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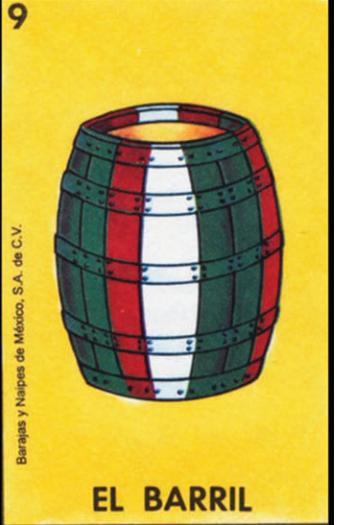
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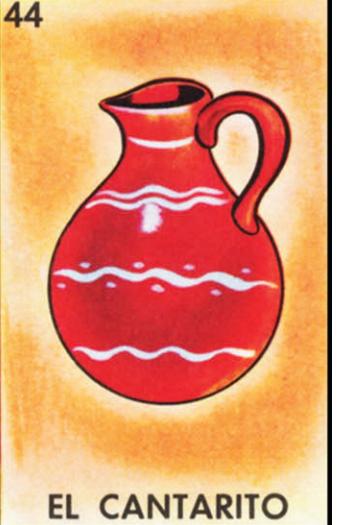
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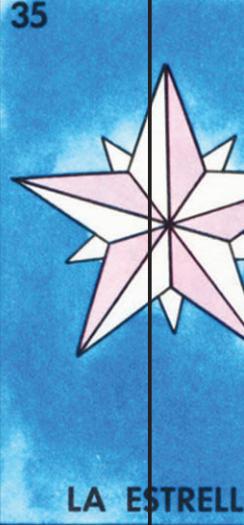
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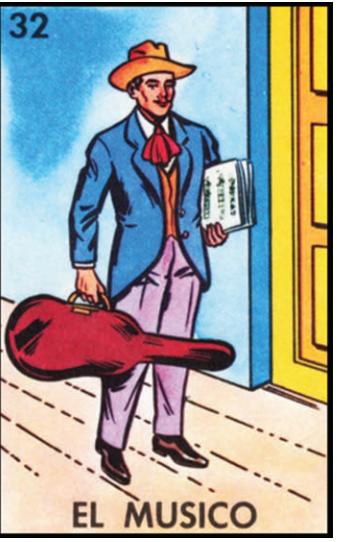
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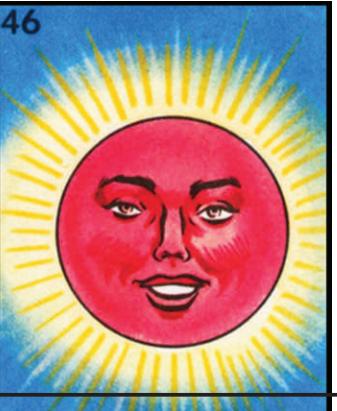
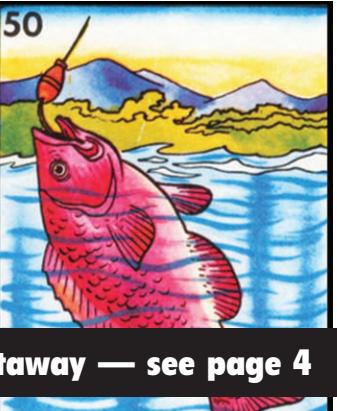
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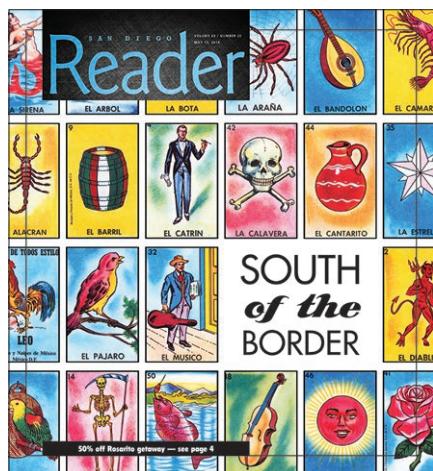
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(ERROR IN LAST WEEK'S CONTEST)

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(articles, listings, or classifieds)
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NEWS TICKER

POW! Have some brain damage

Dinner date didn't end so well. William Henry McElroy, 23, pleaded not guilty to felony battery causing serious injury in court on May 7.

According to the testimony of officer T. Eikermann, McElroy admitted that he hit a man identified as "Kyle" once in the face, but he expressed remorse and explained that



William McElroy admitted punching the victim but said he didn't mean to cause injury.

he did not mean to cause injury.

The altercation happened on November 22, 2013, in a trailer park located at 400 N. Melrose Avenue in Vista.

McElroy said he'd had dinner with a woman whom both men had dated, and when he pulled up at the woman's home to drop her off he saw a man waiting there. McElroy said the man became angry, according to the deputy.

The alleged victim, Kyle, testified that he was standing by his car under a carport when he was approached by a man whom he had never seen before.

"He got up in my face. He was very irate," according to Kyle. "I was trying to talk him down. I didn't want a problem."

Kyle, 26, who described himself as 6'1" and 175 pounds, said the other man was taller and larger.

The irate man turned away and "that's the last thing I remember," Kyle said. "I remember his back to me, and then I woke up on the ground."

He had a cut on the back of his head and chipped teeth and he was taken away by ambulance.

Defense attorney Tom Connolly said, "This was a fight over a girl, that's what it was." Connolly suggested that the men exchanged words and there was a single punch and that Kyle got hurt when his head hit the ground.

Eva Knott

Crackdown on college kids

Code-enforcement officer requested for neighborhood

College Area residents are calling on the city to hire a full-time code-enforcement officer to patrol neighborhoods for violations. Examples of some types of code violations rampant

By Reader staff writers

around San Diego State University include houses with more than five occupants, parking violations, old furniture used for outside seating, and trash.

The need for a dedicated code-enforcement office in the College Area is not a new request. In previous years, saddled by a structural budget deficit, the city council slashed budgets in many departments, including code enforcement. To help pick up the slack, residents and the city created a volunteer code-enforcement program. To date, volunteers continue to conduct enforcement sweeps. After spotting potential violations, the group contacts the property owners and urges them to enter into compliance.

But the volunteers can only do so much. Now residents say it's time for the city to step up.

"As one example of the huge backlog at [Code Enforcement Services], a [code enforcement] volunteer group has identified 250 code violations visible from the street in the College Area," reads the petition. "The volunteers send two informational letters asking that the violation be corrected. If the violation continues after the [second] letter, [code enforcement] investigates



SDSU frat houses may be in violation of city codes, but there aren't enough enforcement officers to make them comply.

and assesses a fine. [Code enforcement] can only investigate five cases a month, although already 70 properties have been sent a [second] letter and half of those have been referred...due to continuing violations."

As of May 6, 459 residents signed a petition to present to councilmembers for consideration while drafting this year's budget.

Dorian Hargrove

The rape of the ratepayers

Guess who's paying the \$3.3 billion bill? San Diego attorneys Mike Aguirre and Mia Severson are vehemently protesting another move by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to fleece ratepayers over the closing of the San Onofre nuclear power plant.

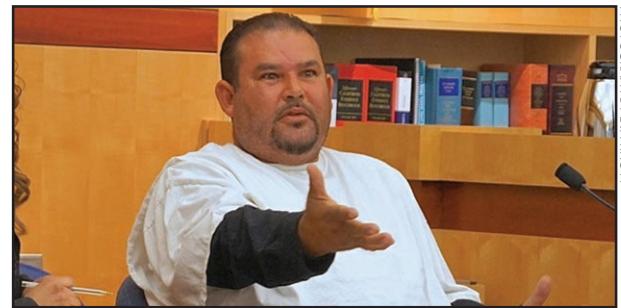
They note in a document filed May 5 that over a period of nine months, the CPUC's Office of Ratepayer Advocates, the Utility Reform Network (TURN), Southern California

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COURTESY RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF

Robert James Lynch's booking photo.



PHOTOGRAPH BY EVA KNOTT

"I turned around and that's when he put the gun on me," carjacking victim Conrad said.

have been working together four years, and the dog stays at Cruz's home during off hours. When he puts a certain collar onto Shark, the dog knows he is working, Cruz said.

That windy afternoon, Shark led deputies to one of the trash dumpsters behind the buildings at the shopping center. The chosen dumpster was behind a movie theater, and the split lid was closed; Shark jumped on top. "He tried to get into the dumpster," the deputy remembered. Shark is a Belgian Malinois, a breed often described as high energy and intense.

Deputy Cruz brought Shark off the trash bin and called out the standard canine warning, twice.

Shark apprehends carjacker

By Eva Knott

Deputy Cruz responded immediately to scanner reports of a carjacking in progress in Bonsall. It was about 3 o'clock when he left the Valley Center sheriff's station, 20 miles away, on Wednesday afternoon, January 29. His canine partner Shark was in the back of the patrol car.

When they got to the River Village Plaza shopping center, the deputy found the wind whipping around the buildings; he looked for a protected area between buildings, for a scent that

could be lingering there. Witnesses had pointed out the path they saw the suspicious man take and the deputy chose a likely spot along that route.

In that sheltered spot,

Shark immediately displayed "behavior change," which meant the dog's head and tail left their "neutral position," according to Cruz.

The deputy and canine

Neal Obermeyer



Shark (the dog) led deputy Jeffrey Cruz to the dumpster where Lynch was hiding.

(This warning offers a suspect the chance to come out and states that the dog will bite when released.) A man suddenly popped up in the dumpster. "He opened the lid," deputy Cruz recalled.

Other officers approached the suspect while Cruz and Shark backed away; they repositioned to be ready in case the man tried to run, Cruz said. Shark waited anx-

dantly.

Conrad just arrived at the driver's side of his truck. "... turned around and that's when he put the gun on me." Conrad said he looked into the barrel of a black handgun, just inches from his head. "He was pointing it in my face. My reaction was to pull my wallet out and put it there. And he said 'No, give

except that he no longer wore a cap or a jacket. "He looked like a homeless type," Conrad said later.

Conrad was disappointed to learn that his truck was "totaled."

The U-Turn

Drivers on Highway 76 that afternoon said they saw a pickup truck try to make a wide U-turn across the road, near the intersection of South Mission, but the truck's rear wheels went off the asphalt and then the entire vehicle slid off the road and went down an embankment, into the riverbed. People driving by who witnessed the mishap pulled over to help.

A witness said he saw the driver of the truck get out and set fire to the interior of the cab, reportedly using paper and a lighter and a cigarette. Then the man closed the driver's side door and walked away, headed for the road. Another bystander yelled out that he saw a gun in the man's hand and then all the would-be-helpers got into their vehicles and drove off.

Investigators found shoe prints around the abandoned truck. According to sheriff's deputy Andrew Brumfield, the prints were remarkably clear and perfect because the ground there is sandy and moist and holds impressions well.

Lynch pulled off the carjacking at this Park and Ride lot in Bonsall.

iously for a chance to chase a target. "He works for praise; we don't do food," Cruz said.

Park and Jack

Conrad, the carjacking victim, said he was walking toward his truck when he heard a man's voice. "Yes, he asked if I had a few dollars." Conrad is a middle-aged Latino man. His red pickup was parked in the lot next to the Mobil station at the corner of Highways 76 and 395. This is the edge of Fallbrook, in the northernmost part of San Diego County.

Conrad said he answered the man. "I said, 'Maybe a

me the keys."

The stranger with the gun got into Conrad's truck and drove away, heading south on Highway 76. "After I gave him the keys I didn't hear his voice again," Conrad remembered later. He then called 911. He said it was 30 or 40 minutes later when deputies came and got him; deputies took him in the back of a patrol car to see if he could identify a suspect they had found.

Conrad rode four miles down the road, to the Bonsall shopping center. He said the suspect was the same man who stole his truck,

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Lynch pulled off the carjacking at this Park and Ride lot in Bonsall.

UNDER THE RADAR

UCSD undocumented

UC San Diego is looking to hire a new "undocumented student support services coordinator," to be "responsible for the planning, development, implementation, and assessment of programs and services to engage and support undocumented undergraduate and graduate students" at the school, according to a recent online job posting. The new hire will be involved with "the recruitment, development, enrichment, inclusion, retention, and student experience of the UC San Diego undocumented student population," the notice says. "In addition, the Coordinator is responsible for identifying and collaborating with on — and off — campus resources and partners to help undocumented students address and overcome obstacles to success and well-being."

The university is also seeking a director of "regional engagement" to manage the school's "donor development pipeline." Specifically, says the filing, "the Director will outline multi-year plans to effectively and meaningfully engage alumni and qualify them as donor prospects while deepening their propensity for advocacy and volunteer service."

Meanwhile, in other UCSD news, the school is out with final governance procedures regarding attendance at its drunk-plagued Sun God festival, to be held May 16 this year. After nearby hospitals complained of too

many student admissions from alcohol poisoning at 2013's blowout, UCSD set up a task force and hired a consultant from Texas to help it deal with the inebriation problem. New rules: attendance will be limited to bona fide UCSD students only, who will be required to wear bar-coded wristbands matching their student IDs.

Entry to the International House and Village at Torrey Pines, on-campus housing complexes, will be restricted to residents there in an attempt to shut down the wild partying of the past. And "Under



*UCSD wants a new "regional engagement" director... and fewer sh*tfaced idiots at Sun God.*

the banner 'Our Choices, Our Traditions, Our Sun God Festival,' a peer-to-peer education campaign has been launched to educate students about the risks of excessive drinking and the importance of behaving responsibly during Sun God."

Everybody loves Darrell

A top aide to Republican Congressman **Darrell Issa** enjoyed a TV star-filled jaunt from Washington to Las Vegas and back last month, thanks to the generosity of the National Association of Broadcasters. **Veronica Wong**, Issa's deputy chief of staff in charge of telecommunications, departed the capital on Sunday April 6 and returned two days later after attending NAB Show, "where content comes to life," according to an April 21 disclosure filing. The total tab, includ-

ing \$298 for hotel, \$875 airfare, and \$105.15 in meals, was \$1428.66. One night each was spent at the Encore and Wynn Las Vegas hotels, the filing says. Special events included the broadcasting hall of fame induction. "This gathering is always a highlight of the convention. You'll raise your glass to award recipients who helped our medium merit its central role in American life — 'Everybody Loves Raymond.' The cast of the show will be there to accept the award, includ-

ing **Ray Romano, Patricia Heaton, Doris Roberts, Brad Garrett and Monica Horan**, along with the show's creator, **Phil Rosenthal**." Then it was off to see the exhibits. "Explore the most cutting-edge innovations through interactive exhibits, on-floor education, live demonstrations and technology-focused pavilions. Meet with C-level executives, industry pioneers and technology gurus responsible for the development of these products and integrated solutions.

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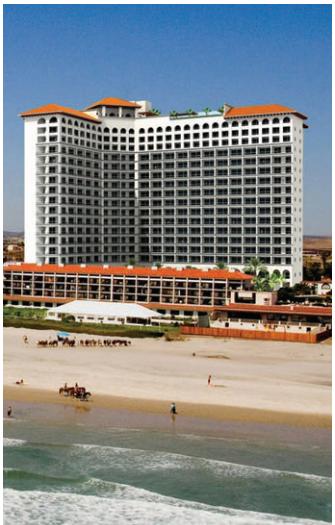
Donation deejays Soros and Jacobs usually lay down the same big money beat.

Irwin and George

Qualcomm billionaire **Irwin Jacobs**, who recently hosted a Democratic fundraiser with president **Barack Obama** at his La Jolla mansion, has deserted the party machine in at least one race this year. According to campaign disclosure records, the usually faithful liberal giver who

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Financial Rape

It would be a good idea for you to forward this article ("Electricity Refund? Not in California," City Lights, May 8) to the California State Attorney General's office, under "Utility Fraud and Ripoff."

As it is, I have had solar since 2009 and last year my Summer Rates were under \$5.00, but \$5 is what I had to pay as a minimum, and I got no end-of-year rebate.

This year my rates are \$20 to \$25. Nothing has changed; I still make the same amount of kilowatts. Now, as you say, they want us to pay for mistakes, fraud, and reuse of old parts by Edison's maintenance of the San Onofre Plant. Why should the rate payers have the burden of clean-up and tear-down? Meanwhile, the shareholders still receive their dividends. It's worse than wrong. It's financial rape by the people who are suppose to protect us — the California Public Utilities.

Edison, who claimed the facility had no problems and San Diego Gas and Electric for their part, all reap the benefits and sail off free and clear. As you have said, any lawsuits will probably go on

for many years, well past my lifetime. And, as you say, there is no refund. All their public notices are lies.

It's time the State of California, Attorney General got involved!

Carol Muszynski
Del Cerro

Disappointed

I'm calling regarding how there is no Diary of a Diva and no Ed Bedford in the May 1 issue. I'm disappointed because I love to read Ed Bedford and Diary of a Diva. I read everything else in the magazine, but the two that I read the most are those two. I also like Neighborhood News and Letters.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Self-Wrongeous

Answering Saul Harmon Gritz's letter (May 1) responding to David Child's letter (April 24) asking for a Reader section devoted to atheistic concerns.

Mr. Gritz, you seem to intend to speak for atheists, but what you write indicates that not only do you not understand what an atheist is, but you are almost certainly not one.

To shed some light: Some people, called theists, believe that there is at least one god. They can't prove it, but base their belief on faith. Some people, called atheists, believe that there is not even one god in the universe. They can't prove there is/are no god/s, but they, also, base their belief on faith.

Please note, Mr. Gritz, that atheists are not unbelievers — they believe strongly that no god exists. If you are a nonbeliever, you are not an atheist. You are the following,

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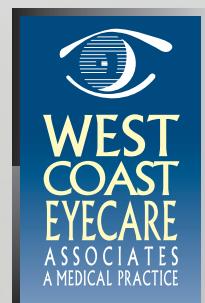
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TIJUANA

Electrical fire in the "tolerance zone"

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Breaking the otherwise wild and noisy routine in Tijuana's sketchy Zona Norte section, on May 3 a fleet of *bombero* vehicles from the fire department arrived with sirens blaring to



Bomberos on a fire call in Tijuana interrupted Saturday's usual shenanigans.

an unoccupied business structure on Avenida Constitución.

A crowd gathered and the area was quickly cordoned off by police officers while the *bomberos* went about their work. A ladder truck, a tanker, and four other vehicles from the fire department attended to the report, along with a half-dozen police vehicles that handled automobile and pedestrian traffic.

Reportedly, an electrical short had led to some smoldering materials that were consequently cast out of the building by firefighters, who handled the issue inside of the building without requiring water.

Within an hour, Zona Norte — also known as the *zona de tolerancia* (or "tolerance zone"), an approximately four-block

area in Tijuana close to the border where prostitution, gambling, drinking after hours, and other normally nefarious activities are permitted with ancillary yet limited incursion from law enforcement — returned to whatever shenanigans usually occur on Saturday nights.

DAVID ALTON DODD

TIJUANA

Baby got some drugs

Authorities say child overdoses on the rise

For the third time in six weeks, a child has been rushed to a Tijuana hospital suffering from a drug overdose, *El Sol de Tijuana* reported on May 6.

The one-year-old boy was taken by ambulance to the Red Cross trauma center, where physicians noted he was suffering from breathing difficulties and tachycardia, according to the newspaper's account. A urine sample later revealed the child tested positive for methamphetamines.

The youngster was admitted to the Red Cross hospital, where he will remain until he has fully recovered, *El Sol* reported. Afterward, the boy will be turned over to child-welfare authorities to ensure his safety.

The boy's mother, identified by *El Sol* as 36-year-old Dora Isabela Medina Olivas, was detained by police on charges of child neglect and turned over to state prosecutors for processing.

Just 28 days earlier, another one-year-old boy arrived at the Red Cross emergency room under the influence of "a psychotropic pill," *El Sol* reported.

The child's mother, identified as Cristóbal Durazno, allegedly gave her son the pill thinking it would make him go to sleep, according to an eyewitness, *El Sol* reported. Durazno was arrested on charges of child neglect.

In the third case, a baby suffered drug intoxication after breastfeeding from his drug-using mother, according to *El Sol*. The child required hospitalization and the mother was charged with child neglect.

Child-protection authorities in Tijuana have reported an increase in the number of

abandoned children or children who have been removed from their homes as a consequence of drug-using parents, according to *El Sol*.

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Empty *panga* blues

Citizen reports boatload of border broachers on Cinco de Mayo

A Mexican fishing boat reportedly loaded with 26 people came ashore near Belmont Park in South Mission Beach Monday morning, May 5, and everyone onboard got away — in part because of a witness's problems with the emergency calling system.

The witness told the U.S. Border Patrol that he called the San Diego Police Department's emergency line and was directed to call Immigration and Customs Enforcement — not the Border Patrol.

The call eventually got to the Border Patrol's dispatcher. When Border Patrol agents arrived on the scene, they found the abandoned boat with 26 life vests in it, agents confirmed. But the smugglers had long since fled. The witness said they ran past him in the parking lot near Belmont Park and got into a white van waiting to pick them up.

According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Lauren Mack, illegal immigrants are paying between \$6000 and \$10,000 per person to enter the U.S. by *panga* these days. The drivers sometimes also carry narcotics onboard. The travelers and their families pay some part of the smuggling fee in advance and the rest when the person is delivered, so the smugglers tend to hold on to their customers until the fee is paid in full.

