and completely wrong, as a teachable moment if nothing else. Consider this a lesson in not blindly following your peers.

Tokyo Sushi Loha's food is very average (though the presentations can be quite lovely), and it would be a bummer for anyone to make the trip expecting sushi that rates *only half a star lower than Ota, Tadokoro, or Akinori*. Preposterous.

That's like rating the Olive Garden within half a star of Monello.

At best, Loha's sushi is acceptable, though the fish is always 30 degrees too cold. They even pile the sashimi on top of shaved ice, which looks kind of cool but makes the fish taste like frosty nothingness. Exacting temperature control is central to good sushi prep!

At worst, some of it is just plain gross. Stuff like baked-scallop nigiri, covered in mayo and tasting of hot seaweed, cannot be made appealing.

The place is bizarre and kind of cool in its way, but not worth the implied special-trip-worthy

status of a four-star rating, which should be reserved for something close to exceptional.

by Ian Pike

With a bendy straw

4647 Convoy Street #101A — From the outside, there's not a lot to distinguish Friend's House from the many restaurants lining Convoy Street. It sits at the end of a shopping center, touting photos of dinner specials on a poorly printed ad banner while promising superior Korean BBQ. You know, the usual.

But the inside tells a different story. A few sheets of plywood and some corrugated metal roofing frame the restaurant's interior, giving it a real shanty feel. Which doesn't sound like much, but it's actually kind of impressive what they've done with a quick trip to Home Depot. Throw in some culture-appropriate tchotchkes, camping lanterns, and a room-length mirror, and you've got yourself a unique decorative theme built more on elbow grease than design savvy.

I ordered the *dolsot bibimbap* — a hot stone bowl of rice, beef and vegetables — but if I'm being honest, I was really in this for the *banchan*. The small side plates come gratis, of course, but you've got to order something from the menu to get them. This time they consisted of broccoli, potatoes, fish cakes, two kinds of bean sprout and, of course, kimchi. I took to them so quickly, it took a moment to realize I was eating with metal chopsticks. I've eaten with wood, plastic, and enamel, but never metal, so I had to geek out for a moment how light and easy

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they were to grip.

My *bibimbap* showed up right on top of the *banchan*, so I couldn't linger over every spiced vegetable they way I'd have liked. That stone bowl shows up hot enough to burn rice, and I like to stir mine up before it gets too crunchy at the bottom. Still, before I mixed it all together and poured on the Sriracha, I did notice the egg on top was covered by a green spice blend.

I really don't have the patience for hot bowls. The spice blend had a novel flavor that I apparently thought I might be able to pick out if I kept shoveling the still-too-hot dish into my mouth. Fortunately, I had ordered an iced Coke, delivered in a thick branded glass with a bendy straw. I guess you could say I was about as satisfied as I might ever be with a burnt tongue.

Moreso, I felt a long way from the heavily trafficked streets of Kearny Mesa at that moment, and almost looked for that signpost from M*A*S*H that tells you the distance to Burbank, Seoul, and Decatur. Not because the place felt like some made-for-TV version of Korea, but because I'm pretty sure you could make one pretty

easily with a couple of tools and a buck's worth of nails.

by Ian Anderson

Monk's stone bowl

406 University Avenue — It took forever to remodel Pink Noodle and turn it into East Village Asian Diner, a second location for the successful Encinitas restaurant. Reportedly, permitting troubles plagued the buildout, but the construction crew didn't exactly skimp on the remodel, either. If Pink Noodle was cute but average, East Village is downright sexy and brand new. It has a kind of "robots and Legos" thing going on, which sounds bizarre, but actually gives the interior a playful solidity that works perfectly for what it is. Kudos to the architecture and design team. Say goodbye to the upstairs seating and just about everything else recognizable from Pink Noodle. Maybe the biggest structural difference is the installation of a draft-beer system, so that the new restaurant can sell brews by the pint or pitcher, and in bottles as well. Pink Noodle's faux-Martinis (which were actually pretty tasty) are a thing of the past.

Hillcrest East Village's menu mimics the North County location's California-Korean-Japanese style, right down to the signature "monk's stone bowl," a friendly pseudonym for *bibim-*

bap, the Korean specialty served in a hot stone bowl. It's wonderful comfort food, but East Village overdoes it with portion size and underdoes the chili sauce. Diners get a big bowl of overkill where a modest amount of concentrated flavor would do the trick.

The restaurant also forges daring territory with a Korean take on the burrito, packing brown rice, *kimchi*, chopped vegetables, and marinated beef slices into a tortilla, and serving it alongside a salad like the ones that come with food-court-lunch-special bento boxes. Readers may remember the frustrating disgust of Memelas' Thai-flavored burrito, and the story of East Village's attempt at burrito fusion ends similarly. While it's much better than the chicken satay catastrophe, the Korean burrito refuses to comply with order and decency, thumbing its nose at Mexican and Korean food while paying due homage to neither.

Maybe there's just no good way to make a fusion burrito?

It's a pity that East Village doesn't offer a dish of cold *soba* noodles. There's a strong Japanese influence at the restau, and the house *soba* sauce is fantastic (as is the sweetened Sriracha "monk's sauce" for squirting over everything with wonton crooked rulers abandon) and would be better served being slurped up with cold noodles than splashed onto just-okay *kimchi* pancakes, dumplings, and spring rolls.

With French Concession just five minutes away, East Village is certainly the less-exciting remodeled Asian restaurant in Hillcrest to open before the calendar turned. And it's no contest between East Village and Snooty Asian (as wild and spotty as Snooty can be), in terms of pure concept. Tough break. Let's hope they step it up.

by Ian Pike



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It's a dinosaur. There are a couple of significant changes afoot on the local music-venue front, as Belly Up in Solana Beach is about to announce a new talent buyer and the Griffin in Bay Park is up for sale.

The Belly Up's talent-buyer

When the House of Blues opened downtown in 2005, some wondered how the independent Belly Up would fare with talent acquisition since House of Blues is part of a national chain with more buying power. The Belly Up has continued to thrive due

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position became available when Eric Milhouse left last month to rejoin Golden Voice, the Los Angeles concert company that created Coachella and is part of the

partly to the desirability of the venue and the artists who play there. Chris Goldsmith oversees the programming and marketing for the Belly Up. He says he will make



This sparkling bar, the Griffin, is up for sale — again. What gives?

AEG concert conglomerate. Milhouse will now book Club Nokia in Los Angeles and the Fox Theater in Pomona, each of which has a capacity of about 2000. The Belly Up holds 800.

the announcement soon. “We don’t need any more candidates [to apply]. We will pick from the group we have narrowed down.” He says at any given time the venue has 100 dates booked. “The latest

show we have on the books is World Party on June 29.”

KPBS-TV will air an hour special on January 24 featuring live Belly Up shows by the Drowning Men and Candye Kane. Goldsmith, a Grammy-winning producer, has also announced the launching of Belly Up’s own record label, Belly Up Live, which will feature live shows recorded at the Belly Up Taverns in Solana Beach and Aspen.

“We will have our own [internet] delivery system,” Goldsmith told the Reader. He said the \$5.99 albums available on Belly Up Live will be cheaper than albums purchased on iTunes.

Meanwhile, the Griffin is listed for sale for \$215,000. A new buyer would also have to assume a monthly rent of \$5000-plus. Leasing agent Paul Ahern and Griffin talent-buyer Joe Rinaldi would not disclose any specifics about the sale of the bar.

An insider says the Griffin’s value is tied to its alcohol license, a so-called “48” license, which means it can have a full bar and not have to serve food. “It’s what they used to call a cocktail-lounge license, and they just aren’t issuing them anymore,” says the insider. “The police won’t approve them anymore. There are only a handful left. It’s a dinosaur. But that’s why they are so valuable.”

— Ken Leighton

Raccoons in the pool. “We have this crazy house with a swimming pool. We’d lived here for eight months before I said, ‘Wait a minute... this isn’t a pool. It’s an underwater recording studio.’” Ever since Joseph Waters joined the faculty at San Diego State University a decade or so ago, he’s expressed a yearning to perform music underwater. Seeming impossible, but not so odd, considering that Waters turned the 25th Street overpass in Golden Hill into a giant xylophone and once filled his recording studio with live wasps.

The submarine concept was put on the back burner until recently, with the convergence of two seemingly disparate events. One was the purchase of a poolside home on Mt. Helix, near La Mesa. The other was the invention of a fiddle meant to be played underwater. Waters got one, plunged a hydrophone into the blue depths, and began recording in earnest. “Sound travels really well under water. And the pool is like a room with a wall that changes in incredibly different ways. I’m still trying to understand what happens to sound when the surface has disruptions in it, like waves or irregular ripples.”

Waters, 61, is a professor of composition and computer music at San Diego State University. The study of sound underwater is not all that

new. “The Navy knows about it because they want to communicate and they want to blow things up. And people have been trying to figure out whale songs forever. But

tistic director of NWEAMO, arranged for the event to be held at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

“Three or four years ago, I was thinking, *I sure would*



Joseph Waters: “Wait a minute...this isn’t a pool. It’s an underwater recording studio.”

using water for music is relatively new.” A sheepish grin spreads across his features. “Most people don’t use their pools for this sort of thing.”

Waters previews a preliminary mix of his first composition with the submersible violin. “Raccoons in the Pool” is a fanciful piece that shapeshifts, builds on maddening waves of tension, then resolves in a crest of sonic textures. “It’s user-friendly, but it has depth.” He claims raccoons as his inspiration; Mt. Helix, it turns out, is lousy with them.

Waters’s son Zuriel created a video to accompany the electronic concerto, slated to premiere at this year’s New West Electronic Arts and Music Organization. Waters, who is both founder and ar-

like to play with the IMAX [now called the Heikoff Dome] theater.” He made contact with IMAX projectionist John Young. “I told him about my ideas and he said okay, but not until the theater was retrofitted for video.” Years passed. “Then, I got an email from Young stating that the retrofit had finally taken place. And he said I could come and play with the new system.”

— Dave Good

Restaurant rockers. “A lot of chefs are rebels and punk rockers at heart, and this carries over to music,” says Josh Kopelman, organizer of “Battle of the Chef Bands,” a charity concert taking place January 27 at the

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Belly Up Tavern.

Now in its fourth year, the battle as it stands has evolved since Kopelman first organized it in 2010.



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Chef Katie Grebow of Cafe Chloe — away from the stove and onto the stage.

“The first year, the musicians just played ‘Rock Band’ onstage,” he says. “Now, it’s mostly real bands and some karaoke bands.”

Matt Gordon, the chef and owner of Urban Solace Restaurant in North Park, Solace and the Moonlight Lounge in Encinitas, and Sea & Smoke in Del Mar, deserves some credit for making it into an event with real musicians and real music.

That first year, Gordon, a guitar player who played in a band in the San Francisco area for a few years before

going into the restaurant business, secretly grabbed two restaurant friends who also played to work out a rendition of the Cult’s “Love Removal Machine” to close the show.

“That first year, no one knew we’d be doing real music,” he says. “After we performed, other chefs and people in the restaurant industry said, ‘Hey, I play music, too.’”

An all-chef battle of the bands might sound off-putting, but Gordon says there’s a lot of synergy between the music industry and the food world.

“There’s a lot of similarities between chefs and musicians. We didn’t want to be lawyers, accountants, or doctors,” he explains. “Plus, for many aspiring musicians, the restaurant business is an easy way to make money while we’re trying to make a break.”