MARTY GRAHAM

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Chief Zimmerman talks pot

"I play craps...not poker"

San Diego Police chief Shelley Zimmerman answered residents' questions about the medical marijuana law and the homeless, among other topics, at the May 7 San Carlos Area Council meeting.

John Pilch, council vice president, said that the city council approved the medical marijuana ordinance and "we've got to face" that. He asked how the police and code-enforcement departments will "gear up."

Zimmerman said, "There's a reason I play craps, not poker" and wouldn't answer



John Pilch and Shelley Zimmerman

because the issue "is working its way through" the development of policy. She added, "They better adhere to the policy, and it's against federal law."

Pilch asked if the police department was working with city attorney Jan Goldsmith about "illegal" dispensaries.

Zimmerman then spoke about Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act, which California voters approved in 1996. "I believe there are thousands of people growing it in their homes. That's what it was for. Growing a few plants, getting relief," she said.

Zimmerman spoke about complaints filed against dispensaries — such as people smoking in the strip malls where dispensaries are located. When people were "smoking, it goes in the vents."

She advised residents, "You need to go down and voice concerns. We respond to community concerns and complaints," just as the city does with those related to liquor stores.

Next, a woman said she was "not unsympathetic" to the homeless and carried power bars in her car to give away. However, she saw "homeless on the street corners almost everywhere in the city."

Zimmerman said, "I hear that at every single community meeting." The chief said

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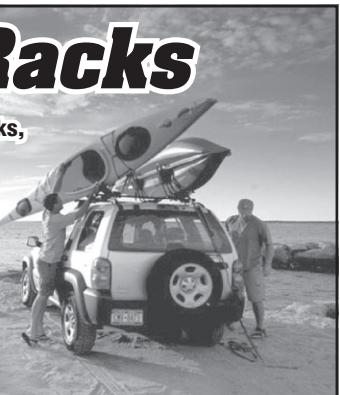
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Recovery from substance addiction and maintaining a sober lifestyle is a complex process that involves every aspect of the clients' life. Long-term substance addiction routes nearly all aspects of the users' identity and activities toward the substance abusing lifestyle. Recovery involves multiple stages of healing across multiple aspects of the clients' life.

Clients must learn to navigate physiological and psychological urges for substance use; and they must learn to successfully integrate family life, meaningful work, recreation, diet and exercise, and stress management. Environmental triggers, interpersonal conflict, faulty decision-making; and being unable to manage stress, change, and negative emotion account for a large portion of relapses. Clients will undergo changes (both positive and negative) in every area of life, with all changes creating some level of stress. While relapses are generally expected during the course of recovery, the inevitable life changes and stress can lead to ongoing cycles of relapse when clients are unable to develop appropriate coping skills.

While cognitive-behavioral therapy combined with motivational interviewing strategies are shown to be effective in helping clients recover from substance addiction, results from the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI®) personality assessment can help inform clinicians and clients about how the individual innately tends to approach the situations that could trigger relapse. The MBTI® assessment instrument can result in one of sixteen personality types. Each personality type includes information and resources that inform how individuals may approach change, respond to stress, engage in conflict and communication, choose potential college major and career routes to attain meaningful work, and make decisions. We will use the ISTP (Introversion, Sensing, Thinking, Perception) personality type

to highlight two of these areas, stress and conflict.

Stress: ISTPs can experience extreme stress when they work under rigid regulations; have too little time alone; experience unfair, illogical, or too emotional situations; or are not affirmed in their values.



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Under stress, ISTPs can become obsessed with pursuing their own logic, inaccurately interpret others' actions as personal attacks, develop intense feelings that they are being ignored, and even become alienated from others. When ISTPs experience extreme stress, it is vital that they are given plenty of space to be alone. They should be relieved of as many responsibilities as possible while they reflect and recharge. Others who are close to them should validate that the situation is stressful, but should not barrage them with questions about how they feel.

Conflict: For ISTPs, conflict can arise when they don't have sufficient time to process a situation or reflect on an important decision; when they feel they are being treated unfairly; when common sense is ignored; and when others attempt to use personal feelings to resolve a conflict. During conflict, ISTPs may withdraw into their inner world and be unable to quell their incessant thinking about their problems. They may become rigid in wanting everything to fit their logical view. ISTPs may become passive-aggressive and sarcastic, or explode with unsettling outbursts. However, ISTPs tend to be fair-minded and prone to learn from their mistakes. ISTPs can develop more flexible conflict resolution skills by gaining experience in resolving conflict with others, understanding and accepting that some people process conflict in different ways, and by learning to move on once the conflict is over. Alternatively, those close to the ISTP can learn to provide the necessary space and time for the ISTP to reflect on situations, and to provide the specific facts of a situation that the ISTP needs.

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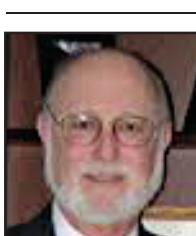
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Pictures of an Exposition, Part 2

Another proposal from the now-disbanded Balboa Park Centennial Group: San Diego, Then and Now



"The inspiration came from [gropey] Mayor Filner's efforts to restore the Plaza de Panama to its 1915 status as a grand pedestrian space. We thought, 'Why not restore other elements of the original 1915 Panama-California Exposition that gave birth to Balboa Park as we know it — but in a way that reflects our modern world?'"



"In 1915, you had live music accompanied by dancing girls who would provide a welcome distraction. Our 2015 version would include a live DJ and the most welcome distraction of all — the Charger Girls! (How will we get the Charger Girls? Read on!)"



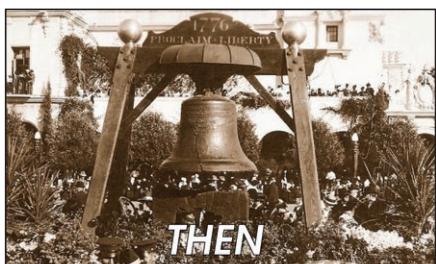
"The 1915 Exposition paid tribute to Native American culture by constructing a Pueblo Village replica, which housed real Indians! The Exposition also featured a gambling hall, which proved enormously popular. We've combined the two by constructing a Viejas casino replica, which profits real Indians! (We're pretty sure no one will miss the Botanical Building.)"



"On the public education front, the 1915 Expo featured a mock opium den, designed to illustrate the horrors of drug abuse. Our 2015 version was a no-brainer; you'd have to be totally baked to miss the message!"



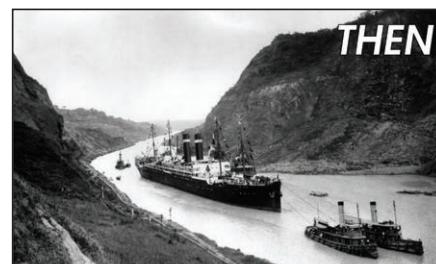
"1915: Neptune's Kingdom featured 'The Octopus or Devil Fish, that so many have read of, but which is seldom seen in captivity.' 2015: Sea World's Tilikum Tank features the Killer Whale that so many have seen in captivity, but which is devilishly insane."



"In 1915, we had the toll of the Liberty Bell to remind us of our commitment to freedom. In 2015, we have the drone of the Drones to remind us that freedom has to be balanced with the need for security, stability, and solid intelligence."



"Then: Christmas on the Isthmus. Now: December Lights! (Possible new name: the Solstice Spectacular.)"



"We saved the best for last: the original Expo featured 'the only actual working model' of the Panama Canal, 'constructed to scale.' Our proposal: a new Charger Stadium, constructed to scale. We could even leave it up after we're done — you know, just like the original buildings!"

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Mr. Hipster:

Why is it okay to use the terms "moron" and "idiot," yet "retarded" is not okay? The terms moron and idiot are former categories of retardation. Moron and idiot are used frequently in the comics and in everyday language. In fact, you used it in your column saying, "...racism actually makes your sister's idiot boyfriend less cool...." Nobody seems to complain about the use of idiot and moron; yet call somebody a "retard," and the P.C. people (and you) are all over that! I will also quote you as saying, "...that I, as your so-called hipster, am cool." Well, here is the definition of COOL (see photo).

— ALLEN

I had this coming after darning a *Clueless* reference. Let me first clarify. "Moron" entered English in the early 20th Century as a gift from eugenicist and proto-psychologist Henry Herbert Goddard. He took an earlier word, "moria," which implied a euphoric state, and used it to describe "a person with mild mental retardation" (OED). This was, of course, around the same time that, "retarded" got co-opted into roughly meaning "anybody with an IQ below 70." Intelligence testing goes hand in hand with eugenicist support for the compulsory sterilization of criminals and anybody deemed mentally inferior, which is a big part of why "retarded" has earned a justifiable odiousness in the eyes of the politically correct. For whatever reason, people don't appear to be familiar with the ugly origin of moron, but using



"retard" as an insult went out of fashion in the '90s. We actually get "idiot" from Anglo-Norman/Old French sometime in the 12th Century, and its original implication is of ignorance, not

mental deficiency. As far as I know, 20th-century psychology never applied a specific measure of mental prowess to the word.

In general, insulting someone based on an

intractable trait (race, mental handicap, etc.) is, to put it mildly, unfair. Much better to insult people based upon their voluntary choices. Personally, I like to say "that's so 2012" whenever I wish to offend.

As for the picture with you, riding the motorcycle through the literal City of Cool. I agree that it's definitively eponymous.

Dear Hipster:

Two questions. First, how did the hipster burn his mouth? Second, if I used a Melitta before it was called "pour over" does that make me hip even though I am an old man?

— JAVA MAN

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housewife because it was considered expedient over the labor-intensive coffee production methods of the day. In the last century, we have learned much. Did you know that it's impossible to make a good cup of coffee without first rinsing the filter of impurities? Also, the hot water must be poured over the ground coffee with an exaggerated swirling motion, because the volatile, female caffeo compounds respond positively to the winsome and pretentious mating dance of the properly coiffed and mustachioed male barista,

preferably wearing some sort of denim apron. Did you know that dark roasts represent coffee barbarism? Or that good coffee can only be made from single-origin beans?

Yes. We have greatly advanced our concept of coffee since Melitta Bentz invented the paper filter, and just in time, too. Imagine if people only used coffee to wake up in the morning? What kind of uncool world would that be? ■

— DJ Stevens

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They call pro Frisbee golfer Paul McBeth "McBeast."

I have former world-champion disc-golfer, Frisbee pioneer, Carlsbad resident John Kirkland on the phone. Kirkland, 67, says, "I was there at the very beginning and I'm still doing it seven days a week.

"When I came on the scene there was no scene. Now, every college has an Ultimate team and there's 2500 disc-golf courses around the planet. It's growing like crazy. I won the world championships in disc golf in '76. I'm a multi-time champion in many sports. Set world records in distance, maximum time aloft, won the overall..."

"...Floridian who went to MIT. I started the MIT [Frisbee] team. I was doing half times for the basketball team and did some Celtics halftimes. I thought, *This is the perfect venue, I get to show off, I'm indoor, there's no wind. Wouldn't it be cool if I could do this all the time?* Then, I thought, *The Globetrotters, wow, that would be perfect.* So, I pitched them, flew my partner and myself into Chicago, gave them a demo, and they said, 'Man, we've got to have you guys.' So we did 200 cities in 180 days.

I break in, "You must have been a big deal at MIT."

Kirkland laughs. "I was the *only* athlete. I'm sitting here looking at my MIT Athletic Association special achievement award, national Frisbee champion 1974. They only had two athletes when I was there. Me and a wrestler named Erland van Lidth de Jeude.

"I toured with the Globetrotters and played Frisbee all over the world. Then, in '76, when I graduated, I moved to California. That's where all the best Frisbee players were. Wham-O was in California.

"Frisbee really took off in the mid-'70s. The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)

was formed in '76, '77. I lived in Del Mar for a couple years, went to Santa Barbara for ten years, moved around playing Frisbee. My wife and I played Frisbee. Then we had kids and now they play Frisbee."

Hmm... I notice the crack in my coffee cup has gotten bigger. When did that happen? I move the cup away from my computer monitor with one hand, go to PDGA.com with the other. It's a pro, very PGA kind of website. Screams "Corporate" at you. There are World Championships, Tour Majors, the National Tour. There are A-tier events, B-tier events. C-tier events, and X-tier events. Not forgetting PDGA women's disc golf. We have Hall of Fame. We have PDGA shirts, headwear, birdie bags, PDGA patches, playing cards, stickers, not forgetting 200-plus golf-disc options ranging from 140g to 200g in weight, and a large selection of colors to brighten four types of discs (long-range driver, fairway driver, mid-range, putt, and approach). There are complete player stats, records, and history. Everything is slick, smooth, and the prize money is minuscule.

I say, "I'm looking at the Avery Jenkins [2009 world champion] profile. His 2013 winnings are \$7000 plus. This year he's won \$1072. I know he's running endorsements and clinics on the side, but to be a world champion and make seven grand is a little thin."

Kirkland says, "Disc golf is sort of like what ball golf was in the late '30s and early '40s. You were doing it because you liked doing it."

"Can you make a living at it?"

Kirkland says, "There's some money to be had. The best player is a guy named Paul McBeth. They call him 'McBeast.' He's won the last two world championships. He's the highest-rated player ever. He's a prototype of the new breed."

I click over to McBeth's page. "He's played five tournaments so far, made \$6582, on track to earn \$20,000 for the year."

Kirkland says, "Find the figures from last year. [McBeth earned \$42,303 in 2013.] What that doesn't count is how much Innova [a disc manufacturer] is paying him."

"How many players are making \$50,000 to \$100,000, in total, off of everything they do? Just give me a guess."

"Two or three." Kirkland says, "You can't make money at this sport, that's not why you do it.... There is a tour, you play different golf courses, extremely good athletes are playing at a very high level."

"How big is the disc-golf tour?"

"There's probably 50 to 100 guys. There are a *whole lot* of competitive Frisbee players both amateur and professional, but when you're talking about a tour, there's probably a cadre of 50 people who go around and make it to every single tournament."

"I swear Frisbee golf follows ball golf in all respects. They're really hoping it will follow in terms of remuneration."

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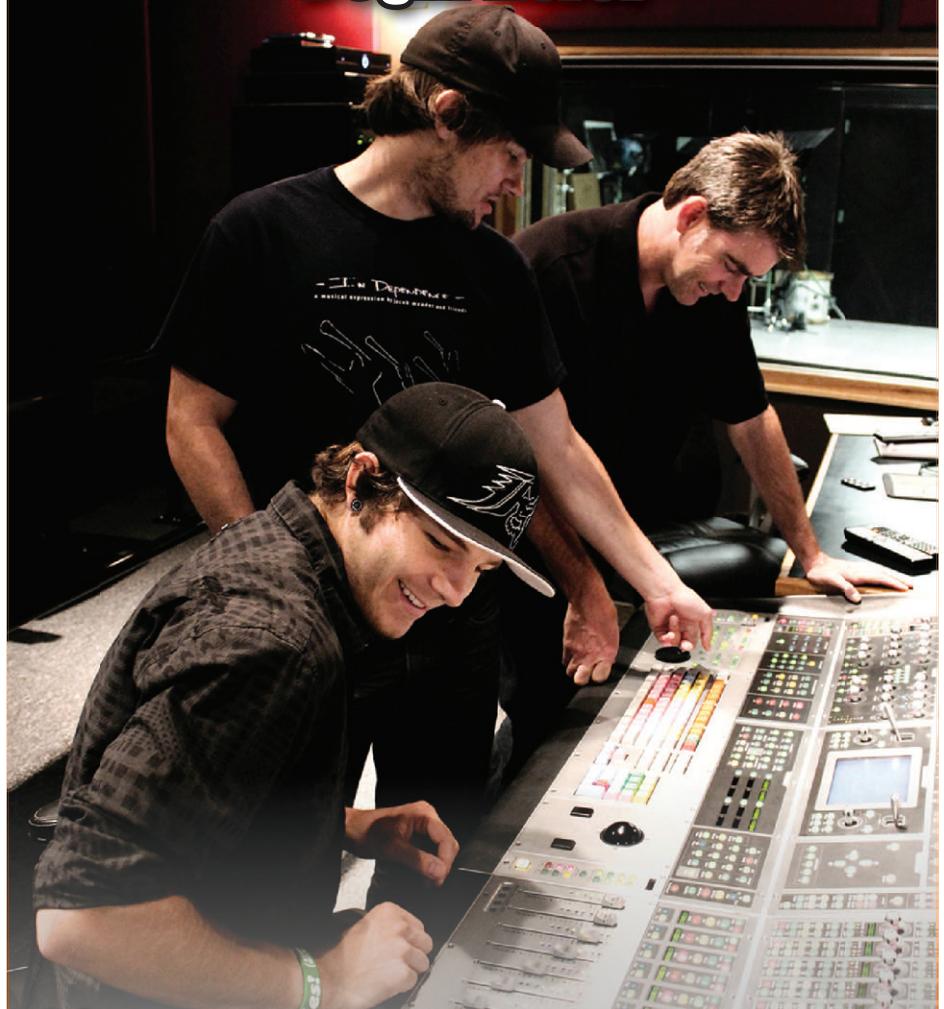
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Henry Thoreau's thoughts have hung on our fridge throughout the school years of our son.

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Graduation time has come and so have the parties. Our baby is a senior. Where did those years go? We also are headed to college graduations of relatives. The gift search has commenced.

For the nephew graduating from Notre Dame, my hubby Patrick found a blue bottle opener with a green emblem of ND and the Fighting Irish song with the pop of the bottle. He's a practical one, that one (Notre Dame Fighting Irish Musical Bottle Opener, \$12.99 on Amazon). "I can't wait for their first game of the season," he smiled.

A graduate Bobblehead was his gift for our son, "For the top of the cake at the party," he said. "It has a spot to slide a headshot of our boy into the head of it [Male Graduation Bobblehead/Cake Topper, \$5.99 on Amazon]."

"We have a busy month of graduation parties also," offered Bernice. "For my godson, I found a black mathematics clock that looks like a chalkboard with math problems written on each hour. He just finished up his graduate degree in mathematics from Berkeley. I thought he would appreciate this nerdy little clock [DCI Mathematics Blackboard Pop Quiz Clock, \$20.80 on Amazon]. I also threw in a gray T-shirt with 'Phinished' printed on it. He's a hiker, so it will get lots of use [This Wear Phinished T-Shirt, \$17.85 on Amazon]."

"Sue started a collection of vinyl records, so I'm gifting her with a turntable that I found at Tilly's," laughed Julie. "I bought her the orange one, though it also comes in an old-school green and a blue. It's portable, with built in speakers, so she can bring it to the park or beach with her friends [Crosley Cruiser Portable Turntable, \$99 at Tilly's]."

"I ordered up a book for my daughter from Sharper Image of all the interesting news of the year," said Tom. "You give the company the date you want, and they put that day's newspaper in a hardcover book, plus other major events of the year. You can also personalize it. I thought she would enjoy looking at it 20 years from now [Year Book Personalized Newspaper Book, \$99 at Sharper Image]."

"My parents wanted me to travel to Europe after my college graduation, expand my horizons."

"For the niece graduating from Point Loma Nazarene, I bought a puzzle of the aerial photo of the campus. She enjoys puzzles, and this one will be a visual reminder of the beautiful campus she studied at." The 400-piece Personalized Aerial Photo Puzzle is 18-by-12 inches and costs \$49.99 at Sharper Image.

"My mom tightly wrapped \$20 bills with colorful twine and placed them in a jar with a label that read 'The World Awaits,'" offered Mary. "My parents wanted me to travel to Europe after my college graduation; they wanted me to see some of the world, expand my horizons."

The month after graduation, four college friends and I set off to see five countries over the span of a month. A boat ride down the Seine through Paris, the rocky beach of Nice, a beer garden in Vienna, a castle outside of Budapest...it did open my young eyes to the world."

"Will your parents adopt my son?" I jested.

"Chassidy is heading to Yosemite with her dad this summer," explained Summer. "So I bought her something for her iPhone.

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"My son played sports through his school years," offered Crystal, whose son graduated last year. "I saved his jerseys and his favorite pro teams shirts, and I cut out the squares of the names and emblems. Then I created a quilt out of them, which he brought to college with him."

"For gifts, I usually head down to Old Town for their Saturday Artisan Market," replied Ed. "I like to support artisans and shop local. I find people like receiving something that comes from San Diego."

"For my college grad, I found the perfect gift for only a dollar," my sister-in-law told me. "It's a job-interview-preparation app called 'Get the Job.' Mama didn't raise no boomerangs."

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THERE WAS NO SCENE HERE

by Chad Deal

Mexico City has always been a magnet. Post-Toltec Nahua tribes gravitated there to live along the shores of the now-drained Lake Texcoco. The Aztecs then claimed it as their promised land and the center of the universe when, as legend has it, an eagle landed on a cactus holding a snake in its beak, fulfilling ancient prophecy. A rogue named Hernán Cortés went on to conquer the land in the name of New Spain and, over the years, French, U.S., and Zapatista troops would briefly capture the highland capital.

These days, the sprawling metropolis of over 21 million inhabitants attracts artists and musicians from across the globe to share their wares among the Spanish façades and cosmopolitan cobblestone passageways. On a recent visit of ten days, nearly just as many borderland musicians performed in the Pan-American Mecca of Mexico City.

One afternoon, Bostich and Fussible of Tijuana's Nortec Collective joined forces with the Philharmonic Orchestra of Mexico City for a free concert at the Zócalo plaza. Oceanside anthemic rockers the Burning of Rome played the massive Vive Latino festival, while across town at Bósforo mezcal bar, Tijuana



Innerds conquer the Pyramid of the Sun in Teotihuacan.



Mexico City weirdcore animals Monogatari at the third installment of Aqui No Hubo Escena.



Innerds closed their set at Pasaguero with a Gnarl Sagan cover of "Day Tripper."

tribal *guarachero* jockey Yelram Selectah gave pointy boots something to stomp about. A few days later, Warm Places — the solo electronic project of Xavi from Tijuana/San Di-

"People have to remember, Mexico City is huge."

ego outfit Sixties Guns — performed at an open-air café called Muebles Sullivan. The show was organized by Jessica Smurphy of Mexico City's NAAFI crew, who released an EP by Mexicali doombia wunderkind Siete Catorce last July — no doubt precipitating his booking at Vive Latino the same night.

Tijuana-raised singer/songwriter Julieta Venegas performed at Vive Latino a couple days later, but I passed in favor of the more grassroots Aqui No Hubo Escena 3 festival. Their story is a familiar, yet noble one. A few friends became disenchanted with bigger festivals (Vive Latino charges \$60+ a day) and decided to make a party all their own, to sing the songs that they like to sing, and to charge 25 pesos (about two dollars) at the door. Opting for venues outside the trendy Roma and Condesa neighborhoods, they called it Aqui No Hubo Escena: "There was no scene here."

Located in Colonia Centro, Dirty Sound Bar looks like it could be a squatted punk mansion in Golden Hill. The bartender says the building is 150 years old, but the bar has only been in for a few months, and the future is uncertain. My mind and heart

moistened by tequila, I immediately feel guilty that such a DIY event has just let me and several friends in for free. Is this what Cortés did? I seek comfort in knowing that we will all be buying drinks and find solace in aggressively over-tipping the bartenders and food vendors, eventually regaling the *asaderos* out back with multiple cold cans of beer.

"There were a fair amount of women in the bands that played, as well as a variety of subculture musical approaches, getting louder and weirder throughout the night, by design," says guitarist Bobby Bray of San Diego space-tropicalia duo Innerds, who shared the stage with Mexico City locals such as Mongatari, Dandy Overdose, Acidandali, and about ten others.

"People have to remember, Mexico City is huge," Bray says. "When you have a city that size, you can



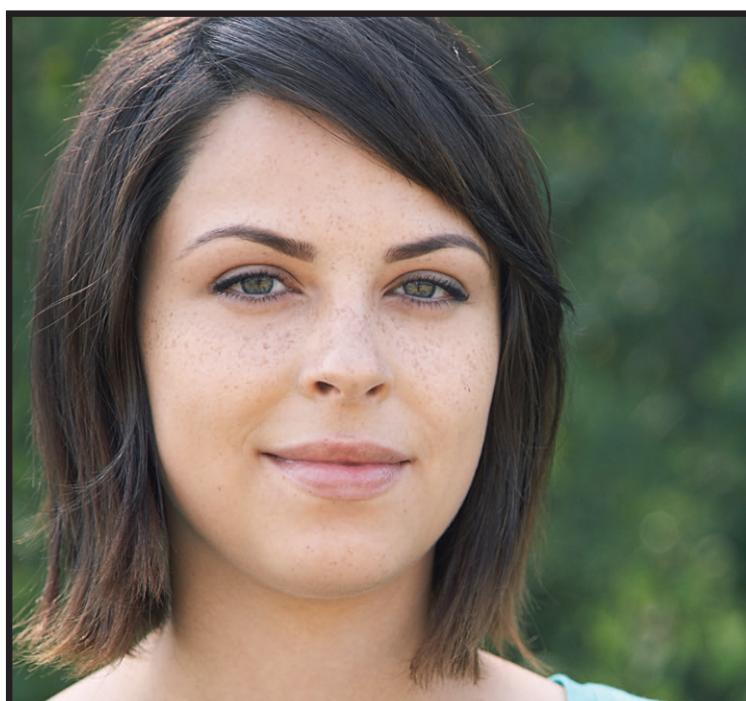
Warm Places had been fine-tuning his bass all week to rumble directly in the scrotal chakra.

find subcultures for anything you can imagine, like you can on the internet. It serves as a place to move to for the freaks who can't stand the normalcy of their limited cities. As a result, you get a city full of creative go-getters." ■

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The many trials of Madame Tingley, part two

(Part one was published in the Reader April 3, 2014. Find it at sandiegoreader.com)

Human lemmings trundling up the steep cliffs of Point Loma? A mass exodus?

Never had so many San Diegans been on the move at the same time. Until February 23, 1897, occasional visitors went either to the lighthouse, to picnic, or to inspect their small orange or lemon groves on the lee side.

On the morning of the 23rd, a jangling caravan of wheeled vehicles braved the mud flats around the bay and up the

winding, 300-foot grade to the ridgeline. At 2:00 p.m., the mysterious Madame Tingley, world leader of the Universal Brotherhood, would dedicate the cornerstone for a school devoted to the "Revival of the Lost Mysteries of Antiquity."

By 10:00 a.m., some said, people had rented every available vehicle in town: liveries, carriages, omnibuses, even six-horse, open air Tally Ho's. All, wrote the *San Diegan-Sun*, were "loaded to the brim."

The brass horns of steam launches, shipping curious San Diegans to the landing at Roseville, rippled low across the bay. On the trail, cyclists and pedestrians kept alert for horse hooves spackling mud on Sunday-best outfits.



The tip of Point Loma, entrance to San Diego Bay

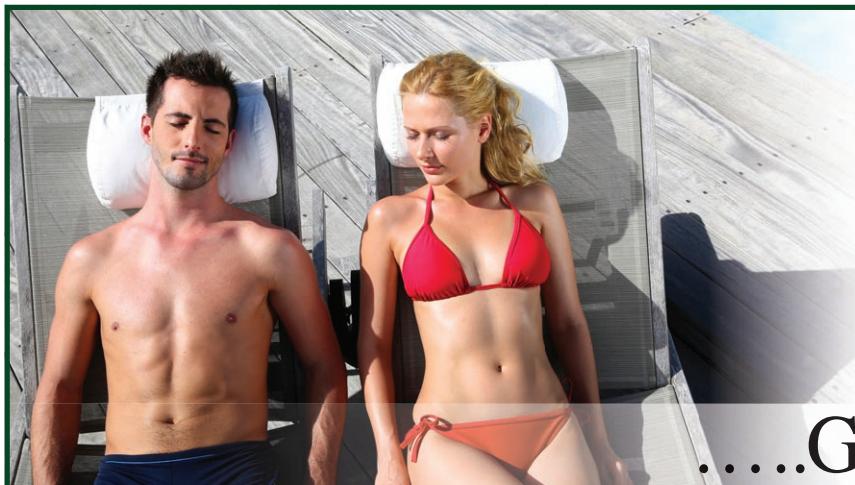
The caravan moved at two speeds. The Brotherhood sent out 250 invitations. Those were the vehicles taking their time. They had reserved seats. The ceremony

was also open to the public. Somewhere between 400 and 600 made the trek knowing they'd have standing room only. Those moving fastest wanted to secure a

QUOTATIONS

1. Greenwalt, Emmett A.: "Tingley's reform activity was no isolated phenomenon in the late 19th century, which was rent with political and social movements."
2. Penny B. Waterstone (on the ceremony): "The rituals of manhood were co-opted by a woman and some of the Masonic brotherhood's most sacred symbols were in the hands of children."
3. Madame Blavatsky: "Yes, woman did lead man to the Tree of Knowledge, and if she had been let alone and allowed to do what she wanted to, she would have led him to the Tree of Life."

4. Maurice Braun: Theosophy provides "a clear, bright light, by which, with true vision [the artist's] best efforts may come to their proper maturity."
5. Robert V. Hine: "Madame Tingley was no democrat."
6. Madame Tingley: "The word 'charity' should be eliminated. In the name of charity men and women have been treated like so much baggage and labeled accordingly."



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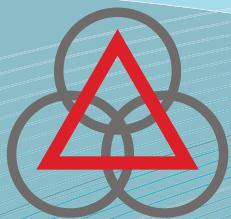
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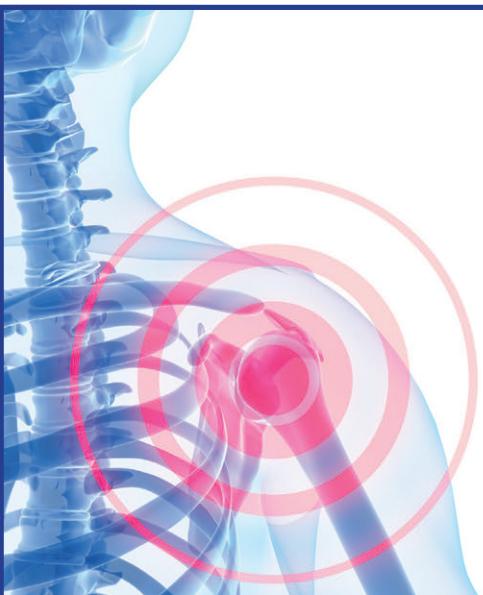
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Reasons for the journey varied. In interviews, Madame Tingley promised not just to build a major educational center and enhance culture and the arts in San Diego. The School for the Revival of the Lost Mysteries of Antiquity would save humanity. A New Cycle was on the way. At the turn of the century, Point Loma would become the center of the earth.

The night before, a turn-away crowd heard speeches at Unity Hall about Theosophy and Brotherhood, karma and reincarnation, and that there was "no religion higher than truth."

One of the speakers, E.T. Hargrove, raised eyebrows when he said the early Christians believed in reincarnation. The belief was "widespread in Palestine at the time of Christ." Around 300 A.D., "the Church abandoned [the idea] and declared an anathema against 'pre-existence,' as it was then called." Jesus, Hargrove claimed, was most likely the reincarnation of Elijah or Jeremiah.

Many of those at the meeting rented wagons to see if Hargrove's blasphemies threatened dearly held beliefs. Others wanted to see the woman whose mystical skills included contact with souls, living and dead, and with the sacred Mahatmas, Himalayan masters of wisdom said to be very — maybe even centuries — old. Still others just wanted

to be part of what the *San Diego Union* called "one of the most notable occasions of its kind ever witnessed on earth."

At 2:00 p.m., invitees sat quietly. Hundreds more, by most accounts, stood in a half-circle behind them. Many more stood on carriages and peered over the crowd.

The ceremony took place inside a small circle enclosed with cypress limbs entwined like ropes. Invitees sat outside, each receiving a multi-colored souvenir program. An evergreen arch, donated by the chamber of commerce, loomed over the entrance. At the apex, a large silk banner resembled the American flag: seven gold and purple stripes, a field of purple with the Universal Brotherhood emblem in gold, upper left-hand quarter.

Purple letters proclaimed: "Truth, Light, Liberation for Discouraged Humanity."

A clanging triangle began the ceremony. As the 20-piece City Guard band played Mascagni's serene, calming "Intermezzo Sinfonico," the flaps of a nearby tent opened. Out came two rows of men and women, their purple robes recalling ancient Greece. They formed two lines at the arch. The tent flaps opened again. Madame Katherine Tingley appeared. Her long purple robe and purple and gold scarf were more ornate than her followers, her fingers more bejeweled. Flanked by

young acolytes, she made a stately walk down the aisle, a rolled-up parchment in her left hand, a tin box in her right.

Those who described her appearance wrote that, though "not tall," Madame Tingley was "a vigorous woman with a stout frame." She had gray, "restless eyes." Her "attractive features" and a "mass of dark hair" made her look younger than her 50 years.

Iverson Harris, a lifelong Theosophist, said "K.T. had a sense of humor and...a ripping good laugh, but she was also an executive. She had a strong hand. As the Cuban boys used to say, 'She no go for foolly.'

To most at the ceremony, aside from her costume, she was a bit of a letdown. Instead of a rabid-eyed, fire-breathing visionary, she seemed a modest, private woman who spoke in clear, controlled tones. If the image was calculated, as some later claimed, she played the part well.

Eight men and four women, the inner circle of the "Esoteric School," formed a line behind a dais adorned by the American flag. A slight breeze flapped their robes. All faced a square, granite slab suspended from a tall derrick: the cornerstone. After a silence, Madame Tingley stepped forward. She placed the tin box, containing the movement's key documents, in a hollow granite hole and sealed it with mortar. As the

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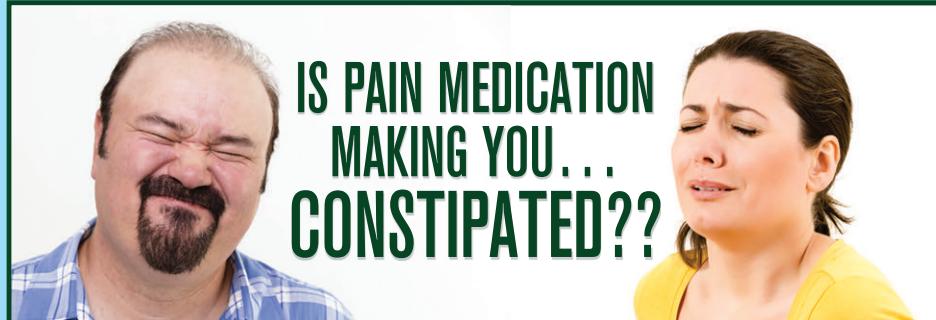
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derrick lowered the cornerstone, she dedicated "this stone, a perfect square, a fitting emblem of the perfect work that will be done in the temple for the benefit of humanity and the glory of the ancient sages."

The 12 followers behind her suddenly chanted "Ohm."

To symbolize the four elements, Madame Tingley ladled corn, oil, wine, and dirt on the stone. Then she stepped back. To the shock of onlookers, President Hargrove poured burning alcohol over the cornerstone. A crackling bonfire blazed upward as if by magic. "May these fires be lighted," Hargrove proclaimed, "and may they burn forever more."

Several of the 12 "Esotericists" read excerpts from Sanskrit, the Beatitudes, the Orphic Myster- ies, the Upanishads, Zuni prayers, and Ralph Waldo Emerson. A passage from the Bhagavad Gita spoke of reincarnation: "Those who are wise in spiritual things grieve neither for the dead nor for the living. I myself never was not, nor thou, nor all the princes of the earth, nor shall we ever hereafter cease to be."

Two men raised a large American flag up a tall pole. The band played "Hail, Columbia" and "The Red, White, and Blue."

Announced as "humanity's friend," Madame Tingley stepped forward and unrolled the parchment. "In ancient times," she read, "the founding of a temple was looked upon as of world-wide importance....The future of this school will be closely associated with the future of the great American republic." The school would be international in scope, but "American in center" — and a "temple of living light." The school would cost \$300,000, would have "splendid communal buildings," and would be a "world center for the arts and sciences."

"I appeal to all present," Tingley concluded, "to remember this day as one of great promise: for this New



Madame Tingley poses in a queenly manner in her headquarters at the Point Loma Theosophical Institute.

Age must bring a blessing to all."

Other speakers followed. A solemn Hargrove swore that the school's chief aim was not to "develop psychic qualities and abnormal freaks." Nor, he added, would the school "be conducted to make money. Tuition will be free [and] no trustee or officer will receive any salary."

Claude Falls Wright, scheduled to speak about Madame Blavatsky, co-founder of the Theosophical movement, was "unavoidably absent." Alice Leighton Cleather filled in on short notice. Instead of Blavatsky, Cleather improvised a speech about Madame Tingley.

For decades, Cleather said, "Madame Tingley saw the sorrows and the horrors of life, every day." And, until she discovered Theosophy, she felt that no other existing belief or institution could surmount the plight of millions.

Rumors persisted that when the leader of the Theosophists, William Q. Judge, died, Madame Tingley stole the title. "She never sought the position," Cleather said, "which is in truth an exceedingly hard one." She "was entreated to take it."

Cleather dispelled another rumor: Tingley's detractors said she claimed to be the reincarnation of Madame Blavatsky. "It's a spiteful slander absolutely without the slightest foundation." It "arose from the treachery of those who professed to be her friends. It was this treachery that shortened the life of the great-hearted H.P. Blavatsky."

Just before the ceremony ended, attendants lowered the American flag and raised the purple and gold flag of Universal Brotherhood. "As the people returned after the ceremonies," wrote the *San Diegan-Sun*, "the handsome flag was large enough to be seen flying in the breeze all the way to the city."

That evening, Madame Tingley reprimanded Cleather for breaking a key rule: no one talks about Tingley's past. "Gossip," Tingley wrote later, is "moral murder."

But for many heading down the ravine and back to town, Cleather's off-the-cuff remarks answered some but raised other questions about the "Woman in Purple."

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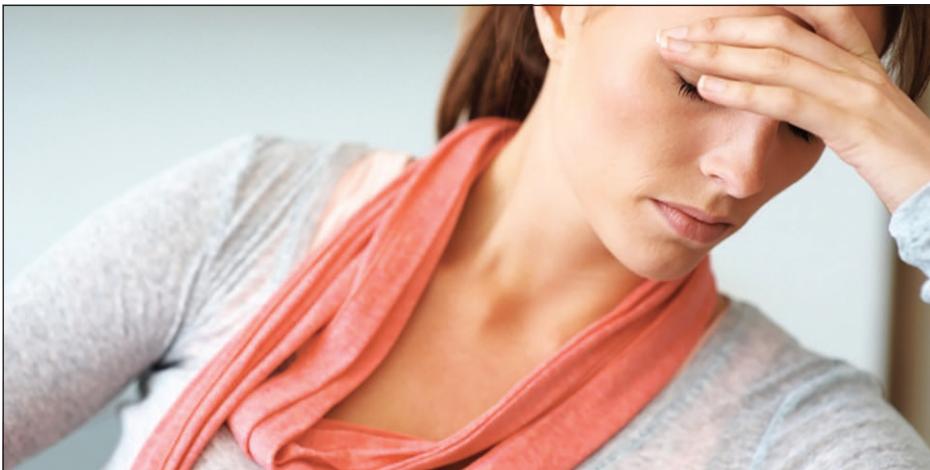
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ing the Civil War, when her father James Wescott was a captain in the Northern Army, she became a self-appointed nurse at age 14. She cared for the wounded, the maimed, and the dying at Alexandria, Virginia. The sounds of booming cannons and the sight of so many battered soldiers instilled an abhorrence of war.

"War and preparation for war and thought towards war," she later wrote, "these are a confession of weakness.... Our enemies are not outside, but within: in our own national mind and customs, our national aggressions and fallings short."

"To stand merely and narrowly for one's own country is a suicidal substitute for patriotism." Tingley advocated a "higher" patriotism: one "should be eager to give our lives — in the living, not in the dying" to one's country.

Before New York had "settlements" to care for

the poor, Tingley rented rooms on the first floor of an old tenement house. She founded the Do-Good Mission in the city's worst East Side slum. Later, she created the Society of Mercy to visit hospitals and prisons, and the Women's Emergency Relief Association to aid poor women and children.

Although Cleather's improvised speech placed Tingley on New York's meanest streets, it also questioned her right to rule the Theosophists.

In 1875, Madame Blavatsky, Henry Steel Olcott, and William Quan Judge co-founded the Theosophical Society. They defined it as a "research and publishing institute" dedicated to the archaic Wisdom-Religion" that preceded all the others. By the time she died, in 1891, Blavatsky had an international reputation.

William Q. Judge was one of her most ardent believers. An Irish immigrant and

unsuccessful attorney, Judge had suffered from severe depression. Blavatsky diagnosed his condition and gave him a ring. The "talisman," he said, changed his life. He became president of the American Theosophical "lodges" and built a flourishing organization almost from scratch.

After he took office, Judge read about a tireless social worker on the East Side. "He had gone down there to see for himself," Tingley wrote in 1926. Judge watched the woman from across the street and saw her "hunger for something that could go much deeper" than social or even religious solutions. When he introduced himself, Judge told her how Theosophy would "remove the causes of misery and not merely relieve the effect."

"It was then," Tingley writes, "that I realized I had found my place."

Shortly after Madame Blavatsky died, Judge received a

letter. It came, he said, from an ancient Tibetan Mahatma who named him Blavatsky's "spiritual successor." Before he died in 1895, Judge gave Theosophy a practical, Western emphasis far from its occult roots. Henry Steele Olcott and Annie Besant, leaders of the original organization, grew so incensed at the changes they swore Judge couldn't be Blavatsky's successor. He forged the mystical letter.

At that point, according to the *New York Herald*, "the Battle of Fair Theosophists" began.

Judge split from the parent organization. He and 4000 followers established the Theosophical Society of America. Besant and Olcott fought to bring the apostates back.

When Judge died, Madame Tingley assumed leadership of the American society. Besant was just an elitist, she said; her ability to read minds and "thought

forms" and see people's auras was "all bosh." Unlike Besant, who asked 50 cents per lecture, Tingley never charged admission and advocated compassion for all, not just those few on a higher "astral plane." To stress this universality, in 1897, Tingley renamed the society the United Brotherhood of Theosophists.

Besant, in turn, challenged Tingley's right to lead. Tingley was not the reincarnation of Madame Blavatsky, as many in the Brotherhood implied. And Tingley's claim that a Mahatma validated her high calling? As phony as Judge's letter. Tingley was a self-dramatizing impostor!

The Siege of Point Loma Begins

One of Tingley's sayings: "a lie two hours ahead of the truth is hardly to be overtaken." In April 1897, San Diegans saw the first of several assaults on the mys-

terious "Woman in Purple."

Tingley's predecessor, William Q. Judge, broke away from the original Theosophists and advocated a more down-to-earth practice. After his death in 1896, Tingley assumed leadership and continued his approach.