About a dozen restaurant rock groups are expected to perform, including Boulevard Descarga, a Latin-jazz group made up of the members of Romesco, a Mexican-themed bistro in Chula Vista; C.P.I., a punk band whose members work at Hodad’s when not touring; and Godhammered, a death-metal band featuring Kevin Templeton, the head

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chef at Barleymash in the Gaslamp.

Kopelman, the publisher of San Diego’s *Dining Out* magazine, is especially excited about Godhammered.

“They’re really good, and the Belly Up never books death-metal, so it should be interesting,” he says.

Ticket prices for this year’s event includes food from many of the participating restaurants.

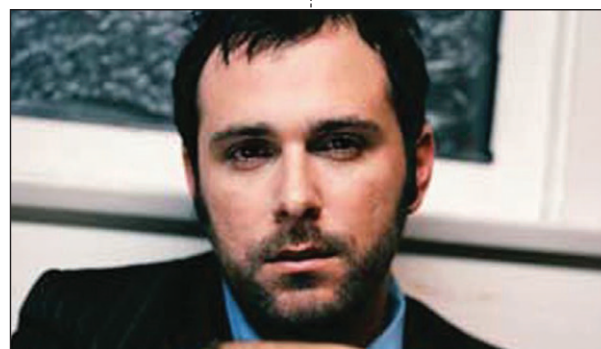
“There will be more food than you can shake a Strat at,” Kopelman said.

— Patrick Henderson

Record-release roundup.

Steve Poltz has recorded a new duet version of the hit song he originally wrote with Jewel, “You Were Meant for Me,” with Valencia, Spain-based singer Soledad Vélaz and produced by six-time Grammy Award-winner Chris Goldsmith.

Another single, the Grey-boy Allstars track “V Neck Sweater,” from their full-length *What Happened to Television?*, appears on the new SCI Fidelity Records *15th Anniversary Compilation Album*.



Greg Laswell was going to be an astronaut?

SDMA-nominated Best Hip-Hop band Legacy Pack will debut *F.O.K.* (Fruit of Knowledge) on January 31 at Bar Pink in North Park. Available in both CD and digital format, a new video for the title track, directed by Morrisa Maltz (who has a

film showcase at this month’s Sundance Film Festival) is streaming on their *Reader* band page.

Stone Horse’s *Grit*, recorded at Kitsch & Sync Studios with Sven Erik-Seaholm and

former Ike Turner drummer Bill Ray, drops February 1 at Beaumont’s Grill in La Jolla.

On February 11, Lestat’s in Normal Heights will host the release party for Greg Laswell’s full-length *I Was Going to Be an Astronaut*, featuring remakes of

ten Laswell songs plus a Sparklehorse cover, “It’s a Wonderful Life.” “I’d been playing alternate versions of some of these songs at my shows over the past few years,” says Laswell, “and every time people would come up afterwards and ask if there was ever going to be any recorded versions of those songs.”

The February 14 release party for Seventrain’s self-titled debut CD at Brick by Brick in Linda Vista will mark the live debut of a new lineup. “It’s Valentine’s Day,” says drummer Joel Maitoza. “Screw the filet mignon and lobster tails and bring your significant other down to a sweaty rock show.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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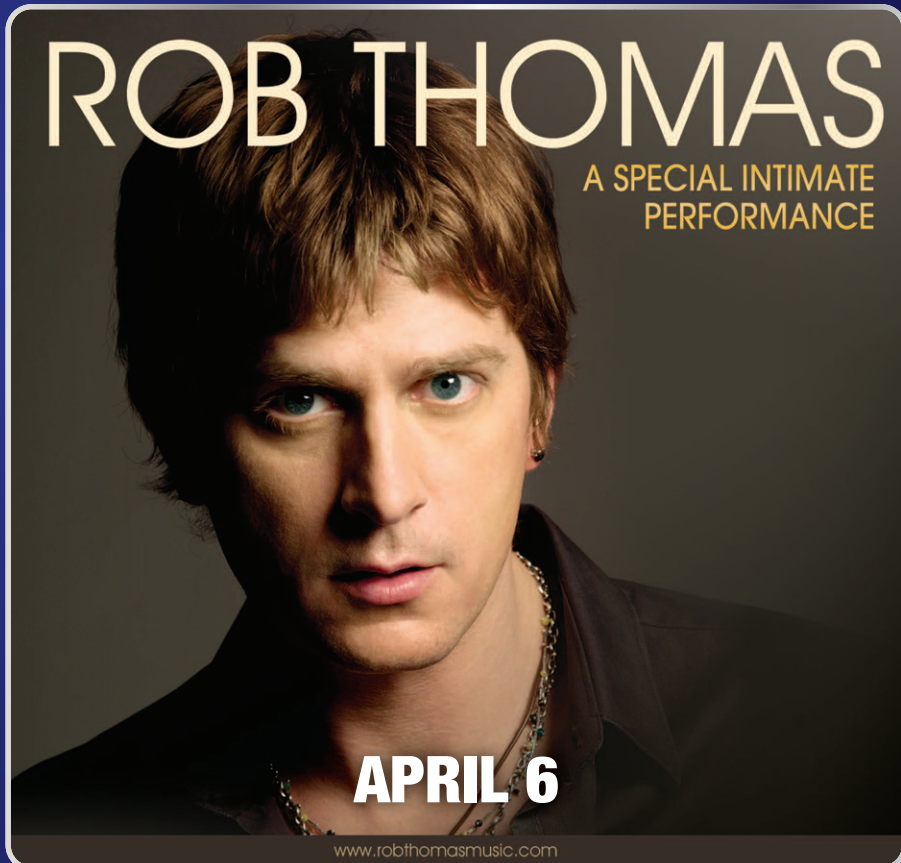


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Thursday 23

The **Casbah** crowd will be celebrating the club's 25-year run as San Diego's credible showcase of up-and-coming alternative bands and a must-play stage for many underground and international acts. The Birch North Park Theatre will host a panel of the venue's founders and followers who will speak to the role the Casbah has played in their lives, while sharing images and stories of the Middletown mainstay's highlights through the years. The Casbah has certainly had an influence on what I do for a living, and though I don't make it in as often as I used to, when I do, the rush of personal bests — sharing the big booth with the Black Lips (we spoke with wicked convincing French accents), chatting up David Yow on the smoking patio ("Scratch Acid was the Creedence of punk" — I know, can't believe I said it either), tackle-hugging a sweat-drenched Dean Wareham after Luna's final show (cringe

moment), and giving Will Oldham very specific and completely wrong directions to his hotel among them — is a constant soul bump. Many thanks to **Tim Mays** and crew for the years of inspired and inspiring entertainment.... After that, if you're feeling like a thing and a drink, walk the block to Bar Pink where soul-jazz trio **Krass Bros.** and sonic experimentalists **Hong Kong Fuzz** split a heady bill at the NoPark hot spot...or roll over to Soda Bar for some **Kisses**. The Santa Monica couple's *Kids in L.A.* is a pure pleasure platter of synth-warmed new wave. Taste them sugar-pop lips on "Funny Heartbeat." Future disco Portlandian **Jeffrey Jerusalem** opens the show.... For you folks in North County, that baritone bard **White Buffalo** roams into Solana Beach bar Belly Up. The traveling troubadour's touring in support of his latest, the country-cooked concept record *Shadows, Greys & Evil Ways*.

Friday 24

From Brooklyn-via-Kyoto, garage-punk trio **Ultra Bide** will play Til-Two Friday night. The group broke ground with an '80s no-wave sound that caught the ear of the DK's Jello Biafra. Ultra Bide signed to Biafra's Alternative Tentacles record label for stateside debut *God Is God Puke Is Puke*, and the rest is underground history. The bass-and-drum fuzz-punks are out to tout this year's *DNA vs. DNA-C*, which one astute East Coast crit



ULTRA BIDE AT TIL-TWO

Man Vs. Man, opening the show, you should go.... Miss the door in Silly Heights, though, slow-core folkies **Pure Bathing Culture** (Vetiver) wash up on the other side of the mesa at Soda Bar. Seattle surf-wop sisters **La Luz** (Hardly Art) and our own garage-pop trio **Flaggs** set up this sweet sleeper...Tower Bar's got a fun-filled indie-eclectic bill, featuring **Gloomspan**, **Pheasants**, **Chess Wars**, and **Shovel**... "a psych-rock band in pop clothing," L.A.-based **Young Creatures** and SanDago's hard-rocking **Brothers Weiss** (Family Wagon) split a bill at Whistle Stop...post-core quartet **Silver Snakes** slither into Ché Café to celebrate *The Year of the Snake*, their latest, out now via Bridge Nine Records. Like-minded locals **Griever** and **Children of God** will get the pit spinning...Latin-rock Los Angelenos **Ozomatli** set up for two nights at Belly Up Friday and Saturday... and any way you want it, that's the way you need it, **DSB** plays the HOB, cranking out all your guilty-pleasure hits, secret Journey fan.

Saturday 25

I'm hoping to hear where **Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver** will be playing their warm-up show(s) this



WOODEN SHIPS AT SODA BAR

week, if anybody knows — anybody? Their annual in-from-the cold (Minneapolis and Seattle) Casbah show Saturday night (with **Smile** and **Well**

Strung to Hang) will surely be a highlight of the club's monthlong anniversary party, but I already got tix for **Wooden Shjips**,

which docks at Soda Bar Saturday night. The SanFran psych-rock band's *Back to Land* (out now on Thrill Jockey) has been a constant for me for several weeks, and with cosmic rockers **Carlton Melton** and our own spaced-out **Tar Halos** opening the show, I just can't not go.... Oh, and to make Saturday matters worse, check out these three top-shelf shows going on at the same time: Kevin Barnes and **Of Montreal** are at the Irenic behind last year's super-beautiful psych-pop set *Lousy with Sylvianbriar*...Nicky Diamonds and **Islands** visit the Griffin with their comeback, *Ski Mask*...and O.C. skate-punk perennials **Bl'ast** go off at Brick by Brick after the original *Ashes to Ashes* lineup of **Final Conflict**. With loud-ass locals **Systematic Abuse** and **Evacuate** getting the pit spinning, this is one for the ages for you fans of the hardcore brand.

Sunday 26

Gary Heffern & Friends will play a matinee (starts at 2p) at the Middletown mainstay with sound collagist and ex-San Diegan **Robert Turman**, **Black Tango**, and **Social Spit**, and I understand they'll also be screening clips from local rock-roll historian Eric Rife's *Garageland*. After that doozie of a day, stick around, because that night at Casbah you get punk-ass bluegrass by **Old Man Markley**, following pub punx **Lexington Field**.... Up for more classic fare, Belly Up will be serving **Hot Tuna** — that's the original lineup playing an all-acoustic show...while up at the Ramona Mainstage, Gary Hoey, Uli Jon Roth, and Kofi Baker are dishing **Extreme Cream**.

Monday 27

If you can't take the heat... There's going to be a **Battle of the Chef Bands** at Belly Up Monday



OF MONTREAL AT THE IRENIC

night. Reader contributor Patrick Henderson got the lowdown on this gig for you in this week's **Blurt** "Restaurant rockers," if you want to flip or click there for more on that... or, if you're looking for something not-so-aggro, dubby rasta trio **Chill Clinton**'s at Soda Bar...while Bar Pink stages **Tori Roze & the Hot Mess** for their fourth-Monday "Soultry" soul-jazz jams.

Tuesday 28

Tuesday in a blink: L.A. folkies **Lonely Wild** will wrap up their weekly run at Soda Bar. **Whiskey Circle** and the **Adams & Eves** up first this week...**Castoff**, **Absent Mind**, the **Nieces**, and **iamdustinblackwell** fill a fun punk bill out at Tower Bar...and Tin Can Ale House stages a trio of alt-rock trios, with the **Drabs**, **Crooked Rulers**, and **Mauru**.

Wednesday 29

I'm out...and they're **OFF!** Keith Morris (Circle Jerks, Black Flag) and his current crew of hardcore hammerheads, which includes San Diego son Mario Rubalcaba (Earthless), will headline sets at Casbah after our own fast and furious **Rats Eyes**,



OFF! AT CASBAH

Bumbklaat, and the **Widows**...while from the opposite end of the musical spectrum, cocktail nation's **Pink Martini** will spill the lounge-jazz juice off of last year's *Get Happy* record at the Balboa Theatre downtown.

— Barnaby Monk

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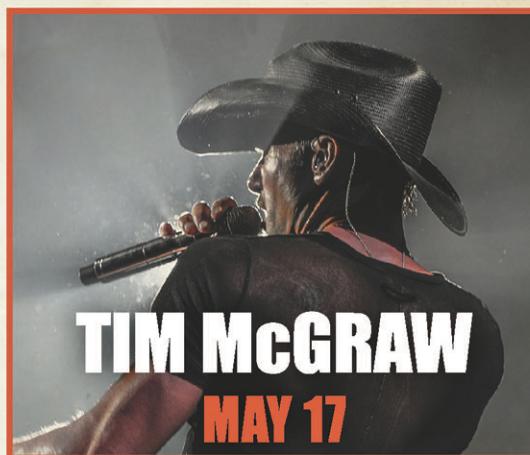


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Sunday, noon — Sunday Funday: Steph Johnson. Free.

Alchemy:
Tuesday, 8pm — Songwriter Showcase with Astra Kelly.

Balboa Theatre:
Friday, 7:30pm — The Irish Rovers. \$25-\$45.
Saturday, 8pm — Tommy Emmanuel and Martin Taylor.
Sunday, 7pm — A Gala Night with David Garrett. \$49-\$54.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Pink Martini.

Bar Pink:
Saturday, 8pm — Gone Baby Gone, Shake Before Us, Baja Bugs.

Belly Up:
Thursday, 8pm — White Buffalo.
Friday, Saturday, 8pm — Ozomatli. \$30.
Sunday, 8pm — Hot Tuna acoustic.
Monday, 8pm — Battle of the

Chef Bands.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — North Mississippi Allstars.

Birch North Park Theatre:
Thursday, 8pm — 25 Years of the Casbah with Tim Mays. \$15-\$30.

Boar Cross'n:
Thursday, 9pm — The Shakedown Daddies.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 8pm — Sonic Clouds, Shura of Bi2, Val Gaina.
Saturday, 8pm — Bl'ast, Final Conflict, Systematic Abuse. \$12-\$15.
Sunday, 8pm — Ground Beneath, Suicide Chords, Blue Suns. \$8.
Tuesday, 8pm — Jayke Orvis, J. Hunnicutt, Wicklow Atwater. \$7.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
Saturday, 7pm — San Diego Youth Symphony. \$10-\$25.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8pm — Sprung Monkey and the Gods of Science.
Friday, 8:30pm — Creedle, Fluf, Chune.
Saturday, 9pm — Smile and Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver. \$12-\$14.
Sunday, 2pm — Gary Heffern & Friends, Black Tango.
Sunday, 8pm — Rusty Maples and Old Man Markley.
Wednesday, 9pm — OFF!, Widows, Bumbklaat, Rats Eyes. \$20.

Ché Café:
Friday, 8pm — Silver Snakes, Griever, Children of God.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

After listening to a Skinny Puppy record, one feels as if having been yelled at by an angry parent. Dark moods, riddled with an irritation that either leaves you speechless or that you can completely identify with. There is no middle ground with this band. From early on, Skinny Puppy made anxiety-filled records about things such as animal rights, AIDS, and deforestation, all set into a menacing bed of electro beats.

Skinny Puppy began as a side project back in the early 1980s, in the frozen tundra of Vancouver, and was started by cEvin Key (Kevin Crompton) and a singer called Nivek Ogre (Kevin Ogilvie). Call them an acquired taste: their live shows were horror-themed.

Arvel Bird An international award-winning Celtic Fusion Artist will visit Unity San Diego to bless us with his music at the 9am and 11am services. Then he will present a concert at 1pm for a suggested donation of \$20. Arvel has been a presenter at the annual Unity People's Convention and visited many Unity Churches. Think of Braveheart meets Last of the Mohicans...at Woodstock. He performs with his flutes and

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Dizzy's:
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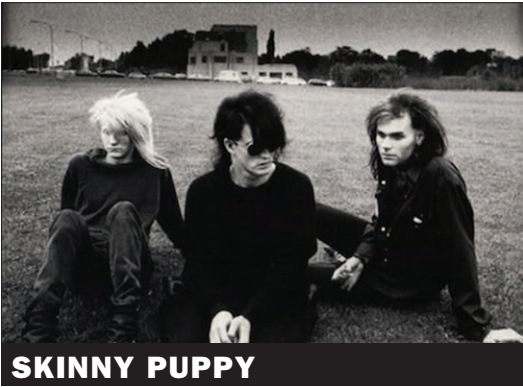
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Thursday, 8pm — Mad Traffic.
Saturday, 9pm — Whitey Morgan & the 78s. \$8.

Griffin:
Wednesday, 9pm — Robert DeLong and Mystery Skulls.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill:
Saturday, 9pm — Lafayette Blues Band.

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Thursday, 7pm — Backwater Blues Band.
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Molly Malone's:

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Friday, 7pm — Carolyn Wonderland.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Christmas Songs Bad Religion

By Dryw Keltz

Though some might think late January is a bit late for holiday tunes, throw on Bad Religion's new album, *Christmas Songs*. You read correctly: Bad Religion released a Christmas album. Eight traditional holiday songs, plus the BR classic "American Jesus," are on there.

Is that Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in the corner over there? Nope, it's just a random elk that wandered into the

mosh-pit and ended up with a bloody nose.

For a band that often questions the merits of religion, it's amazing how well these traditional songs gel with Bad Religion's modern-day angst. "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Angels We Have Heard on High" all turn into light-speed anthems, while "White Christmas" gets a bit of a Ramones spin in its delivery.

The MVP on this short album is easily drummer Brooks Wackerman, whose playing gets pretty mind-blowing on a handful of the songs. Bad Religion may seem an unlikely fit, but their Christmas songs on speed quite often lift the carols to new heights. The King of Angels would be proud.



Traditional fare with modern-day angst

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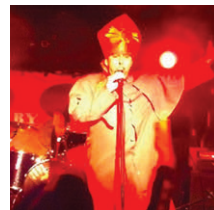
The Blood spills at Brick by Brick

By Kendra Finn

Coagulating in 1980s London, the Blood is a unique punk band led by "Cardinal Jesus Hate." This show did not disappoint, even though the crowd at Brick by Brick maxed out at 25 (including the staff and members of the other bands playing that night). Attendance aside, the Cardinal was in full form, wearing his religious vestments and singing to the venue as if the place was packed to the rafters.

The sound system at the venue needs work, but the band powered through even as the Cardinal's mic kept cutting in and out. (It sounded as if the sound guy wanted to call it an early night.)

The Blood ripped through a well-worn set, kicking off with "Stark Raving Normal" as they set foot onstage. They went through their anthems to our small crowd as if we were witness to an intimate practice session. Throughout the show I couldn't help thinking, *This is a good band...where the hell is everybody?* Kudos to the Cardinal, though, for knowing that the show must go on.



Kudos to the Cardinal — the show must go on!

Concert: The Blood

Date: December 19

Venue: Brick by Brick

Seats: General admission

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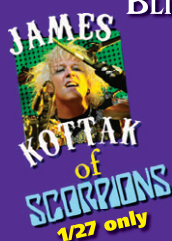
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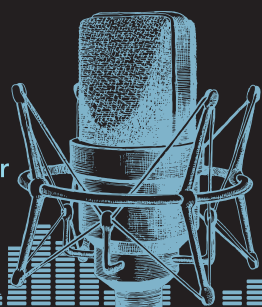
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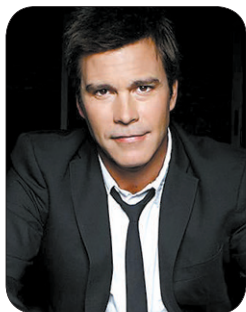
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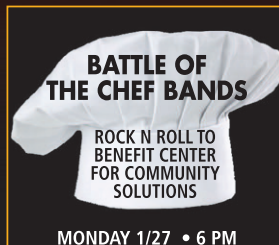
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Today, you can follow the Google-font sign beneath the Arch into the tobacco-stained time warp that is Bar Nelson. Unlike many downtown drinking holes, this retro dive is a surefire spot for otherwise dull early weekdays. If you're lucky, you may have a cordial afternoon chat with an off-duty Mexican migrations officer or pass an evening drinking in silence next to stoic mariachis who study the labels on their beers as Phil Collins croons from the jukebox. On weekends, you may overhear fanatical debates

between art students who just came from a free film screening at CECUT or find company among the sullen deportees, drunk construction workers, and disgruntled elementary-school teachers who shout like 18th-century poets at nobody in particular.

Indeed, it's the kind of place where sketchy liaisons might rendezvous at midnight — an aura that likely led to the bar being featured in 2009 narco-assassin film *La Linea* (though you'll have to stray a few blocks up to Zona Norte to find the magnificently breasted women depicted in the short scene).

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caguama (liter) of Tecate to mediate tomorrow's hang-over.

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— Chad Deal (@chaddeal)

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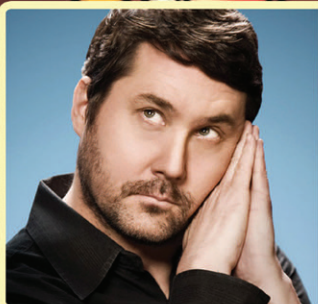
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basic sushi rolls, \$8 ceviche, \$8 crispy calamari. Bar only.

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

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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

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

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.

CLAIREMONT

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

Fat Tony's Pizza: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-8pm: \$2 glass/\$8 pitcher of beer. \$5 cheese pizza, cheese calzone, wings, salad.

COLLEGE AREA

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

CORONADO

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

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

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

DEL MAR

Bully's Del Mar: *Monday-Tuesday, Sunday*, 3-7pm: Great prices on appetizers, beer wine and cocktails. 10pm-close: Extended happy hour. \$3 prime rib taco. Bar and patio only. *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7pm: Great prices on appetizers, beer wine and cocktails. 10pm-close: Extended happy hour. Bar and patio only. *Friday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: Great prices on appetizers, beer wine and cocktails. Bar and patio only.

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

Bice: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$5 house wine, wells. \$5 lobster pizza, tuna tartare.

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

Blue Point: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails; \$4 draft, \$5 featured wine by the glass. \$1 oysters & jumbo shrimp, \$6 calamari.

Chianti: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$5 martinis, house wines. \$6 meatballs satay, antipasto; \$7 calamari.