Besant, co-leader of the original organization, declared Judge and Tingley lied about their pseudo-mystical succession; their confused, dangerous teachings would have a "sinister effect." When Tingley went on a worldwide crusade, Besant trailed her. Wherever Tingley spoke — in Ireland, Austria, India — Besant gave a counter-lecture the next day.

Besant came to San Diego, on April 29, to lecture on "Man's Invisible Bodies," — human auras — at the Fisher Opera House. The day before, Countess Wachtmeister of Sweden and her son, Count Alex,

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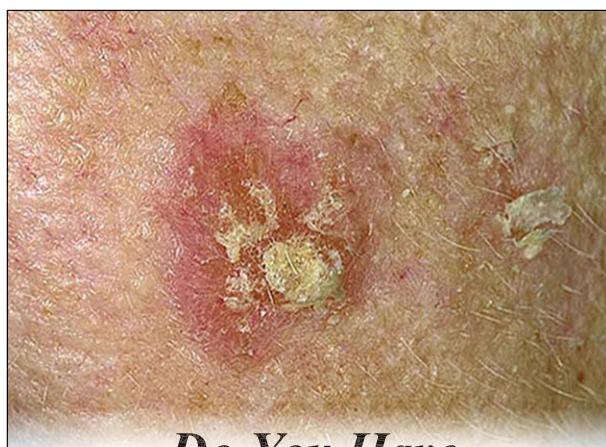
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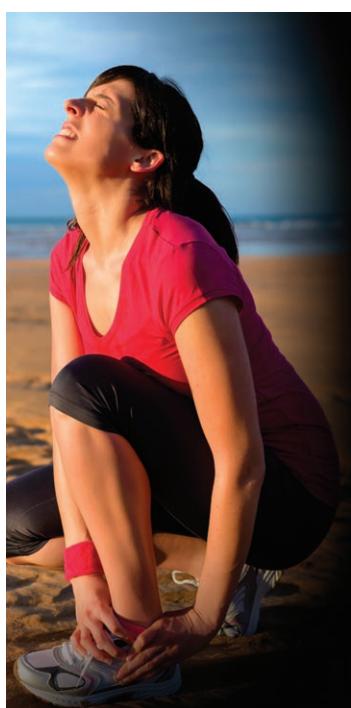
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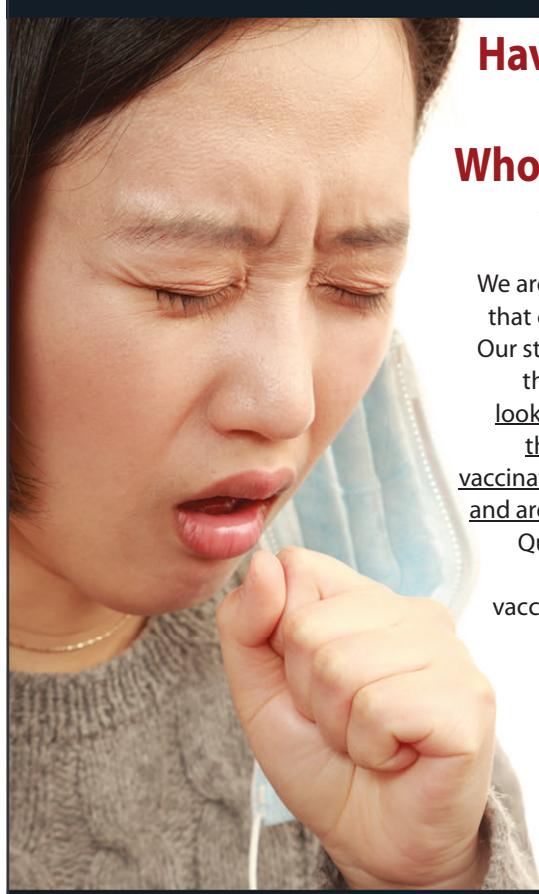
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stayed at the posh Brewster Hotel and awaited their master's arrival.

"We represent the original Theosophic Society," Count Alex told the *San Diegan-Sun*. "We are, however, as American as [Tingley's]. Please bear that in mind and don't try to involve me in any controversy."

The next morning, the *Union* headline called Point Loma a "NEST OF FREE LOVERS." Behind its heavily guarded walls, the story alleged, "Lomaland" had become a den of steaming iniquity.

"The two branches of theosophy have been in a state of anything but universal brotherhood," said the countess, unaware she spoke for publication, "at least among themselves."

Schools like Point Loma "usually degenerate into free-lovism." The countess added that Tingley's penchant for "theatrical display" might "turn a great many thinking people from theosophy."

Tingley was in Chicago. So, the *Union* quoted remarks attributed to her: Besant preaches "ghostology" and "talks of mummeries masquerading under the cloak of true belief"; she's "a victim of her own self-serving. I laugh when I think how powerless she is."

The *Union* cited both women without permission. That afternoon, the *San Diegan-Sun* retorted — "SHE IS ANGRY" — and printed a letter from the countess to the *Union* editor: "it was with much surprise that I read the very sensational report of a very prosy interview I had yesterday with your reporter." She denied saying anything about "free loverism" and felt "deeply grieved" that a reporter would "put a slander in my mouth which I had never thought of uttering."

That night, wearing a beige silk gown, Besant lectured to a small audience at the opera house. In graceful British tones she described waves of psychic ether visible only to the enlightened. Science was moving into the "mysterious realms of psy-

chology," she said, like the "astral body," which whirls and changes "as the emotions of the soul change." Using a stereopticon, she showed pictures of luminous blue clouds (pure thoughts), long red streaks (anger), and a dark brown, shapeless fog ("selfish animalism"). She never mentioned Tingley.

The next day, the *Union* noted Besant's "remarkable powers as an orator." If what she said were true, it would "completely overturn the accepted theories regarding man."

Both the *Union* and the *Sun* regretted that Besant avoided controversy. Though she did say that "all the evil in the world might be diverted by the casting of a rose colored shaft of love by the astral body in return for flashes of anger which were sent by one's enemies."

Newspapers began to question Tingley's dictatorial tactics. Unlike the soft-spoken, always cordial Besant, Tingley developed a reputation for being hard-nosed and domineering. "Her desire," one paper wrote, "equals a czar's edict."

On February 15, 1898, the USS *Maine* exploded and sank in Havana harbor. The Spanish-American War broke out. American casualties were heavy. Stifling heat and yellow fever led to thousands more.

The War Department set up a hospital on Long Island for wounded soldiers. But the camp was unprepared for the 22,000 who came to Montauk Point. Ambulances clogged the three-mile road from the dock. Hospital tents were pitched near the shore to house the overflow.

Dr. Herbert Coryn, a Theosophist, asked Tingley for help. Within a month, the *Bridgeport Union* wrote: "Mrs. Katherine Tingley has been at Camp Wikoff in the midst of fever and death for many days...in the manner of the Good Samaritan." The "Soldier's Angel" (*New York Journal*) and her staff aided an estimated 9000 troops.

The following February, Tingley and Dr. Coryn went to Cuba. As they distrib-

uted supplies and tended to the ailing, Tingley had an inspiration: the Point Loma school, still more idea than actuality, could teach Theosophy to very young Cuban children. In a telegram she claimed to have "three hundred applications...for a school I will establish."

She also boasted, "I could convert the whole island in five years."

On February 13, 1900, Tingley moved the Theosophical Society's international headquarters from New York to Point Loma. That summer, she became a permanent resident and "Lomaland" the center of the earth.

That fall, the *Evening-Tribune* printed an eight-page supplement, illustrated with photos. It hailed Tingley's new Raja Yoga School, the first Greek amphitheater in America (still under construction), and a growing population of followers, including very wealthy males.

One, Albert Spalding, was the former commissioner of Major League Baseball and founder of Spalding Sporting Goods. He built a palatial home, near the Roman-styled entrance to Lomaland, with an outdoor spiral staircase. Across the way, Spalding created his pride and joy: a nine-hole golf course in the canyon.

Within a year, as more and more buildings sprouted on the site, with bulging green and amethyst domes, sleek spires, and foreign sounding names, Lomaland became San Diego's number-one tourist attraction. On average, 100 people a day gazed at the strange, mystical structures and subtropical vegetation blooming from unpromising soil. Since some came to trample the flowerbeds and straight rows of vegetables or razz young women in boxy, Puritanical outfits, Lomaland charged a ten-cent admission to ferret out the "indiscriminate."

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the grounds day and night. Some were armed.

"It became customary for travelers stopping at Hotel del Coronado to visit Point Loma, curious as to its meaning," writes historian Emmett A. Greenwalt. "Merchants and hotel keepers found plenty of meaning...San Diego had yet been unable to attract more than 20,000 inhabitants. The drawing power of Point Loma, therefore, was not unappreciated."

In March, Col. Henry Steel Olcott, president of the original movement, booked the lecture hall at the Hotel Del. He promised to "set the record straight about the true Theosophical society."

Like Besant, Olcott abhorred Tingley's rise. Unlike Besant, who kept above the fray, Olcott loved to charge in. White-haired, with a beard as long as Moses', the 69-year-old Civil War veteran was

known as the "White Buddhist of Ceylon," since he was the first American of some renown to convert to Buddhism. The *New York Times* called him an "unmitigated rascal" and a "firebrand." His followers swore he was the Buddha incarnate. When he became a Theosophist, Olcott continued this belief. He and

Madame Blavatsky believed, writes a biographer, "that Buddhism best embodied elements of what they found significant in all religions."

The instant she heard of Olcott's plan, Madame Tingley phoned the Hotel del's manager. Either "cancel the lecture" or she would "forbid hotel guests entrance to Lomaland!"

The manager struck Olcott from the books at once. So, Olcott's agent hired the Fisher Opera house. He gave "his version of the theosophical squabble" on March 29.

A five-story, all-brick structure, the opera house took up the entire block between Fourth and Fifth Streets, and B and C. It seated 1400. Fewer than 400 heard Olcott. Though his ancient voice resonated off the ivory and gold, fresco walls, the colonel gave a dull history of Theosophy, punctuated by frequent pats on the back. His organization "revived the Hindu religion and Sanskrit literature in India" and "Buddhism in Ceylon...and Japan," and united the Northern and Southern schools. "Buddhism is 2500 years old and never before had seen the slightest union."

In an allusion to Tingley's separation, Olcott said his organization recognized "no sect, fad, dogma or partisanship.... The constitution, like that of the United States, is strong as bands of steel to resist attempts to overthrow it. It stands like



Albert Spalding's house

a rock, immovable."

Tingley booked the opera house for the next night. She swiped at Olcott and Besant's "table-rapping" spiritualism and countered a new charge: that she hypnotized captains of industry to do her bidding. Everyone works, she said. The "man at the gate might be the richest" of Lomaland's 95 members.

(A year later, Tingley solved the problem of rival lecturers. She bought the Fisher Opera House for \$70,000, renamed it the Isis Theatre, and held free talks every Sunday about Theosophy. The change brought culture to San Diego in unprecedented ways. Tingley gave young Maurice Braun a studio/home at the Isis Theatre and supported the work of the man who became one of San Diego's most famous artists).

On Sunday, August 4, 1901, attacks began from outside. The Theosophists wanted to organize local children for "unsectarian and non-contentious Lotus Groups." Tingley said she'd already signed up 50 "Lotus Buds." They met each Sunday at 1125 Sixth Street — boys in one group, girls in another — to "learn about nature, music, and rhythmic motion."

Offended by Tingley's blasphemy that Jesus merely "republished" universal truths, and most likely that Lomaland had come down from the point to recruit local children, on August 4, Reverend Clarence True

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The sermon incited a battle, fought on the pages of the *San Diego Union*.

F.M. Pierce, Theosophist, *Union*, August 6: "False fear of the Supreme has so weakened man's spirituality that he has lost the courage to attack and subdue his brutal and subtle selfishness."

Reverend Wilson, *Union*, August 8: "This reincarnation is very funny. The ego is sexless; therefore a man may be his own grandmother; any woman her own uncle. The absolute fatalism of this system makes it repugnant to free men."

Katherine Tingley, lecture, Fisher Opera House, August 19: "An eastern prince goes to the gates of heaven. He looks down and sees all earth's sufferings and the need of help. So he goes back. I think one would not wish to be redeemed if

one had to sit in heaven with persons whose bliss was fed with that peculiar food."

On August 21, the *Union* printed a document signed by 12 Catholic and Protestant ministers from San Diego, five from other towns, and a YMCA secretary. Ministers have been silent too long, the document began. "Theosophy's denial of the Fatherhood of God leaves no real basis for human brotherhood..." Under such a system, "men are not deterred from sin."

"Theosophy is the hypothesis of a swoon... begins nowhere, leads nowhere, ends nowhere. [It is] subversive of truth and righteousness. We are not heathens, stretching out our hands to Point Loma for help. San Diegans ought to protest this bold effrontery."

Next time: The Siege of Point Loma goes global. ■

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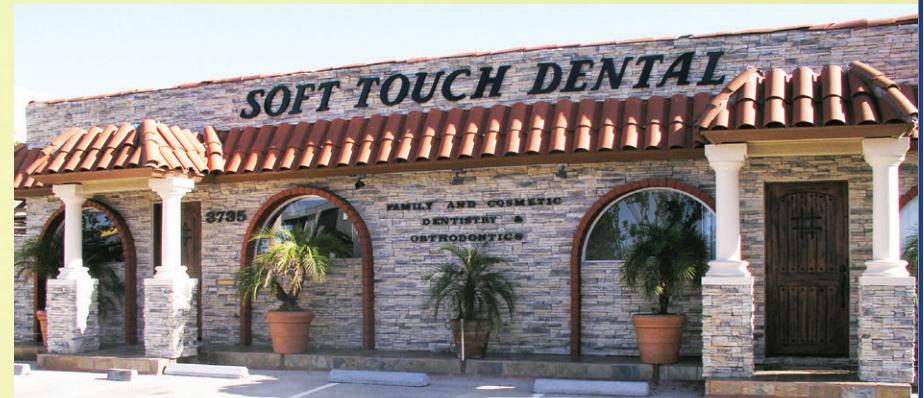
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Aeria Chang, M.D.

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Apprehend carjacker

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Nap in a Dumpster

After he was removed from the trash bin, 24-year-old Robert James Lynch was taken into custody. "There was a lighter found on his person," deputy Zachary Harris reported.

Harris went into the dumpster after the suspect had been removed. Harris said he found a "brown beanie cap" and a black handgun. The deputy said the gun was a "replica firearm" that looks like a semi-automatic pistol but actually uses compressed gas to expel projectiles such as BBs.

At the Fallbrook sheriff's station, Lynch answered some questions. "He told us he was from Wildomar," deputy Harris said. The suspect had an explanation for being in the trash dumpster: "He was taking a nap, to get out of the sun, so he didn't get a sunburn."

Public records show Lynch was arrested in Menifee on January 8. He was held in the Southwest Detention Center in Riverside County on suspicion of petty theft, felony burglary, and other charges and then released January 12.

Lynch pleaded guilty to carjacking, and one arson charge was dropped. On April 21 in San Diego's North County Superior Court, Lynch was sentenced to five years in state prison and ordered to pay \$18,500 in restitution. ■

(@evaknott)

Under the radar

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is frequently aligned with fellow billionaire George Soros, came up with \$6800 for Marshall Tuck, a charter-school pioneer who has picked up the endorsement of the *Los Angeles Times* in his race for state superintendent of public instruction against incumbent Democrat Tom Tor-

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Iakson. "Tuck's strong history as a reformer, and his previous background as a businessman rather than as a teacher, make him unpopular with the teachers union but more likely to push for change," said the paper. Jacobs has long been a charter-school backer and teachers' union foe who heavily funded the controversial reform efforts of Democratic onetime San Diego schools chief Alan Bersin. Tuck is also a Democrat. ... District attorney

Bonnie Dumanis, who says she likes to make defendants sing in court, is the beneficiary a big new music buy: \$11,600 worth of reelection campaign ads on Pandora, the online radio service, made by a political committee called Sycuan Citizens for Good Government. ... Peter Farrell,

the Resmed chief from La Jolla who has threatened to leave town if business regulations aren't lightened, kicked in \$2500 May 1 to the GOP Lincoln Club's campaign committee for Republican city-council incumbent Lorie Zapf. Big Tobacco in the form of North Carolina's R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company gave \$5000 to San Diego Republicans.

— Matt Potter
(@sdmattpotter)

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NEWS TICKER

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Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric hammered out a compromise on how ratepayers and shareholders would split the cost of closing the facility.

The result of the alleged compromise was shocking: ratepayers will pick up \$3.3 billion of the tab. (Shareholders, not ratepayers, should pay for management blunders.)

Here is an example of what utilities are getting away with: Aguirre and Severson asked Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric how much they have already recovered from their investment in San Onofre. Reply: they have recovered \$4.14

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billion in depreciation and amortization. Also, Edison has recovered additional amounts from ratepayers for asset requirements and nuclear fuel.

"It would require extensive study to quantify such amounts," complains Edison. Such a burden would be "unduly burdensome."

So, how can utilities justify another \$3.3 billion on top of \$4.14 billion if they refuse to do their homework? It's the rape of the ratepayers.

Don Bauder

Almost drowned in the Imperial Valley

Car and driver end up in irrigation canal

Border Patrol agents based in El Centro saved an unconscious woman from drowning on Sunday, May 4, after she was pulled from a car that had driven into an irrigation canal near farmland in the Imperial Valley.

Shortly before 1:30 p.m., agents responded to a call of a car that had lost control and driven into the canal just northeast of El Centro. The first agent responding to the scene dove into the canal and extracted the 24-year-old driver from her red sedan.

The unidentified victim received CPR treatment until she regained consciousness, at which time she was transported to a hospital for evaluation.

A tow truck was dispatched to retrieve the vehicle.

Dave Rice

"I don't care who pulled the trigger"

Nazi Low Riders didn't want to deal with the drama. Two men who are accused of killing a young woman to end her loud "drama" two years ago are on trial in San Diego's North County Superior courthouse.

The body of Morayma Denise Rodriguez, 20, was found by a bicyclist who stopped to eat his lunch in

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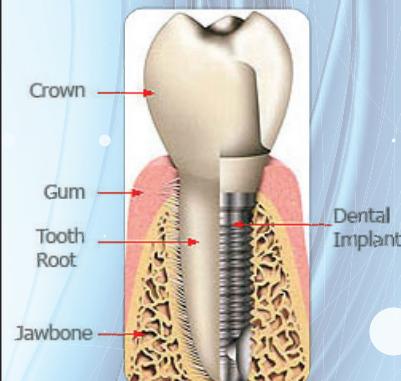
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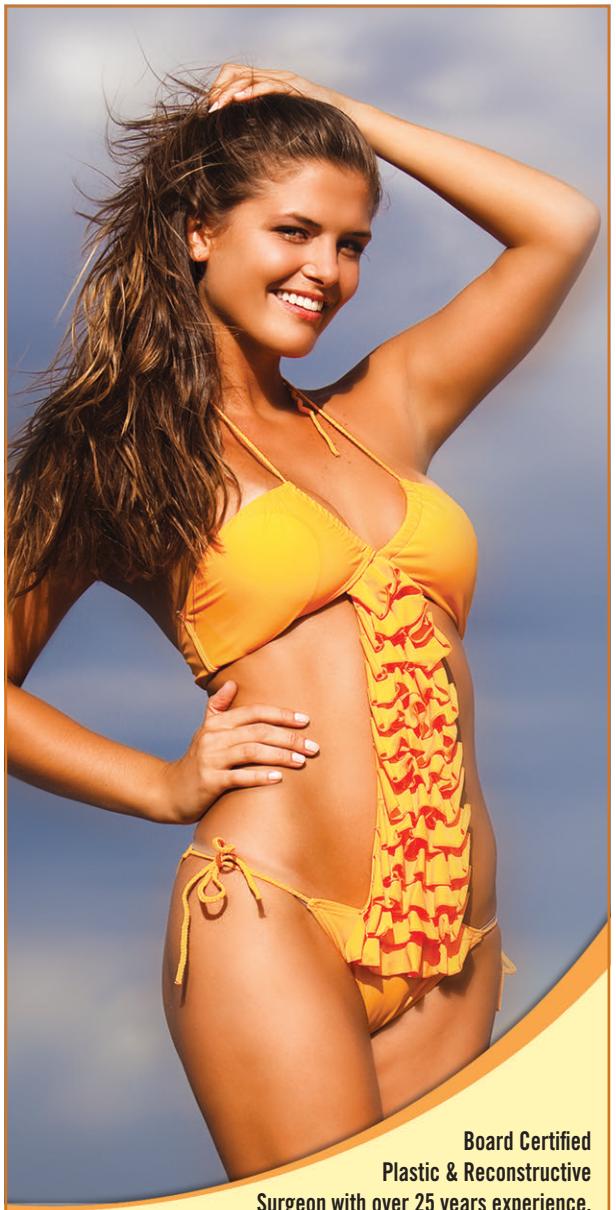


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the 28300 block of Lawrence Welk Court, near Escondido, on February 1, 2012.

The victim reportedly caused a confrontation between a man she had accused of raping her and the defendants, and when it became apparent that her story was a lie, the men decided to put an end to her "crying, wailing, and making a tremendous amount of noise," according to prosecutor Jodi Breton.

The two defendants, Destin Withers, 38, and Jeffrey McCreary, 43, might take turns in the witness box to tell the jury that he was the driver, and not the one who turned around in the front passenger seat of the borrowed Mercedes to shoot four 9mm bullets into the woman riding in back, according to attorneys.

The defendants had only known each other approximately 72 hours before the shooting, the prosecutor stated, but they were both once members of a prison gang called Nazi Low Riders, a subgroup of the Aryan Brotherhood.

"The jury is free to convict both defendants of first-degree murder without naming the actual shooter," the prosecutor claims. Breton stated that both men are responsible for the woman's

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murder and that "each equally aided and abetted the other in her death."

Judge Blaine Bowman will preside over a trial expected to last three weeks.

Eva Knott

Why so glum, gangsta?

Graffiti vandal "Smilez" identified while in juvi Local law-enforcement investment in Graffiti Tracker software appears to be paying off, after sheriff's deputies apprehended a 15-year-old tagger linked to at least 90 graffiti incidents.

According to Sgt. Matt Blumenthal, the crimes committed by the juvenile, who has operated under the names "Smilez," "Smile," and "Smiles," are concentrated in the San Elijo neighborhood of San Marcos. The tag was found in various places, primarily left via a black permanent ink marker.

The total damage caused by Smilez is estimated to be at least \$24,000. At the time his true identity was discovered, he was already in police custody on a prior probation violation. The youth admitted to his alter-ego under questioning at juvenile hall in Linda Vista. He has also been linked to other gang-related activity in the San Marcos area.

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LETTERS

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Some people, called agnostics, do not believe and do not disbelieve that any god exists. They remain undecided for the reason that they can't prove the god proposition one way for the other, and they are sticklers for proof — they can't or won't resort to faith to establish truth or belief. Theists and atheists have a lot in common. Agnostics are the hard cases.

All three kinds of thinkers think they are right, and are proud of being right, and will tell you so; which means that they (we) are all self-righteous. That's ok. Who would want to be self-wrongeous?

I'm with you in nixing Mr. Child's demand for a Reader page for nonreligious affairs and viewpoints. The whole magazine is devoted to non-religious affairs. Come on, Mr. Child!

Dorothy Casey
via snail mail

A Parking Lot Full of Pickups

I just finished reading your article on country bars in San Diego ("Country Conundrum," April 15). I own the Renegade and for the first time in the ten years I have owned the bar we were actually mentioned in an article. We are the oldest country bar in San Diego and have live country bands every weekend, yet never a mention of us in any of your articles.

This comes as no surprise as we have been ignored by the only country radio sta-

tion as well. I realize we are in East County and you seem to concentrate on downtown and the beach areas, and East County always gets left out.

There are some excellent clubs in East County and some very talented musicians. All you need to do is get off the beaten path for a while and check us out. The Renegade has promoted and showcased local talent over the last ten years with some of the bands going on to bigger and better things. We have great crowds on Friday and Saturday nights with great live country bands, a packed dance floor, a great staff, and a parking lot full of pickup trucks. Come and check us out sometime and you will find East County's best kept secret.

Will Cook
Owner, Renegade Bar

Sterilized Stories

Dear Scott Marks:
I'm also a Jew and I want to applaud your excellent reply to that jackass commentary ("Jackass Journalism," Letters, May 1).

I saw the movie [Walking with the Enemy] and was struck by how there were no Jews acting, except maybe one playing a Nazi, or some other adjunct role. The main character and his romantic interest completely obliterated the tragedy, as if some comic character could take on this huge apparatus. Then there was the smiling response of the actress when the holy nuns took in the Jewish children — a man left the theater at that point.

What you say is so true. There are children whose

entire knowledge of what happened derives from these sterilized, caramelized stories. Would that more survivors would have spoken the truth. Someday the American Jews, remnants of that lost world, may speak out, what we remember being told to us, so that more truth can come forth.

There was a man and his family in the theater who participated in creating the explosions. He was part Native American, and said the film was filmed in Romania. Too bad they didn't find some gypsies to play us.

I wonder about the real men in the story, Lutz and Rosenbaum, and the motivations of those creating this movie. The man who worked on it said it was originally going to be about Lutz, but they added this romantic story and changed things.

Thank you for your recommendations.

Name Withheld
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Cover story
"Ed Bedford's 1000 Cheap Eats"

Posted May 7
Congratulations Ed on your 1,000th Tin Fork article. I've enjoyed your easygoing story telling for quite a while now and fervently hope that Carla allows you to do a thousand more.

By jemsd, May 7 @ 5:36 p.m.

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Since Duncan Shepherd retired, Ed Bedford has taken over as my favorite thing about the Reader. His column is the one thing I look for each week. Congratulations and thanks to him for keeping it rolling for so long.

By bee1000, May 9 @ 2:16 p.m.

Unreal Estate
“The highest-priced estate in San Diego”
Posted May 7
The price is OK. But I don’t like the small size and weird shape of the house, so I’ll pass!

By dwbat, May 7 @ 12:24 p.m.

Guess we’ll have to put up with whatever riffraff moves in.

By Derek Wilson, May 9 @ 2:22 p.m.

City Lights
“Electricity Refund? Not in California”
Posted May 7
OH NO! Government regulation has failed! We had better have more government regulation! Forget competition or free markets or consumer choice... none of those things work! Only bureaucracy can save us!

By jnojr, May 7 @ 12:15 p.m.

jnojr - I’m not sure if you are serious or not...

Good Government depends on electing good Leaders and it is now obvious that we now have people in positions of power that are not putting the public good before the good of these Utilities... Bureaucracy can’t fix that, only installing new Leaders can do that...

By CaptD, May 7 @ 4:21 p.m.

Ask a Hipster
“Escape the Elephant Graveyard”

Posted April 16
Oh, dear God. Are young people seriously too resistant to socializing to handle FACEBOOK now? Wasn’t it less than a decade ago that people were complaining that Facebook and Myspace were built for people who cannot handle real life socializing?! Now young people refuse to

handle the responsibility of being part of a world friendly enough for FACEBOOK? Why? Young and old San Diegans need to start understanding that humans need social contact. Therefore, being social is a basic responsibility to oneself and others.

By Jacqueline Mary, May 2, @ 1:54 p.m.

Under the Radar
“No Pot in Rachel’s Lobby”
Posted April 30
I love how The Rach is mute on this neat little report in the otherwise totally commented-upon reality in which she lives every minute. How absolutely perfect, for all that she does, as she floats from one political paycheck to the other: not resulting from or achieved through deliberate planning. Maybe Sanders will find her useful again someday.

By HonestGovernment, May 1 @ 4:11 p.m.

Blurt
“Pop and Weirdness”
Posted May 7
I bought her song “Swimming Pool” and it hasn’t gotten out of my head! Amazing talent!

By Tyler Davis, May 8 @ 12:35 p.m.

Great article! Trish is amazing live...like a small wonder. Who came up with “electro-opera singer-songwriter”? I’m gonna use it.

By Molly Torrence, May 8 @ 1:17 p.m.

Sure love me some sweet trish music! It’s the perfect mood music for a hot summer day or a cool night in the club. And what a beautiful woman of color! Break me off a piece of that trish!

By storiesofwhimsy, May 8 @ 6:43 p.m.

This is a very concise interview. I have seen Trish a number of times, and even dragged my 6 year old along to listen. She is pure enjoyment and extremely talented. I have Chemicals and it is getting a lot of use. I think ghost is my favorite, but swimming pool is also very good.

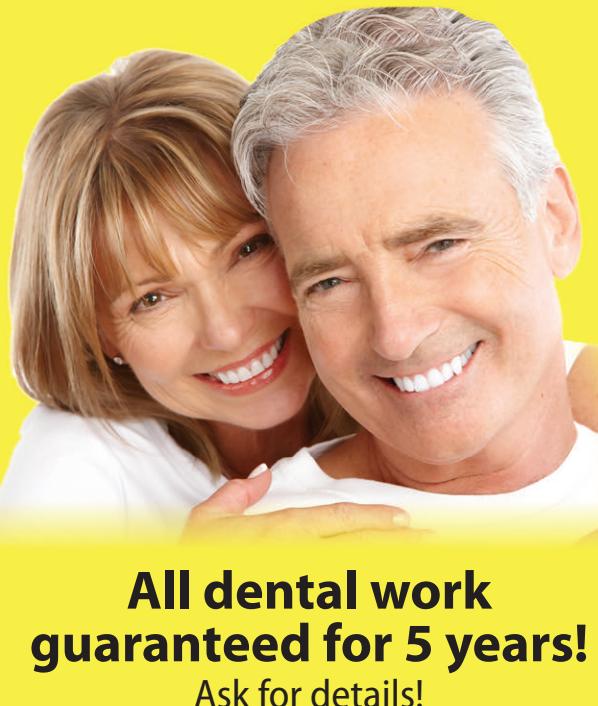
By Gary Van Horn, May 8 @ 8:23 p.m.

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people spoke about homeless people living in canyons, and that she said she sees them while running at the beach at 5:30 in the morning.

"It's not against the law to be homeless," Zimmerman said.

She spoke about the city's Homeless Outreach Team and veterans' resources. "The resources are there," she said, "they have to want them."

Before taking questions, Zimmerman described her vision as chief. "Imagine the possibilities if we could get even 1 percent in the city working together," she said.

Zimmerman said that she's been meeting residents at neighborhood forums. After the last of those meetings, she plans to hold "a huge town hall [and] have everyone talk to each other."

LIZ SWAIN

MIRAMAR

Thanks for the full-scale train, Dad

Anybody want a giant luxury sleeping car?

While driving eastbound on Miramar Road, I spotted a classic train car sitting on an abandoned railroad spur.

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The first words out of Frank, the onsite manager, were, "Do you want to buy it?" Frank said that a train-company employee was there recently, wondering what is going on with the Pullman. Reportedly, the owner, who pays the storage fees, lives in Tucson and inherited it from her dad.

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KEN HARRISON

SUNSET CLIFFS

Graffiti buster takes flak

Citizen criticized for eradicating vandals' tags with white paint

A recent confrontation between a surfer and a graffiti vigilante at Sunset Cliffs park ended peacefully but raised questions on how to approach the encroachment of vandalism, particularly within our beach communities.

An eyewitness reports that a young dark-haired individual who refers to himself as "Spoken One" (his name is Andrew) was whitewashing city dumpsters with spraypaint when a surfer (putting on his wetsuit in the parking lot) criticized Andrew's apparent defacement of property.

The two argued briefly before bystanders intervened. However, it became clear that what may at first have seemed like an act of vandalism was actually, in a way, the opposite — an effort to eradicate a number of spraypainted tags that had already accumulated on the dumpsters.

The surfer criticized Andrew's efforts, apparently of the opinion the original series of

tags looked better than the artless and smudgy white coat left covering the otherwise blue dumpsters. Andrew passionately insisted he'd been coming to the cliffs his entire life and would continue to "educate" any vandals defacing his neighborhood. Graffiti at Sunset Cliffs park is a relatively new problem, compared to other parts of the city.

So, is it effective to fight spraypaint with spraypaint? And in the eyes of the police department, is there any difference between a tagger spraying his signature, or moniker, on the side of a wall, and Andrew spraying over it?

A representative from the SDPD's Graffiti Strike Force, part of the department's Gangs Division, indicated there may be.

Officer Sergio Zamora says taggers are mostly out to promote themselves to one another, and that once a location has been tagged once, more monikers are likely to appear.

"The longer you leave the vandalism up, it's a calling to other taggers that it's a location to tag," said Zamora.

In other words, painting over the graffiti immediately will reduce the chances of more tags appearing. Unofficially, at least, the strike force would not be predisposed to consider a graffiti vigilante a vandal. Of course, Zamora adds, "Better to match the paint color."

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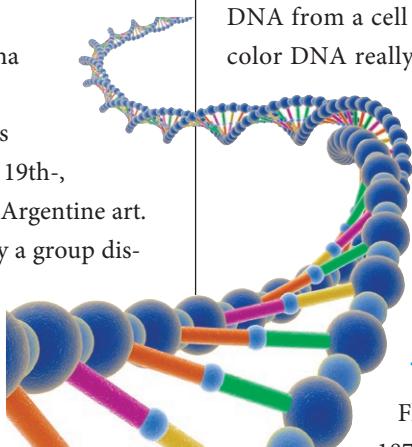
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Thursday | 15

HIGHLIGHTS OF ARGENTINE ART

Beginning with pre-Columbian art, Dr. John Kelly, specialist in Spanish and Portuguese and fellow at the North Carolina Japan Center, will look at important movements and figures prevalent in 19th-, 20th-, and 21st-century Argentine art. Presentation followed by a group discussion. Sponsored by the Latin American Arts Council. \$15.



WHEN: 3 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-7931; sdmart.org

Friday | 16

BOWLING FOR RHINOS

Join the American Association



of Zoo Keepers San Diego at this annual fundraiser where 100 percent of the profits raised go toward rhino conservation. Event includes bowling, a silent auction, awards for best-dressed team, and a dance-off. Teams and individuals are welcome to join. \$10.

WHEN: 5:15 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Kearny Mesa Bowl, 7585 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 619-231-1515; sdaazk.com

Saturday | 17

DNA DAY

Get up close and personal with the polymers that are the blueprint of life. Join the Salk Institute to extract DNA from a cell and find out what color DNA really is. Recommended for ages seven and up. Activities free with museum admission.

WHEN: Noon to 3 p.m.

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

Sunday | 18

EAT, DRINK, AND BE SICILIAN

Grape-stomping, authentic Sicilian cuisine, nonstop musical entertainment, cultural displays, a kids' zone, and the Bellissimo! Car Show.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WHERE: 1500 India Street, Little Italy. 619-469-2206; sicilianfesta.com

Monday | 19

SPIRIT SOCIETY

Utilizing Polite Provisions' world-class bar setup, house-made bitters, tinctures, and syrups, this introductory class will focus on three classic cocktails for the home bartender. Each imbiber will have a work station complete with all the jiggers, strainers,



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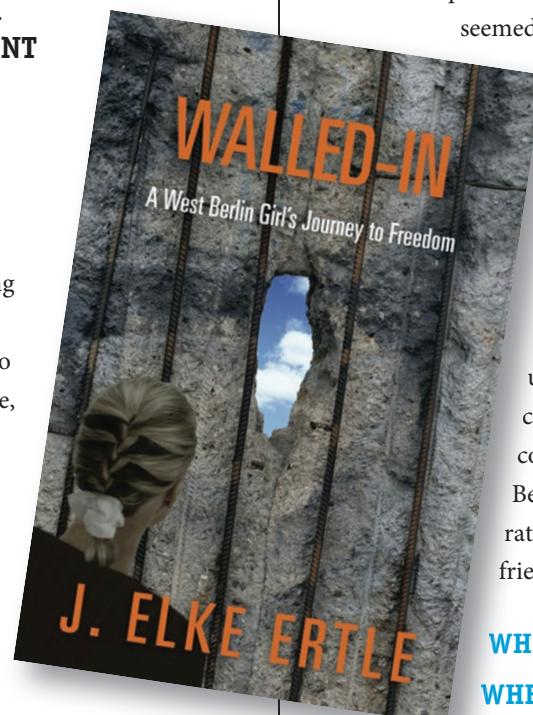
room 104, Balboa Park. 619-236-5555; cnpsd.org

Wednesday | 21

J. ELKE ERTLE: WALLED-IN

Author J. Elke Ertle was born and raised in West Berlin, Germany, during the Cold War. When she was two and a half, the Russians cut off all ground access to her part of the city. Starvation seemed imminent.

The United States and Great Britain responded by airlifting all necessities. Over the next decade, tension continued to mount, culminating in the construction of the Berlin Wall, separating families and friends.



WHEN: 4 to 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: El Cajon Library, 201 E. Douglas Avenue, El Cajon. 619-588-3718; walled-in-berlin.com

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Rainy day at Pago Pago Harbor — appropriate, considering Maugham's work here

On the soggy trail of Somerset Maugham in Pago Pago

By Ken Jackson

A thick drizzle soaked me one Saturday afternoon in Pago Pago, American Samoa. But the drizzle was a welcome relief from the Deluge of Heaven that had just raced across the harbor, driving even the most hardened denizens of the yacht club from their beachfront perches to the shelter of the bar.

I waited with them for the rain to slacken, but when happy hour ended and the price of Vailima Samoa beer surged, I went out to find one of the pickup-truck taxis that ply the road to town.

My truck only went as far as the main market. I was still about a mile from my hotel. But at least I was able to secure a sack of cheaper Vailimas to store against Sunday. Sunday, most drinks sellers in Pago — deferring to generations of missionaries' efforts — shut down.

Between the market and my hotel, I splashed past a colonial-style building called the Sadie Thompson Inn. I don't know whether it was the horrific weather or the obvious pervasiveness of the missionaries' presence here or whether I was just missing the seamier side of Honolulu, but I suddenly recalled the story of the missionary-prostitute

conflict Somerset Maugham told in the short story "Rain."

"Rain" was set in Pago Pago and recounted the moral struggle between an American missionary, Rev. Davidson, and a Hawaiian prostitute named Sadie Thompson. Maugham wrote "Rain" after a measles quarantine detained him and fellow steamship passengers for two weeks in Pago Pago.

The Sadie Thompson Inn is supposedly the site of the boarding house where Maugham and other stranded passengers, including Rev. Davidson, his wife, and Sadie sheltered. Maugham and other reluctant and miserable boarders cowered against a rain "that rattled on the roof of corrugated iron with a steady persistence that was maddening, that seemed to have a fury of its own."

But Sadie, undeterred, set up shop. Sailors, gramophone music, dancing, liquor, right under the horrified noses of Pago Pago's polite but sodden society. The missionary, with time on his hands, and sensing a God-sent chance to dispense divine justice, took on the cause of Sadie. At first she was outgunned. The missionary convinced the colony's American governor to deport her to San Francisco to face a prison term arising from her prior indiscretions there.

But just as life was looking darkest for a suddenly surprisingly repentant Sadie, with the Frisco-bound steamer's departure imminent, the missionary scored a goal in the eternal game of Good against Evil by sleeping with Sadie. Maugham quickly tidied up the loose ends of the plot with the missionary's suicide and Sadie's reprieve.

The reverend's body was scarcely cold when she cranked up the gramophone, summoned the sailors, and pronounced the benediction: "You men! You filthy dirty pigs! You're all the same, all of you. Pigs! Pigs!"

Whether the missionary-versus-

hooker story is fact or myth is still debated in this town that has little else of historical consequence to debate. I variously heard that Sadie went on to establish a brothel. Or she took in laundry by day and turned solo tricks by night. Or local police loaded her unconscious onto a Sydney-bound steamer. Or she fell into a taboo love affair with a Samoan noble and had to return to Honolulu.

You pick. But I think Maugham would be surprised that his representative of a victory of vice over salvation became the namesake of one of this devoutly Christian community's finest restaurants. And, poetically, one of the only bars open on Sunday.

Sadie's Inn is a culinary oasis in this land of eggs, hamburgers, Spam, pancakes, and Bud Light served in cups of crushed ice. One day Maugham complained that at the old boarding house they were "eating hamburger steaks again. It seems to be the only dish the cook knew how to make." Well, you can still eat hamburger steak at Sadie's, if you prefer it to salmon sushi or imported lobster, but now you can wash your burger down with a fine New Zealand Pinot Noir.

A few things have changed since



Approaching the island's Sadie Thompson Inn

Maugham's visit. From the inn's veranda, you no longer look across the harbor at sailing schooners, steamships, and Navy rowing launches but at container ships and luxury cruise liners. On the far shore, the coconut plantations and taro patches Somersett or Sadie might have seen through the mist and rain have yielded to the massive tuna-canning plants of StarKist and Chicken of the Sea.

Writing this, I sit, miserable and hopeless, on Sadie's veranda, barely sheltered from a lashing rain that seems more like the falls of some vast equatorial river than anything the sky could send. Comforted only by a cup of iced Bud Light, I struggle to breathe the still air. Great drops of sweat splotch these pages as I wonder about Maugham's story.

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BOX CANYON TO PLAYA FROM COYOTE CANYON

Walk an old Cahuilla Indian trail to a hidden playa.

Distance from downtown San Diego: About 105 miles. Allow at least 2.5 hours driving time (Borrego Springs). From Christmas Circle, go 0.5 mile east on Palm Canyon Dr. Turn left/north onto DiGiorgio Rd. and drive approximately 5 miles, until the pavement ends and the Coyote Canyon dirt road begins. Reset the vehicle odometer to 0 and drive 5.5 miles up Coyote Canyon and park on the west side of Third Crossing (across the creek). A 4WD vehicle or truck is recommended beyond the first creek crossing at odometer 3.7 miles. The Box Canyon trail begins on the east side of Third Crossing.

Hiking length: 7.5 miles out-and-back. **Difficulty:** Moderately difficult. Total elevation gain/loss is 1440 feet. There are no facilities or sources of drinking water once you leave Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs. Bring at least two liters of water and drink it to keep hydrated. Since the trail is not always obvious, bring a GPS, map, and compass.



Borrego Valley is visible to the southwest.

Here is your chance to walk on trails the Cahuilla used to travel between their old Santa Rosa village in Rockhouse Canyon and villages in

Coyote Canyon. Although the trail is a little hard to follow in spots, it is still visible. The trail also provides stunning views of the Santa Rosa

Mountains to the east and the San Ysidro Mountains in the west.