Dobson's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas, \$5 well drinks and house wine.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 off wine; 40% off bar menu.

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

Paco's Way: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cash wines & sangrias. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

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

drafts, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3.50 well drinks.

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

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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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.

EL CAJON

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.

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

ENCINITAS

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

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

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$3 well cocktails, \$4 beer of the month. \$2 off all appetizers.

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

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

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

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

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

HILLCREST

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

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

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Down under collaboration for Karl Strauss

Twenty-five years ago, Chris Cramer had an epiphany when he entered an Australian brewpub called **Sail and Anchor** in Freemantle, Australia, and drank one of its house beers. The concept of brewing beer onsite blew him away, leading him to return home and establish his own brewpub in downtown San Diego, **Karl Strauss Brewing Company** (1157 Columbia Street, *Downtown*). Since then, Karl Strauss has grown into the 39th-largest craft brewery in the U.S. They even export a small amount of their beer to Australia, where its Pintail Pale Ale reportedly outsells popular American import Sierra

Nevada Pale Ale.

This week, the company will export something special down under — brewmaster Paul Segura. His visit will be in response to a request by Sail and Anchor to have him brew a collaboration beer called “The Bloke” (a play on Karl Strauss’ eponymous original brewmaster being “the man”). The beer will be an imperial red ale coming in at 6% ABV and, according to Segura, it should come in around 60 IBUs thanks to “a grip” of Cascade and Chinook hops.

The brew will take place at Sail and Anchor’s main production facility, **Gage Roads Brewing Company**, which is equipped with a 100-barrel system. Two batches of the Bloke will be brewed with almost all of the beer being served in Australia in early February. However, there is a chance some of those suds will make their way to San Diego for tasting sessions.

Segura is excited about returning to the scene of Cramer’s initial inspiration. A 14-year veteran of Karl Strauss, he’s especially enthused at the kismet that led Sail and Anchor to call for the collaboration the same year he and his colleagues will celebrate a quarter-century in business. While in Australia, Segura will chronicle his experiences via Karl Strauss’ Facebook page and blog.

Coronado Brewing gains solid footing on the mainland

When **Coronado Brewing Company** (1205 Knoxville Street, *Bay Park*) moved its primary production to a much larger facility and brewhouse on the mainland, its brewers went hog-wild, producing more styles at one time than at any previous point in the company’s history.

They had their reasons. The new facility included a large tasting room equipped with 20 taps. So, in addition to mainstays such as Orange Avenue Wit and Idiot IPA, Coronado’s brewers crafted over a dozen specialty beers. It made for an appealing beer board with increased variety. Sadly, much of the beer came in below expectations...until recently.

My last progress check of Coronado turned up the best beers I’ve had since the Knoxville facility opened its doors. The core beers tasted much as they did back when they were exclusively produced at Coronado’s island brewpub. Particularly impressive were lighter specialty



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beers like a nicely mineralic lager called Helles Awaits and an easy-drinking cream ale called Cream of the Hop. And Island Fever, an American wheat beer brewed with pineapple, was light and refreshing, despite being a departure from traditional styles.

Stupid Stout, Coronado’s robust, viscous Russian imperial stout made me extra excited to try out the bourbon-barrel-aged version of that brew, which will be released at the tasting room on January 23 along with bourbon-barrel-aged Old Scallywag Barley Wine. ■

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JAMUL

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

KEARNY MESA

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

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: *Daily*, 4pm to 7pm- \$3 draft pint, \$4.25 premium well, \$3.00 Famous Bourbon Slushies. Happy Hour specials all for \$5.00 each: Chicken & Waffles, Frito Pie, Shakin Bacon Tater Tots, Jambalaya & Red

Beans, Spicy Shrimp, Proud Mary’s Southern, Mac & Cheese, Chicken a Fried Asparagus, Fried Pickles, Shrimp & Crab Bon-Bons, Fried Pickles, & Chili

KENSINGTON

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

LA JOLLA

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

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

LA MESA

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

Charcoal House: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$3 premiums, 25% off appetizers, \$1 off wells/wine.

Mr. G's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, Noon-7pm: \$3.50 wells; \$3.25 domestic pints; \$4.25 premium pints.

LAKESIDE

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

LEMON GROVE

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

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Daily*, 2-6pm: \$3 pints; \$9 Bud & Coors Light pitchers; \$2.50 bottled beer, \$2 PBR, \$12 select pitchers. \$2 pulled pork or beef brisket sliders, \$4.95 1/2-sandwich & side, \$3.95 pulled pork fries.

LITTLE ITALY

Puerto la Boca: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers. *Sunday*, All Day: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

La Villa: *Daily*, 3:30-5pm: \$2 off cocktails; half off bottled beers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

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

MIRA MESA

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

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: *Monday*, 4-10pm: Buy One Get One 1/2 Off Drinks *Tuesday*, 4-10pm: \$1 Tacos, \$4 Corona & Dos XX, \$5 Patron Shots *Wednesday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Vodka Rockstars *Thursday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jack & Coke *Friday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Fireball *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jager Bombs *Sunday*, 4-10pm: \$1 Off All Beers Draft, Bottles & Tall Cans Starts at 10am During Football Season

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$4 margaritas, \$4 Mexican beers. *Tuesday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$3 domestic drafts. *Wednesday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$5 stilletos, \$4 pink lemon drops, \$3 cosmos. *Thursday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic beers. *Friday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$4 bartender shots. *Saturday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$4 white Russians. *Sunday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Barefoot Bar and Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$5 cocktails and \$4 beers on tap for SD locals only. All

draft beers are San Diego and California craft brews.

MISSION HILLS

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Anything Goes
The great Cole Porter musical’s been called fluff and silly, but it’s about escape, from restrictions and the manic woes of the Depression. And when you sail on the S.S. *American* with Reno Sweeney, Moonface Martin, and Billy Crocker, the score will abolish woes as long as the ship’s afloat, and maybe even longer. The Welk Resort production, ably directed and choreographed by Ray Limon, is a slow starter. But once Natalie Lucci (Reno), Shaun Leslie Sands (Moonface), and Joshua Carr (Billy) sing “Friendship,” they take charge and the ship sails smoothly after that. In particular, Lucci’s renditions of “I Get a Kick Out of You” and “Blow, Gabriel, Blow” are quite good. And the big production number, “Anything Goes,” with 26 tap shoes clacking away, is worth the price of admission. Worth a try.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM & 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 23.

Bug
Ion Theatre presents Tracy Lett’s “paranoid fantasy” about a drug-addled woman laying low in a motel. Her husband just got released from prison. What might he think of her new relationship with a younger man? Claudio Raygoza directs. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8.

Crumbs from the Table of Joy
Moxie Theatre presents Lynne Nottage’s the story of Ernestine Crump. The young African American’s life is upended when her communist aunt moves in preaching feminism and her father comes home with a new white wife. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directs. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 2.

The Dinner Detective
In this murder mystery comedy, which includes a four-course meal, everyone in the audience is a suspect, “even *you*, and the killer might be at your table!” COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-446-3000. 6:15PM SAT-URDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Don’t Dress for Dinner
PowPAC stages Marc Camoletti’s farce about Bernard’s ren-

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FEB. 22 6:30PM
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CAUGHT IN THE ACT

FEB. 6, 7, 8 7PM
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THE COMPLETE WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE

JAN. 31 & FEB. 1 7PM, FEB. 2 2PM, FEB. 7 & 8 7PM
CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL

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FEB. 20 2:30PM, FEB. 21 7PM, FEB. 22 2PM & 7PM, FEB. 27 2:30PM, FEB. 28 7PM, MAR. 1 2PM & 7PM, MAR. 6 2:30PM, MAR. 7 7PM, MAR. 8 2PM & 7PM

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GUYS AND DOLLS

MAR. 27, 28, 29
RANCHO BERNARDO HIGH SCHOOL

LITTLE WOMEN

FEB. 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 7PM
POWAY HIGH SCHOOL

MACBETH

FEB. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14
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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

JAN. 23 2:30PM, JAN. 24 7PM, JAN. 25 2PM & 7PM
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ORIGINAL ONE ACT FESTIVAL

MAY. 2 7PM
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ROMEO AND JULIET



JAN. 29, 30, 31 7PM; FEB. 1 2PM & 7PM, FEB. 2 2PM
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MAR. 20, 21, 22 7PM
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devious with his mistress that goes woefully astray when his alibi shows up that day. Sherrie Colbourn directs. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS & SAT-URDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 16.

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 non-traditional elements (Mike Buckley’s set could be a painting by Marc Chagall; the back-up 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 Job who watches his family, and his world (a Jewish shtetl on the cusp of change), collapse around him. From individual voices to choral effects, the production’s a treat. And when the script calls for an over-the-roof image, as in Tevye’s dream, the show delivers. **Critic’s Pick.** LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 2.

Five Course Love

Scripps Ranch Theatre continues its 35th season with the chamber musical, by Greg Coffin, that’s a “sample platter of styles” presented in a “date-night” format of five short plays. Joey Landwehr directs. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23.

In the Time of the Butterflies

Patria, Minerva, Maria Teresa, and Dede Mirabel grew up well to do in a small, Dominican Republic town. No one would have guessed the children would become the legendary “Butterflies,” who led underground resistance against Raphael Trujillo, the brutal dictator. Based on Julia Alvarez’ novel, the script by Caridad Svich is sketchy and talky — and makes for seat-squirming. The five women playing the sisters fill in many of the blanks with emotionally-charged performances, especially Jacqueline Grace Lopez’s often vehement Minerva and Catalina Maynard’s beautifully layered Dede, who tells the story and whose feelings conflict when she struggles with myth, reality, and memory. The staging, co-directed by Todd Salovey and

Herbert Siguenza, is strong on poetic theatricality but far less so on Trujillo’s oppression and the sisters’ courageous responses. Worth a try. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 26.

Maple and Vine

Cygnat Theatre presents the Southern California premiere of Jordan Harrison’s comedy about a couple “who have become allergic to their 21st Century lives and move into a closed community of 1950s reenactors” and forsake all modern conveniences. Igor Goldin directs. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 16.

Nunsense

Moonlight Stage Productions opens its winter season with the “habit-forming musical comedy” about the five remaining Sisters of Hoboken who must stage a variety show to bury the other 45, who died of food poisoning. Carlos Mendoza directs and choreographs. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA.