From your parked vehicle, cross the creek and follow the road



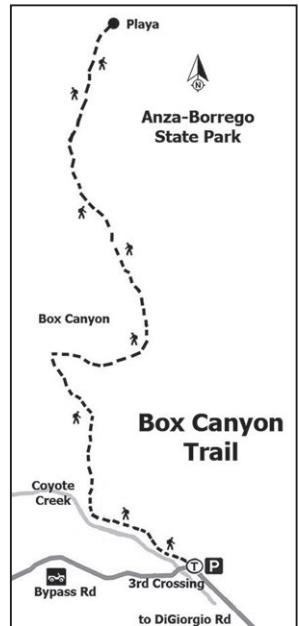
The hike leads to a dry lakebed, or playa.

east a short distance until it begins to curve southeast. At this point, find the trail, marked with ducks, going northwest into Box Canyon. As you progress up the trail, the canyon quickly narrows and some scrambling over or around boulders is necessary. Continue up the main canyon for about 1.25 miles, noting the tributary canyons coming into the main canyon on your right. Go about a quarter of a mile up the second tributary canyon. Keep to the right as this canyon branches, aiming for the low ridge ahead. The hike utilizes the old Cahuilla trail, segments of which you will find on top of that ridge. Although these segments are not continuous due to growth of cholla and other vegetation over the more than a 100 years since it was heavily used, basically you just follow the ridge and watch for ducks that periodically mark the trail. As you hike, note the abundance of different cactus species, including beavertail cactus, hedgehog cactus,

California barrel cactus, Engelmann prickly pear, fishhook cactus, snake cholla, teddy bear cholla, and silver cholla. Desert agave is abundant in places as is ocotillo.

The goal is the Box Canyon playa that lies 3.75 miles from the trailhead. A playa is the flat-floored bottom of an undrained desert basin that at times can be a shallow lake; this playa is a dry lake in miniature. Rains erode sand and silt from the surrounding hills, which flow into and accumulate in the shallow depression. It is ringed with creosote bushes, but very few plants grow in playa soil, possibly due to salt that the runoff must also deposit here. Once you achieve this goal, you could continue on to Jackass Flat, Hidden Spring, or Rockhouse Canyon, but these are beyond the scope of a day-hike for most people. Return to your vehicle the way you came.

Vehicle access to this area is prohibited from June 1 through Sep-



tember 30 to protect water resources for bighorn sheep during the summer months. They can sometimes be seen along the road or up on the slopes, so bring your binoculars!

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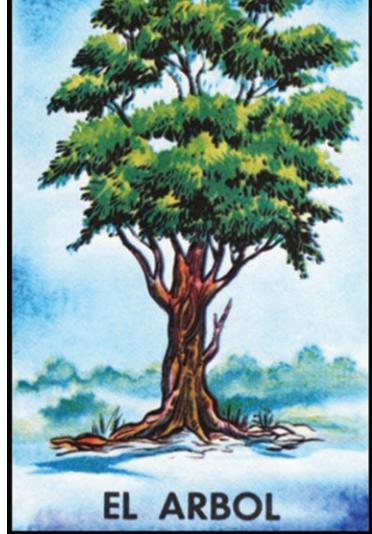
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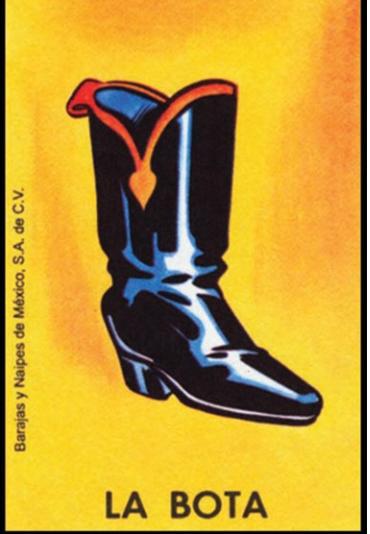
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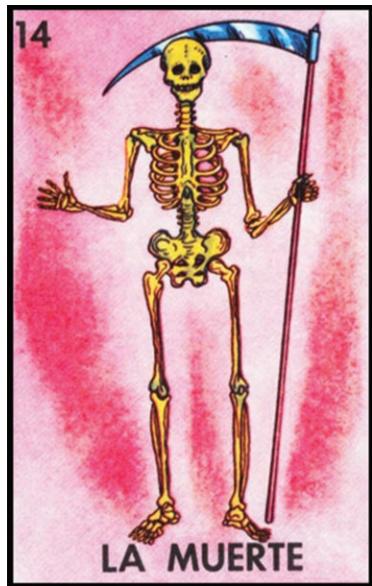
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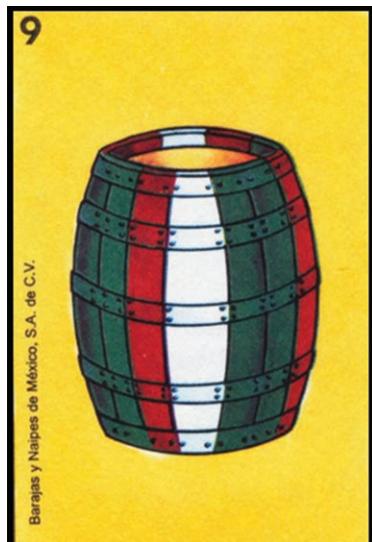


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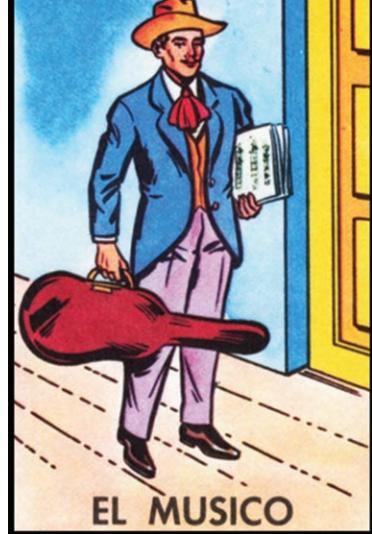
Seth and Alexis Sullivan don't look like they belong in Mexico. A gringo by blood — his parents relocated to Tijuana from North Carolina and Kansas nearly four decades ago — Seth is known among locals as Rolie Fingers, after the magnificently mustachioed San Diego Padres pitcher of the late '70s. Alexis comes from a Korean family with roots in the Yucatan Peninsula (in addition to Filipino and Japanese backgrounds) and grew up between Tijuana and Bonita. They both speak fluent, slang-laden Spanish followed by perfect California English.

Sure, they may not fit the typecast, but, as a local musician once told me, "Tijuana is a junkyard," and nobody knows Tijuana's junkyards better than the Sullivans.

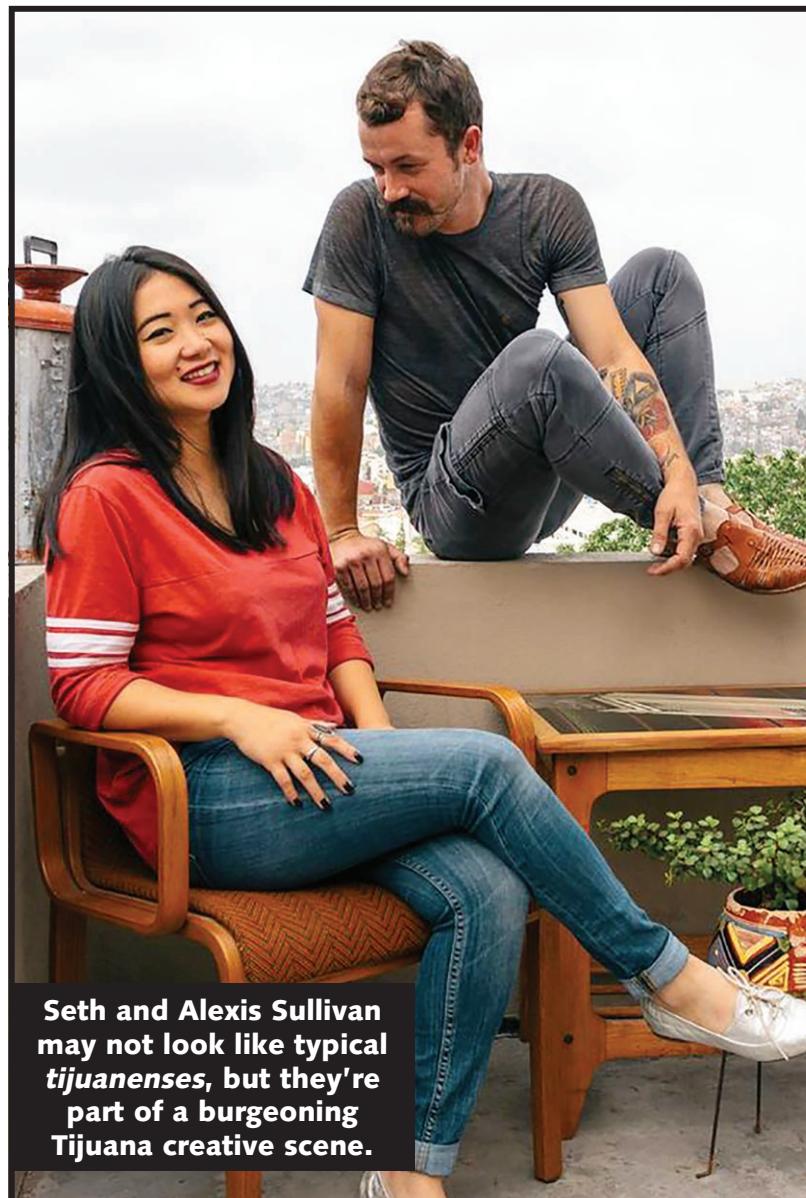
"Here, you run into a lot of shit from the United States that's been recycled goods from years ago," Seth says in his craggy voice, which always sounds on the verge of cracking a joke. "Shit that, unless you're gonna use it for artwork or material to create something, it's really not a product in itself. So what's really cool about thrifting in Mexico is that, if you're creative, you can figure out how to make some cool shit out of a lot of random things you find in really random places."

A flea-market picker since a young age, Seth now scours thrift stores, scrap yards, alleyways, dumpsters, and roadside collectors from Rosarito to Los Angeles. He and Alexis then transform the detritus and forgotten

treasures into works of art that they sell under their brand name "Built Around Me" on Etsy, at craft fairs, and to private clients.



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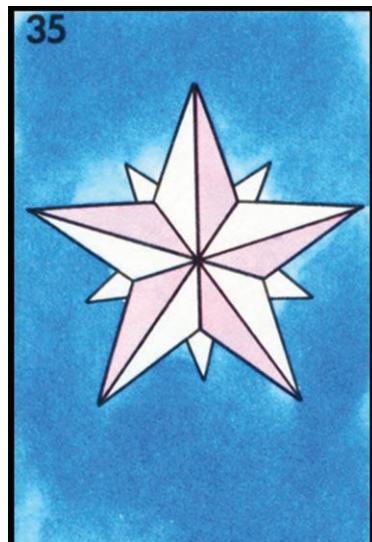
Seth and Alexis Sullivan may not look like typical tijuanenses, but they're part of a burgeoning Tijuana creative scene.

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Up at their hillside home overlooking Colonia Cacho, Seth shows me a giant, vintage "Farmacia" sign that he recently picked up, as well as a retro sign that had been threatening to fall off a Zona Norte motel for years.

"I'm still not sure what I'm going to do with that," he says, "but I had to have it."

Seth met Alexis just as



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he began figuring out his potential as a self-taught designer (thanks, YouTube), marketing his wares under the alias Art Pusher. She was working what she calls a boring job and says, "He flipped my whole world upside down. Like, whoa! It's real to be an artist and designer."

Alexis, who excels at photography, maintains Built Around Me's social media and accounting in addition to working on design. The couple employs four specialists — a woodworker, a metalworker, a finisher, and an architect ("I can't sketch to save my life," says Seth) — and are looking into commercial spaces around Tijuana to set up a new wood/metal shop and a garden to grow succulents.

Most recently, Built Around Me has been teaming up with inves-

tors in the States to fund big interior-design projects on both sides of the border.

"I want them to have that Tijuana street feel but be high-end products," Seth says. "Solid walnut dressers, credenzas... all the stuff we make has that more *serape* feel. More raw, but with an elegant feel."

Take, for example, their work at Revolución gastropub La Justina, where they crafted an ambiance that includes a bar top of 10,000 pennies coated in resin and an Edison-bulb chandelier of salvaged, individually woven marine ropes. Until now, everything has been one-of-a-kind, but the couple just produced a line of 120 tractor-seat bar stools for Común, a pending East Village endeavor of transbordeur chef Chad White's. They're also redesigning

the Egyptian-themed suite at a Tijuana love motel.

"There wasn't anything here before that was cheap and nice to look at," says Seth. "Everything was cheap and ugly or cheap and smelly. But now people are into aesthetics."

"TJ's really establishing itself as something in the design world, not just all the Mexican stereotypes," Alexis says. "It's the city investing in itself, instead of tourism like it did before. Now, everything is for the locals and more people are coming to visit because of it."

— Chad Deal

They go all night at this park

"Oh, man! You moved to a place next to Parque Teniente? That's where the male and transsexual prostitutes hang out, robberies happen,



A lot goes on at Parque Teniente Guerrero, and it goes on 24 hours a day

and deported homeless people sleep," A TJ friend informs me.

For a whole year, I've been walking through the park at different hours of the day and night on my way to work or back from the bars. It was scary at first, but the only thing I found to be true from what my friend said is

that a lot of homeless people sleep there (day and night). But even after midnight hours, the park has people — teens playing soccer, people walking around smoking a cigarette or walking their dog, couples having a bit of romance, drunks on their way back home, and people playing chess.

There are always people playing chess.

The small park, established in 1924 as Parque Teniente Guerrero, is the oldest in Tijuana and the only one in the downtown area. The park was built thanks to professor Josefina Rendón Parra (1885–1955), who pushed for the con-

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struction of more green areas and was gifted trees from Balboa Park's greenhouse.

It's structured in the style of the classic park you'll find in older cities in central Mexico. A colonial-style church is situated at the front, a gazebo in the middle, a statue of a Mexican president on one side (Benito Juárez), a statue of a saint (Francis of Assisi) on the other, a playground for children, a small public library, and people from throughout the country. The park and its surroundings are so full of life that, with every step you take, you'll see something different.

There's usually a dude or two swinging a hammer on the corner of 3rd and G street. A scary sight at first glance, the hammer folk are actually just advertising their services as auto-dent repair men. A deaf shoeshiner

mans a booth next to the workers, not bothered by the ongoing hammering of dents. It takes a short walk to make it to the opposite corner (4th and F), where you'll find several taco stands offering fish, shrimp, birria, and more. The *quesobirria* at the corner cart is especially recommended, but get there before they take off at around 3 p.m.

The block is surrounded by dentists' offices, medical centers, pharmacies, and convenience stores. Meanwhile, the gazebo in the center hosts all sorts of entertainment: a little girl in a wheelchair holds up the microphone and sings Selena songs, the backup track and vocals blaring from a PA. The microphone then goes to a more experienced singer, an older woman who sings Celia Cruz, inciting a dance party. El Muertho

("the dead one") is a keyboard singer/songwriter that belongs to the '80s in his gothic black-and-white outfit and Kiss-inspired makeup. He strolls around the park collecting tips when his Halloweenish set is complete. A guy and two girls dance to some pop tunes. They aren't very good, nor are they sexy, but they captivate the audience, who produce a few pesos for the trio. Clowns juggle and strut around in bizarre outfits. Behind the gazebo, a young guy with dreadlocks, tattoos, and ear plugs draws portraits of iconic figures in chalk.

"I've been in the area my whole life and have never been robbed," Says chalk artist Edgar Omar Cia, 24. "There are many drunks at night, but they are just looking for a place to sleep, too tired to even bother people. Besides, the cops are always

nearby. When I started doing the chalk drawings, like, eight months ago, the cops did arrest me because it counted as graffiti. However, now I have a permit from the city. They even told me to continue drawing because people like it."

"We're here every Sunday next to the people playing chess and other board games," says Gilberto Herrera, a reporter for PSNtv who volunteers in a Morena (a political party) tent. "The park used to be really bad, but in 2007 everything changed. When [Jorge] Hank [Rhon] was municipal president, he celebrated his anniversary here and he invited all the rich families in Tijuana, thus they remodeled the whole park. They installed a police booth, the artificial lake, the chess tables, and all the lights. But it did happen

to me years ago when I was in high school that I walked through the park and some guy wanted to give me money for oral sex. I'm from Tijuana and been living around here my whole life. I can say that the park is the safest it has ever been."

Through all the activity that happens day and night at the park, what's most amazing to me is that, as mentioned, there are always people playing chess. I used to nervously walk through the park when coming home from bars, but there's something comforting about a park that has people playing chess 24/7.

"They call you a shaved lion if you have never played with them before," Christian Abel Ramírez tells me about the park's chess scene. Christian is the co-founder of Rincón de Caissa Chess Club in

Pasaje Gomez. "There are a lot of chess clubs in Tijuana and great players out there, but everyone goes through the park at some point in their life. It's the most accessible, but it's easy to outgrow it and move on. Many of the players there are deported or retired people, so they don't have much to do but play chess until dawn. They aren't textbook chess players and many of them have vices, but it makes for interesting matches."

Tijuana is a city of myths and misconceptions. At nearly a century old, Parque Teniente Guerrero also has its share, but don't let that scare you away from a taste of interior Mexico in downtown TJ.

— Matthew Suarez

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Pasaje Rodriguez is shaping up to be the coolest passage in TJ. But who knew of the jewel right in its heart?

Pasajes (passages) are the arcades that run from Revolución through to Constitución avenues, mostly. They're secondary lines of shops and cafés that try to lure *turistas* off the main drag of Revu.

After the economic downturn, Pasaje Rodriguez became a ghost *paseo*, but it is definitely into revival mode. They say just about every space has been rented. And maybe its emotional center is where the Mamut Brewery operates out of a cramped 1½-story space next to a beloved second-hand bookstore where settees and sofas stretch out into the *paseo*.

But look across the other side to where a gray-bearded man in a

big black sombrero sits behind a desk smoking a cigar. The brass star on his chest reads "Sheriff." The sign above him reads "Foreign Club." And slightly below: "Amigos del Arte. Willy's. Come in!"

This is Willy Clauson, and he'll sing you songs, sell you second-hand sombreros, get someone to help you see the sights, sell you books of songs he has written or the CDs of songs he has recorded. Anything, these days, for a buck. At first you assume he's one of the thousands of Americans who have come down to live in TJ because it's the only place they can afford.

It's partly true: Willy's glory days are probably over. But for the last 20 years, he has created a little retreat here for artists and musicians to come in and hang out,



Songwriter Willy Clauson has created a home for art and artists in downtown's Pasaje Rodriguez.

play, create evening concerts. Right now, on a Friday afternoon, there's Willy, his faithful assistant Adrian, and a *guitarrista* teaching a younger guy to play a

chord sequence out of a Santana song book. Yes, it's a little musty, and Willy's cigar smoke creates a kind of miasma that won't go away.

But put up with

it, because you're in the presence of a star. Willy, turns out, is the man who gave the world "La Bamba." Who gave the country "He's Got the Whole World in

His Hands." He's the guy who pretty much brought Australian folk music back from extinction. Think "Click Go the Shears, Boys" and "Waltzing Matilda." He became the favorite *charro* of his own ancestral Sweden.

And La Bamba? "I was down in Veracruz. Early 1950s. And the dances! The wedding dances where the bride and groom have to tow a long ribbon so it ties into a bow. 'La Bamba' was one of the traditional songs for that. A fisherman's song, but sung really fast. And it gets faster and faster towards the end to make it hard for the couple. I took it and slowed it down and simplified it and started singing it at my concerts. And it became so popular I always used to end with it."

Fact is, back then, Willy Clauson was hot.

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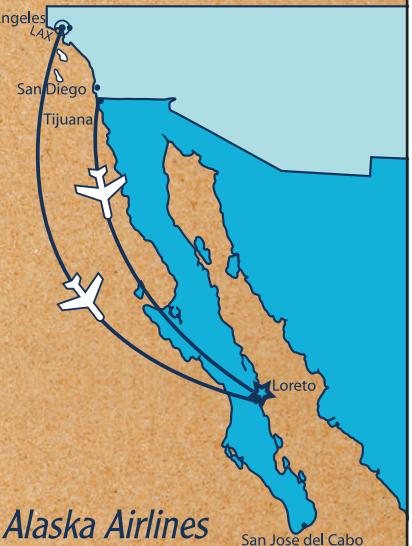


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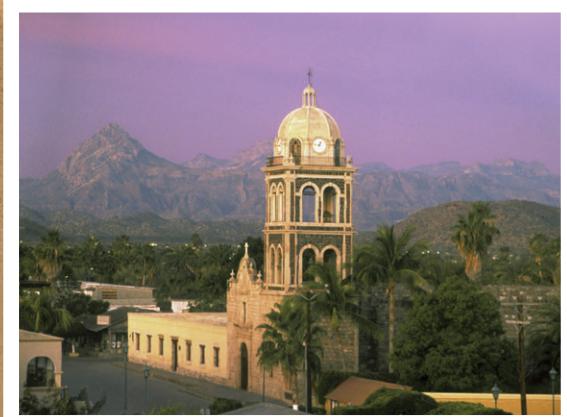
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He had started as a protégé of Carl Sandburg the poet, ended up soloing at Carnegie Hall, recorded over 40 LPs, was selected as a member of the Songwriters' Hall of Fame, had acted in "maybe 200 movies" as a kid, mostly westerns. Good buddies with Burl Ives, recorded at Johnny Cash's Tennessee studios, partied with Gregory Peck in La Jolla. "First time I came in, there was Marilyn Monroe, sitting on Greg's knee."

And he sang *that* song. The one that would perk me up like coffee when I was a kid, every time it came on the radio. And 60 years after Willy brought it up in his bag from Veracruz, it's still around.

Partly thanks to Ritchie Valens, of course. When Valens took it up, it became a total Top 40 hit and now sits at #354 in *Rolling Stone* magazine's list of the 500 greatest songs of all time. It's the only one on the list not sung in English.

And all because of this guy sitting in front of me with the sheriff's badge and the long cheroot.

So, my main question: After all this glory, why Pasaje Rodriguez?

"I feel more comfortable here. People are more sociable. I have loved Tijuana since I



Rafa González, head brewer at Tres B and one of the main organizers of the Mexicali Beer Fest.

was ten years old."

And he really means it. He was born in Ohio, but soon moved with his parents back to their native Sweden. When they returned they brought him to Tijuana.

"This was 1940. I was ten. They sat me down in the little patio of Caesar's restaurant, no different than it is today, and I watched life on Revolución go by. Ladies, the striped donkeys, the hucksters, and the musicians. Oh, Lord. They had the mariachis play to us. I fell in love with this society right then, and it has never gone away."

Which explains why he stayed here all through

the bad times, when this town was a scary place. "But I have always felt safe. And I have to be here, to take my glass of cactus juice from the fruit stand around the corner, every morning. That washes you clean through."

Except he hasn't persuaded his sons, living up in L.A. They refuse to cross the border, dad or no dad.

He named this place after the real Foreign Club, which was a drinking and eating and gambling anchor to the town back in the days of Prohibition.

You sort of get a feel for it all in here. Of course at his Foreign Club, it's

all in the timing: if you strike it right, you'll get a story or two out of him, and maybe even a song. If he happens to be around.

Above all, Willy's place is a great one to find photos of Old TJ and memorabilia you won't find elsewhere. Guitars, ponchos, real old-style sombreros with the sweat of their original *charro* owners staining the bands; and records. There's even the certificate from the copyright office at the Library of Congress in Washington DC. On the one tune that he didn't totally compose (among the over 1000 he has created) it locks in his copyright: "William Clauson, April 21st 1958, La Bamba, EU521350...."

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immense volume of water one drinks to survive). But more than anything, Mexicali has always been a beer town. Locals call it “*la tierra de los huevos frios*” — the land of the cold testicles — in reference to the ice-cold balls on the classic *cachanilla*, or Mexicali native, chillin’ with a crotch beer to keep cool under a persecuting midsummer sun.

Aztec Brewery and Cervecería Mexicali date back to the early ’20s, just two decades after the city was founded. The railroad line connecting Calexico to Mexico allowed them to import machinery and malt from the States to incorporate with local barley, rice from Mexico, and hops from Bohemia — then export their brew to Tijuana (which thrived under Prohibition-era America) and beyond. Aztec Brewery relocated to San Diego

when the Volstead Act was repealed in 1933. In 1972, Cervecería Mexicali was forced to close in lieu of being bought out by duopoly giants Grupo Modelo and Cervecería Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma. These days, over 80 microbreweries exist throughout Baja, but more than anywhere, Mexicali is proving itself as a hot spot for innovative small-batch beers.

San Diego is already familiar with Cucapá, one of the few artisanal Baja brews imported steadily to the States. Among the oldest microbreweries in Baja, Cucapá opened 12 years ago. Only recently have home-brewers begun to spring up across the city, producing a few barrels at a time in makeshift garage setups.

“Craft beer is getting big in town, thanks to local brewers pouring beers for friends, selling



Kenya and head brewer Pepe Martínez of Dos Pistones.

small batches to a few bars willing to take some risks, having pints with friends and strangers alike, and remaining tireless,” says Rodrigo Hernández of Tres B, also known as Big Bad Brewing Co. — one of the more established micros in Mexicali.

In a windfall for craft brewers, exclusivity laws that enabled the duopoly breweries to dominate 98 percent of the Mexican market were overturned by the Comisión Federal de Competencia (the federal government’s fair-competition commission) last July. Responding to a 2010 antitrust action filed

by the Asociación de Cerveza Artesanal de Baja California (analogous to the California Craft Brewer Association) and SABMiller (a multinational brewing company based in London), the commission ruled that the macros must reduce their exclusivity contracts to 20 percent of total establishments over the next five years.

“The legal climate in relation to the duopoly in Mexico has taken a turn for the better,” says Freddie Sanchez of Chula Vista-based distributors CeAr-Mex. “Municipal governments in Baja have taken it upon themselves to facili-

tate permits in counties like Mexicali in order to fight the stronghold that the two macros have. With these new stipulations, the county can lease the permits on a monthly basis to breweries and brewpubs at very accessible costs as part of a program to incentivize the growth of downtown Mexicali.”

Just months after the commission ruling, the Mexicali Beer Fest: Artesanal debuted at the city’s renovated Centro Histórico plaza with around 3400 in attendance. In April, organizers Héctor Corella (Cerveza Amante), Hernández,

and Rafael González — the latter two from Tres B — hosted their second fest, this time at the more spacious Parque Vicente Guerrero.

It’s worth noting that the park is named after a national hero and revolutionary general in the Mexican War of Independence. Not only did he champion equal rights for the racially and economically oppressed, but he also liberated beer, which was previously subject to harsh restrictions and taxation imposed by Spanish rule. In fact, it wasn’t until the arrival of German immigrants and the brief reign of Austrian monarch Maximilian I (who had his own personal brewer of Vienna-style dark beers) in the latter half of the 19th Century that Mexico began to brew in earnest.

All of this leads up to a warm spring evening in Parque Vicente Guerrero, where an estimated 5000 suds hunters sample 16 local brewers along with 17 visitors from Ensenada, Rosarito, Tecate, Tijuana, Monterrey, Guadalajara, and San Diego (Green Flash and Coronado Brewing Co.)

At a titillating ten hours in duration, the fest costs just 150 pesos (about \$11.50) and coincides with the Mexicali Craft Brewers Guild’s second Mexicali Beer Challenge — an opportunity for professional and home-brewers to have their flagship beverages evaluated by certified judges. Participants include brewers from San Diego and Imperial Valley, and as far away as Michoacán, Puebla, and Mexico City. November’s victor, the Crossover IPA from fledgling Mexicali brewers Cerveza Urbana, is easily one of the best beers at the spring festival, provided you enjoy being punched in the mouth with citrus

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Tres B head brewer Rafa González recalls the evolution of beer-craft in Mexicali: "Back in 2005, the only other home-brewer we knew was Pepe Martínez from Dos Pistones. We would have to buy our ingredients and hardware in San Diego (like everybody else in Baja) and at an online store. There were no home-brew shops in Mexico at that time. Now it's crazy. There's a home-brew shop, La Casa de la Cerveza, that has classes of 30 or 40 people."

Of course, in Mexicali — whose official byline is "The City that Captured the Sun" — beer is just as much a lifestyle as it is a science.

"People drink beer for survival here," González says. "In the summer, you know it's going to hit [125 degrees] for at least a week. We in Mexicali are used

to the heat. We know the damage it can do to you as a person, animals, plants, food, and beer. We have what you could call a 'temperature culture.' We have controlled fermentation temperatures on our beers, home-brewers have their AC's on the whole time, and you can taste the result."

A lazy stroll around the pop-up village of micropubs with my father reveals Mexicali's mightiest *huevos* chillers: a sturdy IPA from Gato Gordo, an 8.8 percent strong ale from Tres B, and — countless pints and eats later — an IPA spiked with Japanese and Australian hops from González's old brewing buddies, Dos Pistones. Invigorated by the arid desert night, we drink and laugh well past the official closing time of 2 a.m. with the folks at Dos Pistones, named for the twin cylinders on a Ducati. The

rockabilly bunch of home-hopheads love Social Distortion and Johnny Cash and cheerfully feed us brews called Rocker IPA and A Beer Named Sue.

"I started around nine years ago with a kit from Home Brew Mart," says Pepe Martínez, head brewer at Cervecería Dos Pistones. "At the time, there weren't many choices as far as craft beer goes in Mexicali. I felt the need to try different styles, so I bought a bigger system and that's when the brewery started. My brother Daniel and a close friend joined in the effort. Now, we honestly believe that Mexicali has the best craft beer in Mexico. Mexicali has always been a beer town. We just need to make sure that we drink good beer."

All other vendors long gone now and trash cans overflowing with cups, my father and I hobnob at Dos



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"I've always loved the farm-to-table movement because it's all about supporting your community and the local economy," he says. "Toma local, toma artesanal" [drink local, drink artisanal] for me is basically the same principle. It's about creating a bigger craft-beer culture. We want to change the paradigm in which people buy cheap beer and drink a lot of it to get drunk. Instead, drink unique, higher quality, locally produced beer while helping your economy. Mexicali's craft-beer culture has been growing incredibly fast. Most nanobreweries are struggling to keep up with demand, and that is a very good sign that the craft-brewing industry is flourishing."

Can't wait for the next



Andrew Sheiner and Josué Castro transformed a former cosmetics warehouse into Tijuana's first live-work loft space.

fest? Grab some shade at El Sume (845 Justo Sierra, Mexicali) for a one-stop panorama of the city's latest flavors.

—Chad Deal

Josué's kitchen

"It was a spark," says Andrew Sheiner, business

partner at Tijuana gallery La Tentación with photographer Josué Castro.

"I gave them the necessity, I didn't give them the idea," elaborates Castro. "I gave them my need: I need a loft downtown."

It was this need, this

spark, that became an important ingredient in the design, construction, and subsequent transformation of a former Avon cosmetics warehouse into a 12-loft building in downtown Tijuana — located at, and named, 7th & Constitución — that now houses Castro's new 1000-square-foot creative space, the Kitchen.

Castro, young and energetic for a man of 58 years, was born in Mexico City, lived in Tijuana for 20 years and in San Diego full time for 12. Now, with the opening of the Kitchen, he splits his time between San Diego and Tijuana. But because he's an American citizen, he says, "I don't count as a Mexican, I'm considered an American." This iden-

city crisis obviously hasn't deterred him from honing his projects in Tijuana — a city that often questions which country it has more in common with.

The Kitchen was created out of a need for a larger space than La Tentación, located in Pasaje Gomez — the funky, previously abandoned, covered alleyway off Revolución Avenue.

"We had the necessity to expand," explains Castro. "We had a very good response at La Tentación with our workshops, our lectures, projections, things like that. There wasn't enough room for all of our projects. It was working faster than we thought."

Now La Tentación serves only as an experimental gallery and brew space for Castro and Sheiner's boutique beer, Los Marranos. The photography studio, classes, and special events were moved in November 2013 to the live-work loft that is appropriately named the Kitchen.

"We cook up crazy ideas here," Castro laughs, "that's why we call it 'the Kitchen.'"

"We have a concert one night, a class another night," adds Sheiner, "but whenever you come, it's going to be good."

Castro then goes on to describe the industrial space's simple furniture

as "easy to move, easy to change" — an important feature when taking on so many different projects in one open area.

"One of our first goals," Castro explains, "is to attract the attention of Americans to TJ, to stop thinking that it's a dangerous place, stop all the crazy stereotypes. We also wanted to bring the upper middle class from TJ to the space. They didn't have spaces to go out here in Tijuana, so they went to San Diego."

The Kitchen, gastro-pubs, and galleries offer up new options for *tijuaneños* — more places to be social in their own city.

"It's funny, because Mexicans were not as adventurous as Americans," explains Castro. "People at the beginning were kind of reluctant, but now they see it's fun and they want to go. In the five months that we have been open, we have all these upper-middle-class locals that come to our concerts, our workshops, anything that we do."

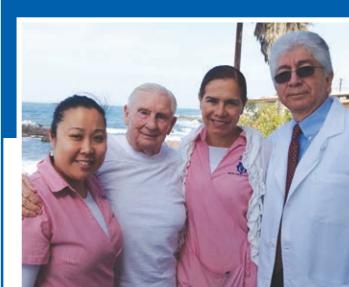
Cristina Cream, Proyecto Kasandra, and Madame Ur have all held intimate, sold-out shows to a crowd of about 25–30 people at the Kitchen. Madame Ur is coming back around for a second performance May 16.

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Popotla locals will tell you Al Capone used to hide out in this house.

culinary movie night. Films starring El Santo, a masked Mexican wrestler who appeared in 52 flicks from the '50s through '80s, will be accompanied by craft beer and food pairings. Other labels besides their own Los Marraños will be featured, and they've already had a positive response from brewers and chefs who are interested in participating.

The Kitchen hosted one event that coincided with galleries in Japan, Berlin, Guadalajara, and Mexico City. Attendees shot photos from their cell phones in real-time, with the resulting images being projected live in the other cities.

"This concept we have [of the live-work space] is the first down here," says Castro. "Someone needs to be the first one, the pioneer, the crazy one, which is what the Kitchen is."

— E.V. Hepworth

Don Pedro's bit of real Mexico

Is there any real Mexico left in the borderified, industrialized, Spanglish north end of Baja?

Oh, yes, there is. Like, right now, we're just pulling up beside an isolated house beside the old highway, south of Rosarito.

"The shortcut to Popotla?" says the *taxis de ruta* driver. "It's behind Al Capone's house."

Al Capone? Baja? I get out of the taxi (\$1 from Rosarito), right beside the shell of a two-story stone house at the edge of the old highway. People here swear Capone and his henchmen used it as a place to come hide when they needed to let dust settle up in *el norte*. But a fire has destroyed everything that's not made of stone, and blackened the rest.

Place looks sinister, haunted, isolated.

I hurry out and into the field. Because this is the patch of land that leads down to my favorite fishing village. I hump down the track past Fox Studios, where they shot *Titanic* and *Master and Commander*, toward a collection of houses that look as though they're sitting on the sea.

It's called Popotla. But...uh-oh. As I get closer, I see a red flag flying over the roofs. That can mean only one thing: No one's going out fishing. Too dangerous today, I guess. Lumpy sea, unpredictable winds. Rain's coming and going.

But from my point of view, it's all good. I can

see Popotla hasn't been turned into another Puerto Nuevo.

Popotla is a beautiful haphazard mess, teetering on top of this rocky outcrop. Houses and restaurants are built on stilts over the sea. And then to the left the dirt driveway swoops down into a protected sandy cove.

I walk down the slope. It flattens out into the curved beach. All the fishing boats, the *pangas*, sit on the sand, facing the waves, tied down.

The beach has lots of people. Because everybody here has something to do with fish. Catching it, selling it, cooking it. Just about every building on the rock is a restaurant, and Baja Californians crowd it every weekend, to eat fish right off the boat.

I ask around. "Is Pedro still here?"

Pedro Garcia Ureña has always been the Man in this village, each time I've come. I recognize his place, the first one on the beach. Spent an evening here sitting round a fire, drinking *cervezas* and eating fish Pedro fried up, with a German student, a lost Californian hitchhiker, a soldier, and Pedro. Hard to put a price on that evening.

Pedro's known as El Loco. Yes, he's eccentric. But he insists it's everybody else that's different. His place used to be called "Mariscos El Locochon." But most of the time he'd fry your fish on the beach, in cooking oil in a truck's upturned hubcap over a fire.

But he's more than a hubcap cook. You might say this place, Popotla, is his. He started it, 58 years ago.

I find him in a little room jerry-built on top of his house that you have to jump over a ditch to get to. But its view over the cove you'd pay a few million

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bucks for up in La Jolla. He's getting older. Long white beard, deep-lined, weathered face. He's struggling to remember who the heck I am.

Soon after, we happen on Saritha and her husband José. They're touting for an eatery business here on the beach. She has known Pedro since she was a little girl.

"He first came here around 58 years ago," she says. "And he has been living in Popotla for 32 years. He was the first guy who started to fry the fish for everybody else. He started this whole settlement. Now we have 500 families living here. I guess that makes him mayor."

"I came up from Ensenada to dive for fish, octopus," says Don Pedro. "The real name of this place is Rancho Cuevas. First fish I ever caught was out at the Isla Todos Santos. Grouper. It weighed 120 kilos, 260 pounds. It was a big fish."

He points to the blue house with the palapa front. "That is my house over there. It's what I built back then. It was about 22 years before anybody else came here to settle. I was alone."

He says Puerto Nuevo started about 1945. So, how come Popotla hasn't developed like Puerto Nuevo?

"Everybody tries to keep this place real," says Saritha. "This is the beauty of it. You can go buy your fish from the fisherman when he arrives in his boat and we fry it for you, right here on the beach. It's 50 pesos to fry your fish, and you get beans, rice, homemade salsa, and tortillas."

She says there are two Popotas: Popota Arriba and Popota Playa.

The difference? "The prices! Popota Arriba is the driveway that runs along the top of the penin-



Don Pedro Garcia (center) founded the Popotla fishing village that has stubbornly resisted modernization.

sula. It's for tourists. They pay more. Here, down on the beach, everybody can come. It's the tradition that comes from Don Pedro. Don Pedro used to have a lot of money, and he used to have a lot of fish, and if you didn't have any money, he'd open the ice chest for you, and he'd tell you 'never mind' about paying. And he'd cook one of the fish for you. That's why everybody here will feed him now that he is old, if he's hungry.

"Some don't," says Don Pedro. He laughs.

"Because now, he doesn't have a job anymore, no pension from the government, and the little restaurant he had in his house, Mariscos El Locochon, he rents to somebody else to run."

But with this beautiful cove, hasn't any developer come by and offered to pour money in, build a tourist development?

"Well, some Saudi businessmen came and said they would like to turn this into La Jolla. We said, 'No, thank you. We're happy with it just the way it is. Simple.'"

So, how simple is "simple"?

"We have no electricity, no running water, no

sewage. It has been the same all these years. We bring in our own water. At nighttime we use candles and lanterns."

It seems unbelievable — and totally charming, too. But why haven't the Rosarito city leaders stepped in?

"This is a federal place," says Saritha. "Not municipal. They have no jurisdiction. We're happy. Our federal status protects us. We don't want to be like Puerto Nuevo."

It's dusk as I walk with Saritha and her husband José across the field toward the highway. The wind pumps music after us, on this first slope of an ancient mountain. "My Way" is playing in Spanish "...Y a mi manera."

We come up to the burnt-out shell of the Al Capone house. "We have a bad feeling about this house," says Saritha. "My nephew was driving up this highway. Too fast. Crashed into the house. There was an explosion, a fire. He didn't survive."

Wow. The sound of trucks and cars tearing past suddenly hits you.

Looking back down at the ocean, you can just make out one or two candles starting to flicker. ■

— Ed Bedford



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Paint-A-Holics Painting Class Step-by-step instruction so you can take home your own masterpiece. There is no painting experience necessary...in fact, we welcome beginners! Includes a 20"x16" canvas, use of all paint supplies, apron, easel, and painting instruction from a professional artist. Tonight's painting: Coastal Lagoon. Saturday, May 17, 12pm; \$25-\$35. San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery, 8364 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Painting & Vino Couples Event: Birch Trees Recreate "Birch Trees" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Save \$10 with promo code 98BOT14. Sunday, May 18, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Parkinson's Disease: Empowering the Community The UC San Diego Movement Disorder Center is holding a free symposium for patients, their families, and caregivers on Saturday, May 17, from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Register at 858-822-5875 or health.ucsd.edu/movementdisorders. Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine, 2880 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Skill School Pop-Up Workshop Skill School is a new venture in San Diego. It's being created as a venue for adults to learn creative, professional, and life skills from experts in our own community. It's our second Skill School Workshop Day

extravaganza event, featuring workshops on professional development skills, improv comedy, freelance journalism, mindfulness meditation, and starting your own 'zine! Saturday, May 17, 1:30pm; \$20-\$30. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

COMEDY

Charlie Murphy Murphy's rapid evolution from *Chappelle's Show* cast member to top-billed international comedian playing to sold-out audiences around the globe has been remarkable. He has spent the past eight years performing his critically acclaimed stand-up show. Thursday, May 15, 8pm; Friday, May 16, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, May 17, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Free Comedy Fridays Welcome to Free Comedy Fridays, where we put on quality stand-up shows for no cost. Friday, May 16, 7:30pm; free. Spacebar Internet Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

Friday Open Mic Night Music, art, healthy food, comedy, drinks, hookah, etc. Friday, May 16, 7pm; free. hArt Lounge, 734 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette Learn Tango now! Take a first free class Monday, May 19 at 7pm or Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter) at Dance Place San Diego. No need for a partner. We will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango. Visit tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio #106. (POINT LOMA)

Contradancing No partners needed, and no experience necessary. Calling by Martha Wild. Live music by Crooked. Teaching from 7:30-8:00. Dance starts at 8:00. Discounts for teens and children, college, and military. Soft soled shoes only, please. Friday, May 16, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

Art Happy Hour A creative painting class paired with happy hour, offering an artist easel and all art supplies, 16"x20" canvas, and specialty prices on select food and beverages. \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Thursday, May 15, 6pm; \$25. Commons Bar, 901 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Celebrate Luau Month The first annual EBSC Luau, featuring the best Hawaiian Dancers and Island music San Diego has to offer. Festivities include a no-host bar and a

menu of BBQ chicken, pork, macaroni salad, and dessert — all cooked to perfection by event-coordinator Duke Qseng. The public is invited to celebrate in the Island way, but make your reservations early. Saturday, May 17, 5pm; \$20. 21 and up. Ed Brown Senior Center, 18402 West Bernardo Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Eat, Drink & Be Sicilian: San Diego Sicilian Festival Grape stomping, authentic Sicilian cuisine, nonstop musical entertainment, cultural displays, a Kids Zone, and the Bellissimo! Car Show. Info: 619-469-2206 or sicilianfesta@msn.com. Sunday, May 18, 10am; free. 1500 India St. (LITTLE ITALY)

San Diego Food Bloggers Bake Sale The San Diego Food Bloggers are holding their 4th annual bake sale for charity. All proceeds from the sale will be going to the San Diego Food Bank's Food 4 Kids Backpack Program. Come satisfy your sweet tooth for a great cause and meet some of the local food bloggers! Saturday, May 17, 10am; free. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FOR KIDS

DNA Day Get up close and personal with the polymers that are the blueprint of life. Join the Salk Institute to extract DNA from a cell and find out what color DNA really is. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Activities free with paid admission. Saturday, May 17, 12pm; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Concert: The Saxations Sunday, May 18, 4pm; free. La Jolla United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

KidsFest San Diego Presented by the Chloe Nichols Foundation, KidsFest 2014 will transform the NTC Ingram Plaza into a wonderland of play, with activities designed to stimulate and celebrate the imagination. KidsFest will feature over 100,000 square feet of interactive stations where kids can move, sing, create, and escape in pure play. Saturday, May 17, 10am; Sunday, May 18, 10am; \$13-\$18. NTC at Liberty Station Arts and Culture District, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Rise and Shine Choir: Special Needs Children Rise and Shine is a new free choir program for special needs children ages 8 to 18, sponsored by Clairemont Lutheran Church. Children will receive expert vocal training while learning musicianship skills according to their abilities, and also have lots of fun. Taught by San Diego Choristers Guild president Katy Lundeen. Sundays, 12:30pm; through Sunday, June 1, free. Clairemont Lutheran Church, 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

SEA Days: Breathing in Climate Change Celebrate Clean Air Month at this climate-themed event and uncover the link between pollution, climate change, and you.