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Ages 7 to 17. Performance dates March 7 and 8 at 7:30pm and March 9 at 2pm. Directed by Randall Hickman. Auditions: JAN. 27 4PM

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Seeking AEA and local non-equity submissions. Email headshot and resume to casting@northcoastrep.org. Deadline: Saturday, February 1, 5pm. Directed by David Ellenstein. First rehearsal: April 29. Tech weekend: May 24 and 25. Previews: May 28 to 30. Runs May 31 to June 22, possible extension June 25 to 29. Auditions: FEB. 23, 24

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum



WELK RESORT THEATRE
8860 Lawrence Welk Dr., Escondido
Ages 18 to 65. No weekday matinees for this production. Fridays through Sundays only. Runs March 28 through April 20. Directed and choreographed by Ray Limon; musical direction by Matthew Naegeli. Auditions: FEB. 2 10AM & 6PM; FEB. 3 7PM

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Writer’s Block: A Festival of One-Act Plays

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Legally Blonde

CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL
650 D Ave., Coronado
A ditz and naive sorority girl uses her beauty and brains at Harvard Law School. Auditions for the Spring musical. Meet in the music studio. Performances April 25, 26, 27, May 2, 3. Auditions: FEB. 3 2:30PM

San Diego Chorus Auditions and Global Open House

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1800 El Prado, Balboa Park
Room 207 of Casa Del Prado. All singers who would like to join the chorus or who want to learn more about the group are welcome to attend. The San Diego Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization of nearly 25,000 women worldwide who sing four-part a cappella harmony, barbershop style. Info: chrisand-jen333@gmail.com or 858-735-5924. Auditions: JAN. 29 6:30PM

San Diego Follies

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

Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE
1835 Strand Way, Coronado
Based on the 1899 play by William Gillette and Arthur Conan Doyle. Bring resume and headshot. Auditions start with cold readings from sides provided in small groups. Runs April 11 through May 18. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. Director Nick Reeves; producer Sven Salumaa. Info: npjn579@cox.net. Auditions: JAN. 26 6:30PM, JAN. 27 7PM

The Wiz

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7202 El Cajon Bl., North Park
Age range for principals and chorus members: 8 to 18. Munchkins: 4 to 8. Callbacks: February 8 at 2pm. Performance dates: April 2014. For Dorothy, you must sing “I Wish I Was Home” or “Home.” All others, a two-minute song from any musical — bring your backing track on CD or iPod. Please dress in clothing that you can move and dance in. Auditions: FEB. 8 9AM

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Open Shakespeare

Reading: Romeo and Juliet
The San Diego Shakespeare Society presents an "open" reading of *Romeo and Juliet* at the new Central Library. "Anyone can join in the reading or just come along to listen. Parts are assigned before each scene." Rupert Essinger directs. Admission is free. CENTRAL LIBRARY, 330 PARK BL., EAST VILLAGE. 619-236-5800. 12:30PM SATURDAY.

Opera Previews: Pagliacci

The 14th season of Opera Previews will feature Professor Ron Shaheen looking at the historic background, style, story and setting, fabled performers, and special attributes of each of San Diego Opera's 2014 productions. With photos, videos and recordings to enhance his explorations, his preview of Rugero Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci* will offer insights for both longtime opera buffs and curious newcomers. SCHULMAN AUDITORIUM AT CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY, 1775 DOVE LANE, CARLSBAD. 10AM SATURDAY.

Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash

The Laguna Playhouse presents a tribute of over 30 songs by the legendary "Man in Black," including "I've Been Everywhere," "I Walk the Line," and the title song. Steve Steiner directs.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON RD., LAGUNA BEACH 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM SATUR-

DAYS & SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 2.

San Diego Opera: Leoncavallo's Pagliacci

"Crazed clown murders wife in front of live audience" is what the headlines would have screamed after the jealous Canio stabs his wife Nedda and her lover to death in a jealousy-driven rage while performing a comedy before an audience of shocked Italian villagers. One of the most powerful operas in the repertoire, *Pagliacci* is gut-wrenching as Tonio, a member of the traveling troupe of players rejected by Nedda, sees her with another man and tells Canio how to get vengeance. In the famous aria "Vesti la giubba", Canio applies his clown make-up saying that the show must go on, but creates his own tragic ending. Debuting artists Romanian soprano Adina Nutescu, a consummate actress at the Paris Opera, Metropolitan Opera and Florence, and powerful Brazilian baritone Rodolfo Giugliani, join Uruguayan tenor Carlo Ventre, fresh from successes at Covent Garden, Hamburg and the Verona Arena. Yves Abel, following his great success leading *The Daughter of the Regiment* last season, returns to conduct with Andrew Sinclair directing this extraordinary production. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. 7PM SATURDAY & TUESDAY.

Tea with Mrs. Roosevelt
Women's Empowerment International (WE) presents Sherrie

Colbourn's one-act, two-women performance: Investigative reporter Lorena Hicks, famous for her coverage of the Lindbergh kidnapping, has tea with Eleanor Roosevelt. Colbourn directs.

NORTH COUNTY ASSISTANCE LEAGUE, 2068 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-7532. 2:30PM SATURDAY.

The 39 Steps

Due to popular demand, Lamb's Players Theatre has moved its production 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 THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23.

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Blood on the page

A showcase from director-star Ralph Fiennes, he of the fierce visage and pleading eyes. First, it is a visual marvel — the framing is now theatrical, now unobtrusive, but always masterful and appropriate. Second, it is a triumph of characterization. Nobody makes speeches; nobody has to. Fiennes plays Charles Dickens, the James Franco of his time — writer, director, actor, thinker, celebrity, activist, you name it. The sort who

could pull in a crowd just to hear him read from his own work. But despite the opinion of this story's Mrs. Dickens, he was not simply a maker of entertainments; there was blood on the page and passion in his loins. Which brings us to *The Invisible Woman*'s tertiary virtue: the story of how a Great Man wooed a young mistress against the backdrop of Victorian mores and his own family. Felicity Jones ably portrays the mistress through both the seduction and the haunted aftermath.

— Matthew Lickona

INTERVIEW WITH GIMME SHELTER WRITER-DIRECTOR RON KRAUSS AND SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTER FOUNDER KATHY DIFIORE

In 2009, filmmaker Ron Krauss (*Puppies for Sale*, *Alien Hunter*) paid a visit to his brother in New Jersey. While there, he learned about a shelter for young mothers, just a mile away. He decided to stop by, “with no agenda or intention.” But what he saw there eventually led him to make *Gimme Shelter*, the story of Apple (Vanessa Hudgens), a teenage girl who flees an abusive home only to wind up alone and on the streets. She finds refuge in a shelter much like the one Krauss visited, but even there, she encounters crises both within and without.

Matthew Lickona: Kathy, you’ve said that, in the past, you were hesitant to

take part in media coverage of your work. What led you to say yes on this project?

Kathy DiFiore: When Ron came to visit, I opened my door and listened to what he had to say. When he proposed the idea [of a film], I didn’t like it, because I like our privacy — I’m very protective of the girls. I’ve never gone out and given speeches — it’s just the

work. Help the work; help the girls. But Ron is a very special guy, very sensitive, very

compassionate. I didn’t want to trust him — he’s from Hollywood, and I’m sorry to say it, but the image of Hollywood is that you don’t trust these people.

Ron Krauss: Actually, I’m from New York.

KD: Okay, that’s different. But I kept hearing this buzzer in my head: *Trust him*. So I put him through the litmus test, which is the mothers. These young women have led hard lives. They’ve been conned by the best. And they really liked him. They told him more about themselves than they told me. That made me realize that God wanted me to work with him. Maybe it was time to change. Maybe it was time to get the message out.

ML: Ron, I was struck by the scene in the hospital where Apple’s mom (Rosario Dawson) is pleading with her to come home. Mom drops her controlling persona and opens up about her own suffering, her own struggles with single motherhood. She makes herself vulnerable to Apple, hoping to gain her sympathy. But Apple won’t hear it. Could you tell me about that scene?

RK: First of all, her mother is a prostitute and a meth addict. We don’t know what Apple has been put through, but when the movie opens, she’s hiding in the bathroom, and we see that her mom beats her. She’s given her mother enough chances. She wants to find a way for herself to have a better life and



The Invisible Woman: Apparently, Victorian beachwear left a great deal to the imagination.

not be her mother. Her mother tells her, “You are me. There is no better life.” And Apple is saying, “I don’t think so. I can have a better life.”

We actually shot that scene six months after everything else. We tested the movie, and most people were saying, “We really want to know more about the mother-daughter relationship. So I wrote that scene, and Vanessa and Rosario came back and got back into character again. It was challenging, but they did such a good job — Vanessa reacting to the heartbreak of her mother. She was just incredible.

ML: One of the young mothers decides she doesn’t want to stay in the shelter; she feels she’s being exploited for charity. What do you say to that kind of claim?

RK: Some of the girls would actually say that while I was there. And they would just leave. That’s why I put it in the script.

KD: We try to get the girls to understand that by staying, they’ll learn new skills and be a better mother. But some of them just can’t see it. They’re maybe what you would call ‘runners’ — they get on to the next environment, and

when they don’t like that, they run again. One of the things that the shelter director says in the film that I also say is, “Stop dancing with your demons. Throw that garbage out of your life and let us help you.” But for some, they’ve been so abused and manipulated that they just see everybody doing the same thing to them. It’s become part of their DNA.

ML: Anytime you do a film in which a mother chooses to go ahead with a crisis pregnancy and not get an abortion, you’re probably going to have someone saying it’s propaganda. How would you respond to that?

RK: You could take the film *Knocked Up* and call it a pro-life movie, just because she kept her baby. Anytime that’s part of the tapestry of the story, you’re touching on the subject of a very personal issue. It’s what each moviegoer brings inside of them to a movie. But the movie is not an abortion movie. It’s not about whether she keeps the baby or not. This movie cuts to a deeper level of human compassion, and love, and family. It really touches on, “What is the definition of family today?” and “What is the face of

homelessness today?” A film like this is not specifically about the shelters or the girls but about the general message of helping somebody, taking initiative. Our society needs more understanding about helping other people and less about helping ourselves.

KD: This movie is about motherhood and babies and families and the culture that has divided us. It’s not a movie; it’s a movement. [More at sandiegoreader.com]

— Matthew Lickona

STRONG LINEUP AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL

“What would I be if I weren’t strong?” asks one of the characters in director Jeremy Teicher’s *Tall as the Baobab Tree*. Strength is a quality that reverberates throughout the six films to be screened this weekend as part of the fourth annual Human Rights Watch Film Festival at the Museum of Photographic Arts.

The festival runs from January 23 through 27. Tickets are \$8, with discounts available to students, seniors, military, and MoPA members. For more information and a complete list of films, visit mopa.org/hrwff.

Why not make Sunday a dinner-and-two-movies escape? Submitted for your approval, a superb late-afternoon double-feature with enough time sandwiched between the films for you to grab a sandwich.

In the Shadow of the Sun — There is a spot on God’s green earth, Ukerewe Island in Tanzania, to be exact, where witch doctors continue to prescribe the severed limbs of albinos as good-luck charms to patients looking for eternal

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prosperity. After a rash of 43 murders, two men with albinism — Vedastus, a teenager wanting desperately to make his way in the world, and Josephat, a lifelong advocate against injustice and leader of the Ukerewe Albino Society — set about the countryside to seek out and warn as many of the 170,000 villagers born without “protective pigment” as possible of the immediate danger. Filmed over the course of six years, Harry Freeland’s sole-scorching “walk in my shoes” documentary paints a brutally uncompromising portrait that includes moments of unforgettable triumph (Josephat’s strength and fervor as he tries to convince the locals that albinism is not the work of the devil) along with several images my brain will never degauss, try as I might.

The 3 p.m. screening will be followed by a Q&A with Shantha Rau Barriga, director of the Disability Rights Program, Human Rights Watch.

Tall as the Baobab Tree — Someone has to pay the hospital bill after a fall from the titular topiary sidelines Coumba’s (Dior Ka) older brother. Their father not only deems her time better spent doing her brother’s work than in a classroom, but also (in order to raise quick cash) arranges to marry off Coumba’s 11-year-old sister. Not wanting the villagers to view education as a roadblock to enlightenment, Coumba refuses to follow her teacher’s advice that she turn the matter (and her parents) over to the authorities before venturing into the big city to find work. The world Teicher presents is as foreign and remote to many of us as any galaxy far, far away, but the fight to save someone you love is universal. Coumba’s tale of heartbreak, delicately portrayed in plainspoken, unsentimental tones by a cast of nonprofessionals, packs an emotional wallop.

The 7 p.m. screening will be followed by a Q&A with Dustin Sharp, assistant professor at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at USD, and Anita Raj, director of UCSD’s Center of Gender Equality and Health.

— Scott Marks

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. (AMC MISSION VALLEY; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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 proceedings are devoted to Ron’s ridiculous personal life, ‘80s callbacks, and an endless barrage of gags. It’s very likely that you’ll laugh at some of them. Possibly in spite of yourself. With Christina Applegate. 2013. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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-scream-fests that make up Tracy Letts’ 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 *thee-a-tuh*,

thank God for the movies! With Julia Roberts, Ewan McGregor, and Chris Cooper, the latter managing to emerge with his dignity intact. 2013. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Her — Spike Jonze (*Where the Wild Things Are*) continues his intrepid exploration of your inner man-child, this time with a barely futuristic story about Theodore, a lonely guy (played by an opaque but vulnerable Joaquin Phoenix) who falls in love with his smart new operating system. “If you love your tech so much, why don’t you marry it?” is no longer a (bad) joke, especially when your tech has the voice of Scarlett Johansson. Surprise, surprise, it turns out that matter matters in a relationship, and not just because it gives a guy a place to input his dongle. As usual, the sci-fi fireworks are there to illuminate the shadowy landscape of present-day humanity: the alienation in the midst of connectivity, the uncertainty about what qualifies as being In Real Life, and oh yes, the little-boy self-absorption that makes dealing with other people so very hard. With Amy Adams. 2013. ★★ ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Caught in the Web — As bold departures go — this is the director Chen Kaige’s second nonperiod picture in over two decades — it’s an exhilarating experience to behold; there’s not an off-balance ‘Scope frame or mistimed cut in this rapid-fire, multicharacter drama. On the bus ride home following a routine checkup that brought to light a terminal illness, a young Chinese secretary (Yunyan Gao) refuses to vacate her seat for a senior, thus becoming the subject of a cell-phone video and its accompanying viral notoriety. Kaige (*Farewell My Concubine*), a master of austerity, not hilarity, can’t give his film the edgy *oomph* needed to transform it into the balls-out satire it so rightly deserves to be. (The biggest comedic roadblock is the

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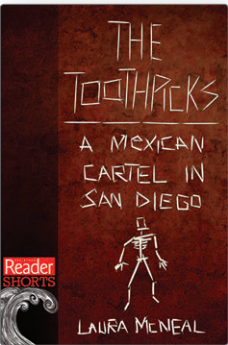
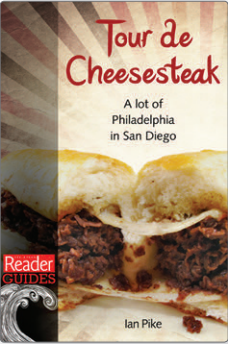
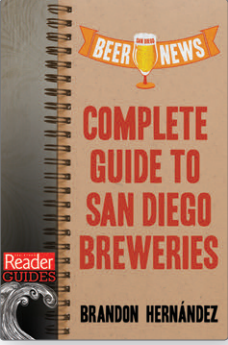
peace treaty between his antagonistic parents (Richard Jenkins, Catherine O’Hara). An acerbic jab at modern monogamy and romantic commitment. 2013. 88 minutes. Rated R. **Tuesday, January 28, 6:00pm**

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Greg Sestero (*The Disaster Artist*) Greg Sestero, author of *The Disaster Artist: My Life Inside The Room, the Greatest Bad Movie Ever Made*, will be discussing and signing his book at Perks Café in the UC-San Diego Bookstore. Sestero will also be screening his new behind-the-scenes documentary on the making of Tommy Wiseau’s infamous cult film, *The Room* and hosting an interactive audience reading of the film’s script. About the book: The story of how a mysterious misfit got past every roadblock in the Hollywood system to achieve success on his own terms: a \$6 million cinematic catastrophe called *The Room*. *The Disaster Artist* is Greg Sestero’s laugh-out-loud account of how Tommy Wiseau defied every law of artistry, business, and friendship to make “the Citizen Kane of bad movies” (*Entertainment Weekly*), which is now an international phenomenon, with Wiseau himself beloved as an oddball celebrity. For more information, please contact Seth Marko, UCSD Bookstore: 858-534-5778. **Friday, January 31, 5:00pm**



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Newspaper reports about the murder trial of San Diego’s Ed Fletcher III called him a scion of the Fletcher dynasty. His grandfather, the first Ed Fletcher, had done everything required of American monarchs: he rose from poverty, he acquired land, he became a millionaire, he held public office, and he fathered ten heirs.

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director's decision to keep his protagonist's prognosis a secret from the other characters.) After 30 minutes he stops trying, as social barbs are gradually replaced by more familiar themes of romantic longing. S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Gimme Shelter — Having recanted her polished Disney decency with two exercises in high-concept sleaze (*Sucker Punch*, *Spring Breakers*), Vanessa Hudgens goes for earnest drama (complete with frumpy-grungy appearance) as Apple, the abused daughter of a meth whore (a frightening Rosario Dawson). In rapid succession, Apple escapes her home, meets her (rich, conventional) dad, escapes his home, winds up in the hospital, and lands at a shelter for young women in distress. Along the way, a kindly priest (James Earl Jones!) tries to help her find some measure of earthly peace, but she has to fight to get it. The poster lets us know that director Ron Krauss has an inspiring true story on his hands, and while he does his best to smear it with the requisite grime and grit, the film, like Hudgens, brings more earnest than drama to the proceedings. Still, there are some good moments along the way. With Brendan Fraser. 2014. M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — CHECK SHOWTIMES)

I, Frankenstein — You know what was missing from the whole *Underworld* trilogy, with its eternal war between vampires and werewolves? Frankenstein. This should fix that. They did get this much right: if you were assembling a man out of parts of other men, you probably would use Aaron Eckhart's chin. 2014. (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



I, Frankenstein: Monster abs!

he, the titular Llewyn (a long-suffering Oscar Isaac) — limps along, leaving some artistic integrity here, some biological material there, some hopes and dreams in the other place. Not everybody gets to be Dylan. Not everybody even gets paid. New York City looks grayly fantastic, and the '60s folk music scene is well and truly (and thoroughly) evoked. But if you're looking for your vicarious suffering to have meaning — well, maybe listen to some folk songs. With Carey Mulligan, F. Murray Abraham, and a scene-munching John Goodman. 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Invisible Woman — Reviewed this issue. M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit — Disappointing, but only because it manages to raise hopes in the first place. Journeyman director Kenneth Branagh (*Henry V*, *Thor*) does his level best to give us a small-scale story with large-scale consequences - you

know, characters we care about, a situation of some importance, and a few gadgets and gunfights along the way — and *almost* manages it. Analyst Jack Ryan (Chris Pine, in over his head), a wounded war hero turned CIA moneywatcher, notices some funky Russian accounts and heads to Moscow to investigate. His fiancée (Keira Knightley, looking uncomfortable throughout) follows him, to see what all the sneaking's about. The central setpiece involves the bad guy (Branagh, liplessly grimacing) taking Ryan and his girlfriend out to dinner, of all things. It's a fantastic setup, but here as elsewhere, the execution is too broad, the tension is mishandled, and the action borders on the incoherent. Still, there are throwback pleasures to be had in the garish colors, ominously accented pronouncements, and moral certainties. Russians just make great bad guys. Kevin Costner luxuriates in the role of Ryan's fatherly handler. 2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Legend of Hercules — Renny Harlin (remember *The Long Kiss Goodnight*?) spills his director's paintbox all over a perfectly serviceable B movie, leaving almost no scene unstained. Wash it out, saturate it, amp it up, slow it down, and above all, have something drifting through the air — ashes, rose petals, dandelion seeds, whatever. Just make it drift, so that the rubes have something to gawk at in the 3D version. The gimmickry is both ludicrous and ugly. It's a shame, really; Harlin still knows his way around a fight scene, and the story is a spot-on riff on a certain brand of muscular Christianity — a blending of Samson and Jesus, a son of god who just needs to grow up and acknowledge his father in order to unlock his limitless potential. Star Kellan Lutz is suitably hunky and heartthrobby, the acting is suitably overbaked, and the script is suitably hokey. But oh that slo-mo. 2014. — M.L. ● (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-on-a-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. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Nut Job — A battle over a nut cart finds a fiercely independent, self-serving squirrel named Surly exiled from his local park. With *rat-de-camp* Buddy at his side, Surly is forced to venture out into the big city to gather that summer's provisions. We are mercifully spared a spate of easy testicular double-entendres, but in their place stand some of the laziest, most unimaginative fart jokes on record. I'm all for realism, but a squirrel cracking a rat during his morning stretch ain't exactly clever. That said, the breezy narrative, pliable character design and movement, fast-paced avalanche of gags, palatable color palette, and naturalistic use of 3D more than compensate for the film's one major downfall, namely: it's not funny. Laugh quotient notwithstanding, I took more delight in watching this than anything Dreamworks or Sony Animation has dropped. Peter Lepeniotis directed. Featuring the voices of Will Arnett, Katherine Heigl, Brendan Fraser, and Jeff Dunham as a mole who does a knockout impersonation of Mike Tyson. 2014. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones — The found-footage franchise heads for the barrio to investigate the world of curanderas, Catholic trinkets, mal de ojo (evil eye) and brujeria hexes. 2014. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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The Past (Le passe) — A simple story, complexly told. After a four-year absence, a man returns to face the wife and daughter he skipped out and to rub eyeballs with his dreaded replacement. By the time director Asghar Farhadi (*A Separation*) and co-writer Massoumeh Lahidji (*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 foreshadowing device. *The Past* is an emotional murder mystery that utilizes achinglly 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. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK 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-laden-enough-as-it-is jaunt in the direction of another gooey Guilt Trip. Director Stephen Frears signed it, but this picture is clearly a case of actress as auteur. Dench's illocutionary skill constitutes a classic exemplar of an actress grounding her character in the context of real-life human existence. The woman is incapable of delivering one false gesture. Spoiler alert: the seemingly adventitious autographed 8x10 of Jane Russell nailed to the Sister's wall will find its explanation in reel five. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST; READING CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Ride Along — The appeal of Ice Cube (*Trespass*, *Three Kings*) as an action star began to thaw somewhere around the time



Gimme Shelter: Vanessa Hudgens stars in the opposite of Spring Breakers

of *Torque* and the two *Are We Disinterested Yet?* kidpics. *Drive Along* is enough to put the freeze on any man's career, preferably that belonging to Mr. Cube's co-star, chatterbox Kevin Hart. To prove himself worthy of marrying Detective Cube's sister, an excitable high school security guard/avid gamer (Hart) spends a day in the passenger seat of his future-brother-in-law's cop car fielding every dirty call on the docket. Hard-to-take Hart gets off one audience busting line; the rest of his improv-babble is ferociously unfunny. Comatose Cube's phonetic dialog transcription could land him a role in an upcoming David Mamet production. Even once storied director Tim Story (*Barbershop*) can't whip anything fresh into this beat up buddy picture. Wait for television. 2014. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Saving Mr. Banks — Walt Disney spent over 20 years of his life struggling to bring author P. L. Travers' *Mary Poppins* to the screen. As if the story behind the making of Uncle Walt's greatest commercial success

didn't provide enough fodder to craft a compelling narrative, screenwriters Kelly Marcel and Sue Smith squander half of director John Lee Hancock's film in dreary flashback, serving up a beanpole backstory concerning Travers' alcoholic father who died of consumption. Live-action Disney by any other name. Emma Thompson's cartoonish take on the fussy Ms. Travers proves one must be Cruella to be kind, and Tom Hanks is probably the only actor in America the studio would trust in the role of venerated showman. Worth it for production designer Michael Corenblith's spot-on recreation of the Disney empire in the early '60s and B. J. Novak and Jason Schwartzman's whimsical performances as the "Poppins" pair of songwriting siblings, Richard and Robert Sherman. 2013. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty — 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 you'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 Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza) — Celebrated journalist Jep Gambardella (played with mournful comic pall by Tony Servillo) wrote a great novel — 40 years ago. Since then, he's been living a life of social ascendance and moral

decline, and now, in the wake of his 65th birthday blowout, he suddenly finds himself surrounded by dead things. As one of the film's more sympathetic sycophants points out, nostalgia is "the only distraction left for those who have no faith in the future." Comic relief arrives in the form of a mummified 104-year-old mother superior whose sole tip for longevity is "eat your roots," something these cannibalistic roysterers have been doing for decades. Director Paolo Sorrentino puts enough energy into his elastic camerawork and boomerang editing patterns to power three features, and while his nostalgic arrow to the past never finds its bull's eye, *The Great Beauty* remains a great beauty: an imposing tribute paid to a city, an age, a mindset, and a certain tendency in Italian cinema. It's also the greatest echo of Fellini since *Mean Streets*. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

The Wolf of Wall Street — Martin Scorsese's latest, most outrageous essay on common denominators living the life of upscale, drug-enhanced, and power-infested businessmen to the manner born. Set to the tune of the Master's metronome camera moves, protagonist and unrepentant jerk Jordan Belfort's (Leonardo DiCaprio) first day on the job in a strip-mall penny-stock shithole finds him delivering a master class on how to "sell garbage to garbage men." The energy level in this scene and in Belfort's hilarious third-act, time-released Quaalude crawl suggests the work of a director in his early 30s, not that of a man who just turned 71. Belfort is Scorsese's ultimate surrogate auteur, an evangelical trafficker in power, preaching moxie to his ductile minions. But film remains a collaborative medium, and it would have been nice if screenwriter Terrence Winter hadn't written any scenes whose only purpose was to suck up to the director. Actor-wise, it's Leo's show, and the script calls for the actor to dominate every scene, leaving the supporting cast little to do but bounce off him. It's the weakest entry in Scorsese's cocaine trilogy - which began with *Goodfellas* and *Casino* - but running third in that company is no mean feat. 2013. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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Rated) Fri. 6:30, 9:30 Sat. (11:30, 2:30) 9:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 8:30; **Lone Survivor** (R) Fri,-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Ride Along** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:00; **The Nut Job** (PG) Fri,-Sat. (11:15) 6:45, 9:15 Sun. (11:15) 6:45; **The Nut Job in 3D** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (1:30, 4:00); **The Wolf of Wall Street** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:30) 4:15, 8:00

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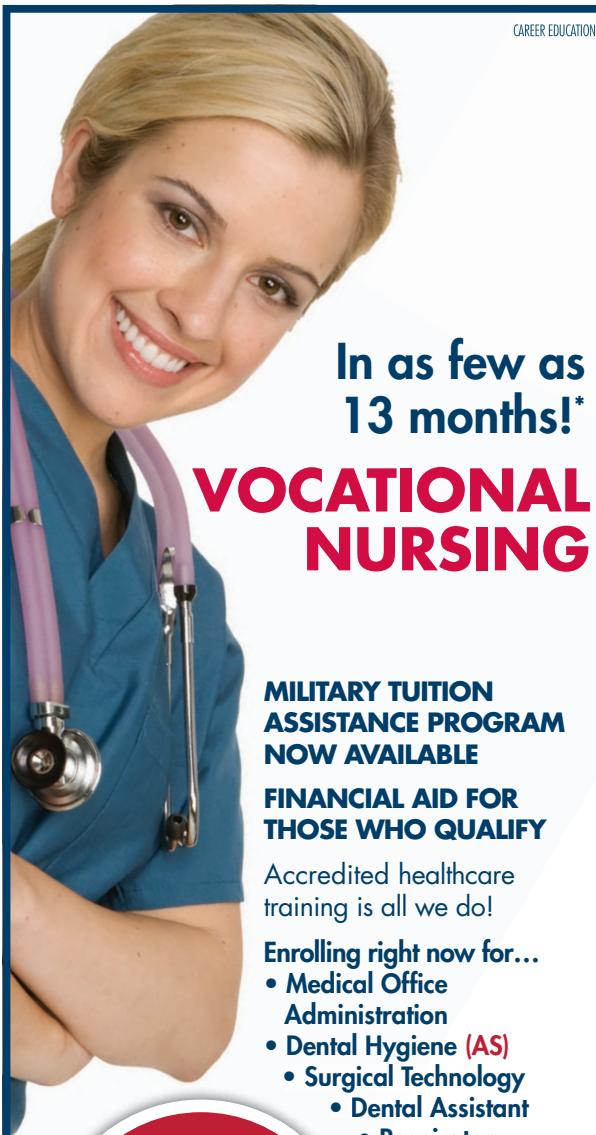
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to carry liability for the dog on her home-insurance policy for \$500,000 minimum. They also ordered that the pit bull be neutered.

BRUCE KAUFFMAN

SOUTH PARK

Shotgun in the closet

U.S. Marshals nab suspect from Beech Street rental

Agents of the U.S. Marshals Service raided a house in South Park on Wednesday, January 15, at 4:30 p.m., arresting at least one occupant and detaining two others while they searched the house.

Ten armed officers, wearing green flak vests over casual attire, served a warrant at 1505 Fern Street, at the corner of Beech. A number of the windows in the building were papered over inside. Neighborhood residents walked past as the large group of armed men

surrounded the property, and few lingered.

The large Craftsman home is split into multiple rental units, and while officers quickly gained entry to dwellings at the front of the house, they encountered some difficulty opening a door on the southeast corner of the house, facing Beech Street. They handcuffed a male and female resident in the house's yard as they secured the rest of the house and focused on the rear entry.

Officers took note of a security camera mounted over the locked door, while their attempts to communicate with any inhabitants within went disregarded.

The team of marshals proceeded to force entry, weapons drawn, loudly announcing their presence. From within the house, shouts and a scream could be heard. Moments after, the marshals led out a young woman wearing a dark shirt and red shorts, hands cuffed behind her back. Another marshal exited the house carefully carrying a black shotgun.

The woman, who appeared to be in her early 20s, claimed she had been "shocked"

repeatedly and was insisting she hadn't done anything wrong, that she had been taking a shower while they were knocking. In response, one of the marshals asked her why she had been hiding in a closet with the shotgun when they entered. Crooked rulers. She claimed to have been hiding out of fear and said she had no knowledge there was a shotgun in the closet.

IAN ANDERSON

MISSION BEACH

Zip-line races by March 1 in Belmont Park

Previous leaseholder in bankruptcy

The California Coastal Commission on January 10 approved another attraction for Mission Beach's Belmont Park — a 300-foot zip-line.

The zip-line and a laser-tag arena that's already approved and under construction will be operational on March 1, according to Stacy Warner, director of sales and marketing for Eat Drink Sleep, a Pacific Beach-based hospitality-management company that is

working on the project.

Belmont Park was acquired by Pacific Enterprises in November 2012. The investment company partnered with Eat Drink Sleep to run the amusement park. Pacifica isn't saying how much it paid for the loan it purchased. The property ended up in bankruptcy in 2011 after previous leaseholder Tom Lochtefeld reportedly got into a dispute with the City over the rent.

Lochtefeld took over the seven-acre park in 2000 and, by all accounts, revived it. Last year, the park added a miniature-golf course (at \$8.95 a game) and opened a sushi restaurant, Cannonball, where the 'Canes nightclub used to be. Plans for the site include a new arcade, a new restaurant that will be named "Draft," and the zip-line.

"There's actually going to be two of them side-by-side, about 30 feet up, and the riders will race against each other," Warner said.

The 89-year-old roller-coaster will continue to anchor the amusement park.

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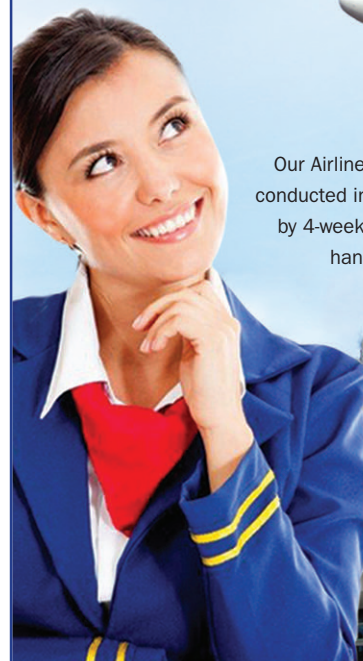
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- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
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Across

1. Senior ____ Tour
4. [Nothing but net]
9. "That's something!"
14. Start of many church names
15. Brunch time, perhaps
16. To ____ phrase
17. What's seen at a recently destroyed bakery?
19. Pitched well
20. Turner on screen
21. Pulitzer-winning biographer ____ Bird
22. Cybill's role on "Moonlighting"
23. "You can't teach ____ dog..."
25. Wilson of Wilson Philips
27. Numbers yet to be crunched
30. Sign painter's aid
33. Texas city named for a Ukraine city
35. "Just playin' with ya!"
36. Words before and after "what"
39. Reason why the alimony check never arrived?
42. Family nickname
43. Tax time VIPs
45. The Cars singer Ric
47. Excited
50. Deli order
54. Last name in skin care
56. "Goosebumps" series author
57. Wasted
59. Busy airport
62. "____ Small World"
63. Milk: Prefix
64. Impale computer whizzes?

66. Electronic monitor site
67. Nonsensical
68. Unsafe?
69. Months in Madrid
70. Craps and pool table surfaces
71. Geog. high points

Down

1. Wood the "Mona Lisa" is painted on
2. South America's French ____
3. "You ____ free to move about the cabin"
4. Philharmonic sect.
5. 10,080 minutes
6. Ancient Andean
7. 2012 NHL Hall of Fame inductee Joe ____
8. "____ Pinafore"
9. Gas station figure
10. Harry who came through Ellis Island in 1914
11. Prevail in a raffle that's offering house attachments?
12. "That's ____ haven't heard!"
13. Dwyane of the NBA
18. He's found in books
22. TV star with a Mandinka warrior haircut
24. Miami-____ County
26. Words that follow "cool" or "quiet"
28. Lone Star State nickname
29. Inclined
31. "Rocky ____"
32. Mormon Church initials.
34. The Kings of the NBA, on scoreboards

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36. "Nasty!"
37. Big hairy one
38. Security devices that get installed in the middle of spring?
40. The Wildcats of the NCAA
41. A century in Washington: Abbr.
44. Where Starbucks was founded
46. Suri Cruise's mom
48. List for a new hire
49. Japanese vegetable
51. Soap alternative
52. Ajar
53. Wild things
55. French wine region
57. Exploding cigar sound
58. Actress Diane
60. Russia's ____ Mountains
61. Hunched (over)
64. Alternative to .jpg
65. Mike Ditka and Ozzie Newsome, for two: Abbr.

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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

EASY:								
	5	1			4	2		8
4	6			8				9
8				1	6			
		5	6	9		8	2	7
3	7	9		2	5	1		
			3	7				2
6				5			7	3
5		7	4			9	8	

HARD:								
				5				2
8				1				
				4	3	5	1	
1	5						4	
	6	3				7	5	
	4						2	8
	8	2	5	9				
				6				4
9			1					

- 4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our **new** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

MEDIUM:								
	6					3		8
		5		7	8			
		8	9		2	5		
		7		3		6		5
	8			9			3	
6		4		5		9		
		3	6		4	7		
			5	1		8		
2	9					4		

EVIL:								
7	4				8		9	
				2		3		1
			7					4
							6	2
		1		9		7		
9	3							
1				2				
5		4		7				
	9		8				1	6

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:								
6	9	8	4	2	7	3	1	5
1	7	2	5	8	3	4	6	9
3	5	4	9	6	1	7	2	8
7	1	9	3	5	8	2	4	6
8	3	6	2	9	4	5	7	1
4	2	5	7	1	6	9	8	3
2	8	3	1	7	9	6	5	4
5	4	1	6	3	2	8	9	7
9	6	7	8	4	5	1	3	2

MEDIUM:								
9	1	2	6	3	7	4	5	8
4	6	8	1	2	5	7	3	9
5	7	3	4	8	9	1	6	2
6	4	1	2	9	8	5	7	3
7	8	9	5	1	3	6	2	4
3	2	5	7	4	6	8	9	1
2	3	7	8	5	4	9	1	6
1	5	4	9	6	2	3	8	7
8	9	6	3	7	1	2	4	5

HARD:								
9	7	4	3	1	5	6	8	2
5	3	6	8	9	2	4	7	1
1	2	8	7	6	4	9	5	3
4	5	3	2	8	1	7	9	6
8	6	1	9	5	7	2	3	4
7	9	2	6	4	3	5	1	8
6	1	7	4	3	9	8	2	5
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3	4	9	5	2	8	1	6	7

EVIL:								
8	9	7	1	2	4	3	5	6
5	1	3	8	7	6	4	2	9
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9	3	2	7	8	5	6	1	4
6	7	8	4	9	1	2	3	5
1	5	4	3	6	2	7	9	8
2	4	1	6	3	9	5	8	7
7	6	5	2	1	8	9	4	3
3	8	9	5	4	7	1	6	2

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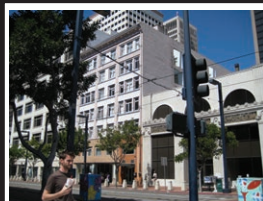
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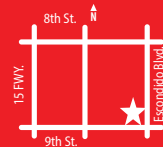
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Recurring Themes

— Among America’s most prolific “fathers” (in this case, perhaps better considered “egg-fertilizers”) are Nathaniel Smith, age 39, who claimed on TV’s *Divorce Court* in September that he is the father of 27, and the late Samuel Whitney, whose grown stepdaughter Lexie Woods learned that he claimed 54 before he died in July at age 87. Smith (known in Dayton, Ohio, as “Hustle Simmons”) insisted that he is a fine father (doesn’t smoke or

drink, keeps contact with most of the kids, has “only” 21 child-support orders out), and besides, he told WHIO-TV, “I know of people who have even more than me.” (Among Whitney’s belongings, said Woods, were a “pile” of birth certificates and a stash of maximum-strength Viagra. “He was a likable man, a ladies’ man.”)

Collateral Damage

— In October, a 28-year-old man, reeling from a domestic argument in Port Richey, Fla., put a gun to his head and, against his girlfriend’s pleas, fired. As a neighbor across the street stood on her porch, the suicide bullet left the victim’s head and made three wounds on the neighbor’s leg, sending her to the hospital.
— About a week later, on the Norwegian island of Vesteroy, a moose hunter missed his target but hit an obscured cottage in the distance, wounding a man in his 70s as he answered nature’s call. He was airlifted to Ullevaal University Hospital in Oslo.
— In November, barely two weeks after a small plane carrying ten skydivers left no survivors when it crashed on the way to an exhibition near Brussels, Belgium, nine skydivers were able to dive for safety when two planes headed for a tandem jump collided near Superior, Wis. News stories did not address how experienced skydivers

escaped one plane but not the other.

Animal Sacrifice in America

— In September, Orthodox Jewish communities once again staged traditional *kapparot*, in which chickens are killed in a prescribed way for the purpose of “transferring” a believer’s latest sins over to the chicken (whose death banishes the sins). (In many such ceremonies, the chickens are donated for food, but protesters in Los Angeles criticized rogue practitioners who simply tossed carcasses in the trash.)
— In November, Miami-Dade County animal services found a severely injured chicken with a family’s 4-by-6 photograph protruding from its chest, having been haphazardly “implanted,” along with a note containing several hand-written names, apparently a casualty of local Santeria services.

Trade This!

— Some Americans still believe that stock market sales are typically made human-to-human, but the vast majority of buys and sells now are made automatically by computers, running pattern-detecting programs designed to execute millions of trades, in some cases, less than one second before rival computer programs attempt the same trades. In September, a Federal Reserve Board crisis in-

volved, at most, seven milliseconds’ time. The Fed releases market-crucial news typically at exactly 2 p.m. Washington, D.C., time, tightly controlled, transmitted by designated news agents via fiber optic cable. On Sept. 18, somehow, traders in Chicago reportedly beat traders elsewhere to deal an estimated \$600 million worth of assets — when theoretically, access to the Fed’s news should have been random. (In other words, the drive to shave milliseconds off the “speed of light” has become quite profitable.)

They Call It “Dope” for a Reason

— In November, Michael Brown, 19, became the most recent person with poor decision-making skills forced to report to a police station (this, in College Station, Texas) in the middle of the night to ask that officers please remove the handcuffs he had been playing around with. (Following the officers’ mandatory records check, it was learned that Brown had an arrest warrant for criminal mischief, and, following a mandatory search, that he also had two ounces of marijuana in his pocket.)

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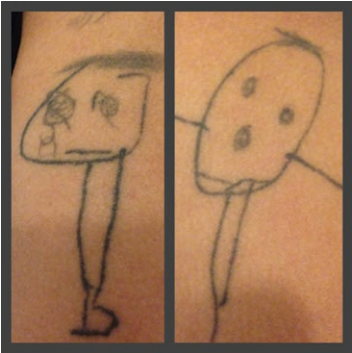
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"pop top" (2 words)

LAST WEEK'S HIDDEN PHRASE

dad's head



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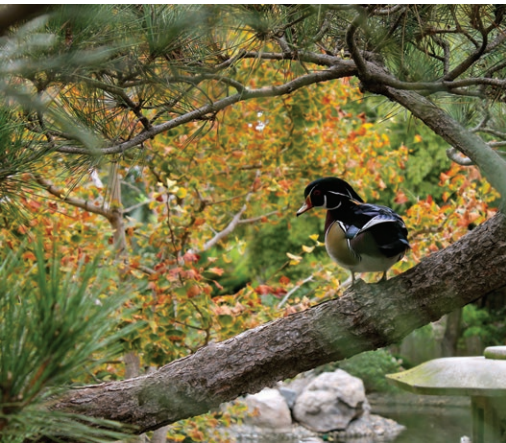
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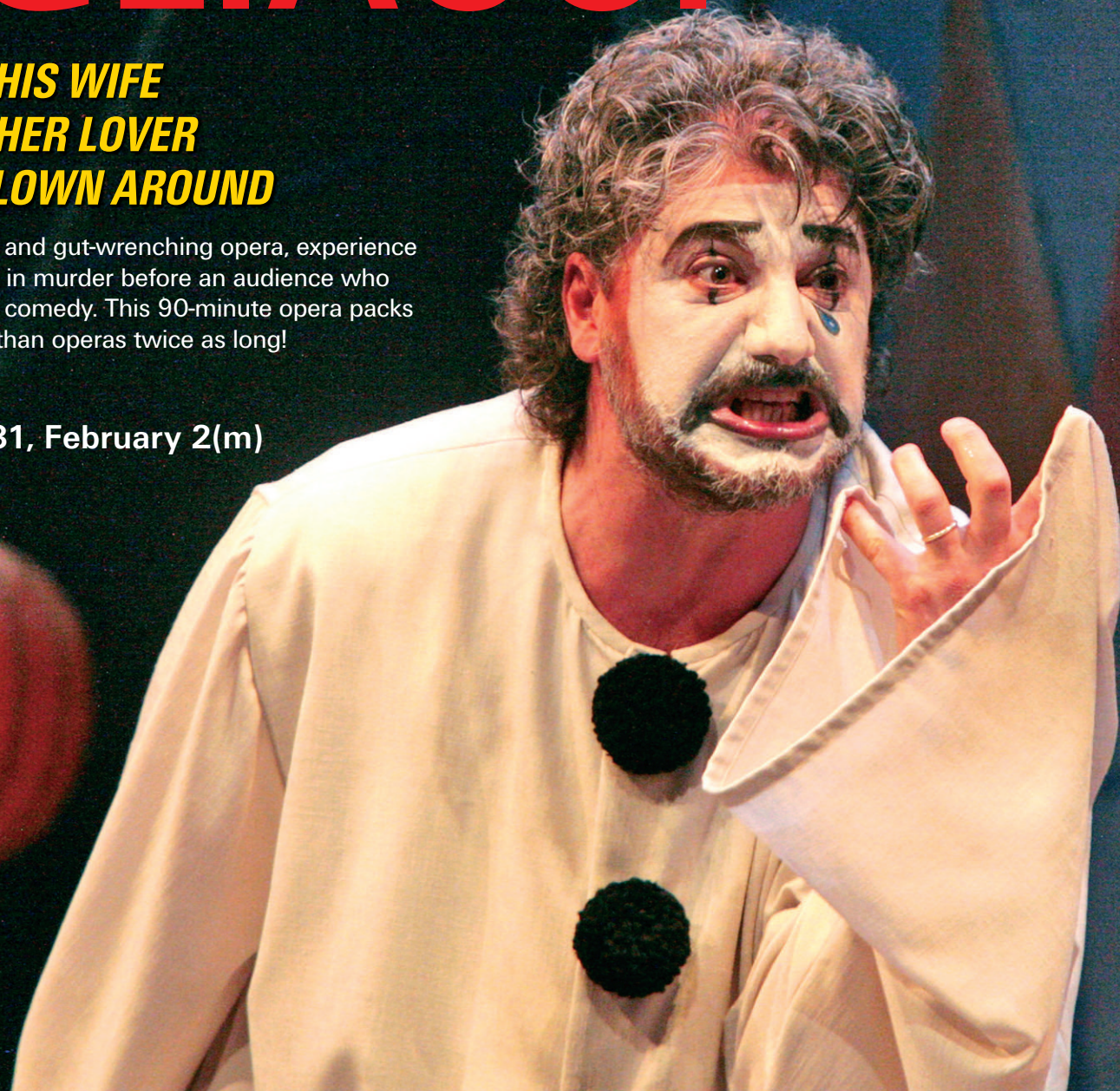
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