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Join UC San Diego's Center for Aerosol Impacts on Climate and the Environment as researchers demonstrate real-time experiments. Fee included with admission. Saturday, May 17, 11am; **free-\$17**. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego River Days Celebration: Craft and Petting Zoo The Mission Valley Public Library joins the 2014 celebration of San Diego River Days with a child-friendly petting zoo and a river-themed craft. Saturday, May 17, 10:30am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

Preparing for a Genealogy Conference With the arrival of spring and summer comes a wide variety of national and local genealogical conferences and workshops, including Jamboree in Burbank in June and International Association of Jewish Genealogical Society's annual Conference in Salt Lake City in July. However, getting the most out of your conference or workshop experience requires more preparation than simply paying your fee, making your hotel reservation, and showing up. A panel of veteran conference attendees will walk us through some simple steps to greatly enhance your conference experience. Sunday, May 18, 1pm; **free**. Lawrence Family Jewish Com-

munity Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Project Management Institute Conference

A 2-1/2 day signature event for project managers. An opportunity for you to learn leadership skills from industry leaders and exceptional speakers, gain business insight, and expand your professional network. This year's keynote speakers are: Thella Bowens, SDCR Airport Authority. Brian Smith, Founder of Ugg Boots. Charles Dolman, Burning Man. Mark Layton, Platinum Edge. Nivaldo Diaz, Care Fusion. Thursday, May 15, 7am; Friday, May 16, 7am; \$350-\$500. 21 and up. Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Rainwater Harvesting: Creating a Drought-Resilient Property

This class takes you beyond the use of rainwater storage tanks by teaching you how to capture and retain the thousands of gallons of rain that falls on your property. You will learn how to create simple earthen structures that help reduce outdoor water consumption, decrease water bills, control erosion, and enhance soil fertility. Earthworks help you achieve maximum effectiveness for the least effort and cost whether your yard is urban, suburban or rural, big or small. Sky Mountain Permaculture Institute is one of the oldest and most established water-harvesting demonstration sites in San Diego County with many large and small scale examples of water harvesting systems over seven acres that will inspire you to create an oasis of your own. The workshop will include a lecture, tour, and hands-on project. Alden is the garden manager and lead instructor who

Rhyme & Verse

This Is How Lonesome Feels
A poem by Judy Reeves

The sun goes down and the sky turns dusky
And everything tastes like homesick
You drape the sky around your shoulders
And know how lonesome feels.

Every chord is minor
Every light dim
And if a stranger smiles at you,
you see regret beneath the curve of lips.

You've been alone too long.
If you count the time in twilights
it would number a lifetime.
You understand moths dying for the light
The sorrowful call of the whippoorwill
The futile signal of the firefly.

You imagine a lifetime of loneliness.
You picture your hair going gray
your body loosening into a fold of wrinkles
Your best intentions pooled at your feet
How long since you recognized a face
Felt the touch of a familiar hand
A bowl of flowers on a kitchen table
An orange, peeled and halved for you.



Judy Reeves is a writer, teacher, and writing practice provocateur who has published four books on writing, including the award-winning *A Writer's Book of Days*. Her work has appeared in *Waymark*, *The Frozen Moment*, *Magee Park Poets*, *The Exquisite Cadaver*, *A Year in Ink*, and other anthologies. Her next book, *Wild Women, Wild Voices*, will be published by New World Library in February 2015. She teaches at UCSD Extension and San Diego Writers, Ink, which she cofounded. Her website is judyreeveswriter.com.

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has taught hundreds of people how to harvest rainwater since 2008. Sky Mountain Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in 1981. RSVP: permaculture@skymountain.org or 760-471-9354. Saturday, May 17, 1:30pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series

Guest speaker: Carmen Romo, Calidad de Vida, A.C. With a growing city of 1.5 million people, Tijuana's new Urban Compost Center brings the city closer to becoming a Zero Waste City. This is the first of its kind for Mexican residents in the border region. Learn about this new center, how it came to be, and the success it has had so far. The center was made possible through a grant from the BECC and EPA through the Border 2020 program. Saturday, May 17, 10am; **free**. Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Tracking Relationships The San Diego Independent Scholars present a lecture by two awardees of the organization's Hawkings Grants. Members Diana Withee and Michael Seidel will describe the results of their research. Withee's lecture concerns the patronage of the 16th-century Dutch painter Hieronymous Bosch and Seidel's concerns his ancestral families' sto-

ries which reflect economic and social conditions in 19th-century Germany. In room 111A, Chancellor's Complex, UCSD. Saturday, May 17, 1:30pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

link to nature for all Californians. Enjoy a spirited, witty, and moving discussion about connecting with nature followed by a hike of the lagoon with Richard W. Halsey. Saturday, May 17, 10am; **free**. Birdwing Open Air Classroom at the San Dieguito Lagoon, 3201 Via de la Valle (at San Andres Drive). (DEL MAR)

Bird Kumeyaay Lake Join MTRP birder Jeanne Raimond for waterfront birding. The area should be active with newly fledged birds and the nesting activities of late arriving migratory species. Jeanne recommends binoculars and bird book. Meet at Campground Day Use Parking Lot. Saturday, May 17, 8am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Chaparral, Estuaries, & Grizzly Bears

Led by Richard W. Halsey, writer, naturalist and director, California Chaparral Institute. It is hard to believe that herds of grizzly bears once roamed the shoreline of the San Dieguito estuary. Once bordered by beautiful, dense stands of chaparral, the estuary still provides a rich habitat for thousands of species. Join us as we discover the importance of this natural treasure and why it represents such a vital

Waterfall Loop History & Nature Hike Join naturalist Mike Kelly for a moderately paced hike on flat terrain. Learn what some of the major trees in the preserve are, see wildflowers, and visit the waterfall. On the return hike we'll walk the original "immigrant" trail, the first transcontinental mail delivery, and the road Kit Carson took after the battle of San Pasqual. Meet at the kiosk on the corner of Park Village Road and Camino del Sur. Info: 858-484-3219. Saturday, May 17, 9am; **free**. Peñasquitos Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

\$3 Per Bag Book Sale On the southwest-facing deck of the Cardiff Library. Fill a paper grocery bag with books for \$3 per bag or purchase individual books for 25 cents each. Saturday, May 17, 9:30am; \$0-\$3. Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library, 2081 Newcastle Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

A Way with Words: Live Event Join Martha Barnette and Grant Barrett of public radio's *A Way with Words* for a free event at the new San Diego Central

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BBW Club Catalina Re-Opening Join us May 17 from 9pm to 2am or the grand re-opening of San Diego's BBW/Size Acceptance Night Club. \$10 cover; free parking. Call Kathy: 760-705 5327. Where San Diego's Sexy and Classy BBWs Party. Saturday, May 17, 9pm; \$10. Consulate Hotel, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Bikini Fashion Show Guests will enjoy music, sip on a blended cocktail, and lounge poolside as the latest bikini trends come down the runway. Hosted by Fashion Week San Diego. Friday, May 16, 6pm; free. Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

The Boardroom Surf Show Art, music, short film, surf culture, best

of show, chunk of foam challenge, underground craftsmen exhibit. In the Wyland Building. Saturday, May 17, 10am; Sunday, May 18, 10am; \$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Button Convention The San Diego Button Club hosts the California State Button Societies annual convention with 24 national dealers offering buttons from mid 18th century to late 20th century. Collectors/crafters welcome. Info: 760-315-7895 or snoozin8@cox.net. Saturday, May 17, 10am; Sunday, May 18, 10am; free. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Cajon Valley Jamboree A large, festive, annual community gathering in the heart of El Cajon. The Jamboree is filled with local merchants, live music, auctions, raffles, games, rides, food, and more. An event for the whole family. Friday, May 16, 5pm; Saturday, May 17,

9am; Sunday, May 18, 9am; Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 405 Bal-lard Street. (EL CAJON)

Canine Companions for Independence Graduation Ceremony Inspiring event in which people with disabilities receive their new, highly trained assistance dogs. The dogs have been in training for two years and know up to 50 commands to help with everyday practical tasks. 760-901-4300. Friday, May 16, 12pm; free. Quantum Learning Network Conference Center, 1938 Avenida del Oro. (OCEANSIDE)

Great Strides San Diego Walk day is a fun, family-oriented event with a healthy 5K walk, children's activities, food, and festivities. Sunday, May 18, 8am; free. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

International Documentary Film Series: Stolen Seas An exploration of the Somali pirate phenomenon utilizing interviews and unparalleled access to pirates, A. (LA MESA)

hostages, hostages' relatives, ship owners, and pirate negotiators — a refutation of preconceived ideas on how piracy has become a multi-million-dollar growth industry. This is the first film of the International Documentary Film Series, hosted by the International Rescue Committee in San Diego. The speaker after the film will be Thymaya Payne, director and producer. rescue.org/films. Monday, May 19, 7pm-9pm. Landmark La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

International Natural-Hair Meet-Up Day Join us as we share our love and expression for our natural hair and culture. Live entertainment, natural-hair vendors, swag bags, hair demos. Bring a new beauty product to send to homeless women and children. General admission includes entrance to the event, food, and one beverage. Info: 619-644-3003. Sunday, May 18, 9am; free. La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Introduction to Electric Bicycles Electric bikes can be a great way for people to have fun, improve their health, save money, help the environment, and relieve road congestion. This is a free, no-sales, no-pressure event. Thursday, May 15, 5:30pm; free. SDGE Energy Innovation Center, 4760 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

La Mesa Antique Street Faire Once a year, La Mesa Boulevard is closed and antique dealers from far and wide set out their wares. Reminiscent of an old-fashioned Midwest flea market, there's live music and entertainment. All of our restaurants, coffee houses, and pubs in The Village prepare special fare! Info: 619-644-3003. Sunday, May 18, 9am; free. La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

La Jolla Wolves and Wine California Wolf Center hosts an enlightening evening. Take in the backdrop of Thomas D. Mangelsen wildlife photography as you explore the fascinating world of wolves!

What does the future hold for wolves in California? Find out as you enjoy complimentary wine and light appetizers in the heart of La Jolla's Historic Village. Thursday, May 15, 6pm; free. Images of Nature Gallery, 7916 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Moroccan Fantasy Gala Join us as we transform our Rancho Santa Fe Community Center into an exotic Moroccan oasis. A hoo-kah lounge, communal table, and tantalizing entertainment are sure to make this an evening of mystical proportions. Saturday, May 17, 6pm; \$25. 21 and up. Rancho Santa Fe Community Center, 5970 La Senda. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

No Drone: Demonstration San Diego Veterans for Peace hosts "No Drone" demonstration at the San Diego Federal Building. Veterans of all five military services, friends, and supporters will be demonstrating and questioning the unrestricted use of Drone technology to kill and maim innocent people

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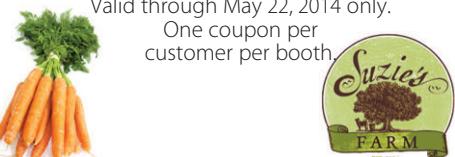


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North Park Festival of Arts

This annual free festival includes local art, live music and dance performances, eco-friendly and hands-on art activities, shopping opportunities, food, and a celebration of local beer. The Craft Beer Block includes specially designed "parklets" for relaxing with a beer and your friends. A ticket equals thirteen 4-oz. tasters from a selection of over 30 local craft brewers. Info: 800-838-3006. Saturday, May 17, 11am; \$30. (NORTH PARK)

Northern Little Italy Nights All riders and motorcycles welcome! Culture, arts, food & drink, and Indian Motorcycles in San Diego's historic North Little Italy neighborhood. Please bring a non-perishable food item or new toiletries for our donation to support the San Diego Rescue Mission. Thursday, May 15, 6pm; free. Downtown San Diego Harley-Davidson, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Oneness Meditation Tools Bring your family and friends to this offering of non-denominational secular Oneness Blessing and Oneness Meditation. Registration is necessary to reserve your seat because seating is limited. Saturday, May 17, 10am; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The Payne Pest Management San Diego Jazz Festival Festival returns on Memorial Day weekend, May 23 to 25. Join us as we welcome celebrated jazz artists including Maxwell, Jill Scott, Brian Culbertson, Boney James, Ledisi, Leela James, and many others! Tickets and information

available at sandiegojazzfest.com or 602-244-8444. Omni La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

Quilt Show 200 quilts will be on exhibit at Chula Vista Quilters Guild's annual show. See a selection for the nationally reknown Hoffman Challenge, the Many Minis miniature quilt challenge, and our guest Guilds Quilts. Friday, May 16, 10am; Saturday, May 17, 10am; \$5. Community Congregational Church, 276 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

San Diego Celebrates Israel More than 5000 San Diegans to Celebrate Israel. The festival will include a free live music from The Fountainheads, entertainment, Israeli folk dancing, a circus, kid's activities, sports, teen programs, arts and crafts, games, a seniors club area, shopping, and delicious kosher food. We will also hold a drawing for free tickets to Israel provided by El Al Airlines and free hotel stays at the Inbal Hotel. Sunday, May 18, 11am; free. Nobel Athletic Fields and Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Steam Expo: Magnolia Science Academy Magnolia Science Academy students will showcase presentations and demonstrations from our top Science Demonstration Derby students as well as representatives from our Lego Robotics team, Future City team, math and science competitors, the arts, and our music programs. Some of the activities will be squid dissection, hovercraft, dry-ice bubbles, crime-scene mystery, Lego Robots (our local champion team), coding, food-dye marbling, sound of music, Symmetry Mirror, band concert, and more. Saturday, May 17, 10am; free. Magnolia Science Academy San Diego, 6365 Lake Atlin Avenue. (SAN CARLOS)

StreetPass San Diego StreetPass San Diego offers the largest Nintendo Mii Up in the country. Our local Nintendo enthusiasts meet at least once monthly to share our passion for gaming, exchange StreetPasses, participate in tournaments, and more. Saturday, May

17, 2pm; free. 7510-7610 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

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To Gently Leave This Life: The Right to Die Meet Elaine Feuer, author of a new book which examines the right-to-die movement worldwide. Examines heartbreaking deaths of well-known people such as Karen Quinlan and Tony Nicklinson, who did not have control about how and when they die. Free. Presented by the Hemlock Society of San Diego. Sunday, May 18, 1:30pm; Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Formation: Northwestern University, Evansville, IL; Lutheran Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Years Ordained: 32

San Diego Reader: How long do you spend writing your sermon?

Pastor James West: Usually, I get a good kernel of an idea by Wednesday and flesh it out by Friday. I let it germinate for a little bit and do my best to preach it extemporaneously on Sunday. I try to make it as close to a

narrative as possible, either doing my best to bring the congregation into that 1st-century world of the early church or finding ways to bring that 1st-century world into the 21st-Century.

SDR: What is your favorite subject on which to preach?

PW: The love, the grace, and the forgiveness of God.

People have such a hard time believing it to be true. We speak of God's unconditional love and so much of our life is conditional. 'I'll do this for you if you do this for me.' It's hard to comprehend that God says, "No. Here. Look. Life. No strings attached."

SDR: Why did you become a minister?

PW: It was one of those things I couldn't say no to — I tried. In fact, I sometimes still try. It keeps coming back. "Preach!" Nothing else makes any sense for me. It's there. It came very early in my life. I almost in a sense grew up with a Bible in my hands.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PW: To make sure people are hearing the gospel and realize that it is for them. Despite all the sin that's in the world, and our human condition, God has taken care of our salvation so that we might take care of the things that need to be taken care of on a day-to-day basis.

SDR: Where is the strangest

place you found God?

PW: As a chaplain in the U.S. Navy [1992–2013], once I was celebrating holy communion in Afghanistan. I expected God to be there, but what surprised me was the fact that we were on a side of a hill which was more like a sand dune — the quiet and beauty of it. The surprising thing was that we were surprised to be there, because the Navy and the Marines don't go inland and we were some of the first folks there in 2001. God is there and I was able see the beautiful sky and nothing but desert — I can see how God reaches people in the desert.

SDR: Where do you go when



James West: "God wants us in heaven, although he does give people the option to get the hell out. I believe there are people who can't stand everything being okay."

you die?

PW: "Be of good cheer! Your sins are forgiven you." We find ways of saying that over and over again. It's news too good to be true. So we doubt. But, no, this is it — salvation. Believe it.

And for crying out loud, accept for once that everything is going to be okay. The difference is between that which is healthy and that which is destructive. So stop living in hell and accept this gift which is yours in Christ Jesus. What I don't understand is why people do that which is harmful. God wants us in heaven, although he does give people the option to get the hell out. I believe there are people who can't stand everything being okay.

— Joseph O'Brien

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Art for life's sake

"The stroke is just like the artist at the time he makes it."

You can track the history of modern painting by following reactions to and departures from what were perceived to be academic conventions of the time. "Academic" means not just techniques propagated in schools but "prevailing manners" and styles that the general public finds august or pretty or cool, at the least formally unchallenging. Some great early modern French painters wanted to be included in salon exhibitions sponsored by the French Academy but were rejected, so they set up what we'd now call "alternate spaces" and staged exhibitions of their own work. In our own moment, most younger American contemporary artists with major reputations graduated university MFA programs: whatever taste-brokers say, the work that brings fame and wealth may not, in the end, be as daring or inventive or forward-thinking as we're told. They, too, may be products of stiff academic assumptions of a different kind.

One early 20th-century American instance of dissent was the Eight, a group included in a famous exhibition at the Macbeth Galleries in New York in 1908 meant to criticize the stringent, conservative, academic exhibition guidelines of the National Academy of Design. Five of those eight — Robert Henri, John Sloan, George Bellows, William Glackens, Everett Shinn — had already been tagged by critics as the Ashcan School, so called because instead of the idealizing American Impressionism and faux-Classicism of the time, they practiced a boisterous realism and favored street-level subjects. Henri, an eager, helpful pontificator, summed up their principles: "Art for life's sake."

Henri (pronounced HEN-rye) became one of the famous, influential teachers of his time. I've

met good young artists who cite his compilation of writings and lectures, *The Art Spirit*, as a life-changing book. Henri's aphoristic, summative statements have the same enthusiasm as his painting. About brush strokes: "All the certainties, all the uncertainties, all the bigness of the artist's spirit and all the littleness are in it." And about background: "If you look past the model at the background, it responds to your appeal and comes forward. It is no longer a background."

Henri was born in 1865 in Cincinnati, grew up there and farther west until his family relocated in 1883 to the northeast, where he attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and studied with Tomas Anshutz, himself a student of Thomas Eakins, so Henri derived (in part, anyway) from a particular strain of robust, aggressive Philadelphian realism. While making his way as a painter, he established himself as a passionate and dedicated teacher, working first at the Philadelphia School of Design for Women then later, from 1915 to 1927, at the Art Students League of New York. (He died in 1927.) He traveled and made important work in Paris and Santa Fe and on Ireland's western coast. Another critical place was Spain, which he visited several times, and his affinity for things Spanish is the subject of *Spanish Sojourns: Robert Henri and the Spirit of Spain*, currently at the San Diego Museum of Art.

When Henri's fevered, emotionally reportorial realism ("Painting is the giving of evidence") met the incitements of Spanish culture, the results were confrontational and reverently impassioned. He took direction from Velázquez. Some of Henri's portraits of women are darksome but dignified ("A beautiful dignity always in Velázquez!"), and



*Portrait of El Matador, Felix Asiego, 1906.
Oil on canvas. LeClair family collection*



*The Green Fan (Girl of Toledo, Spain),
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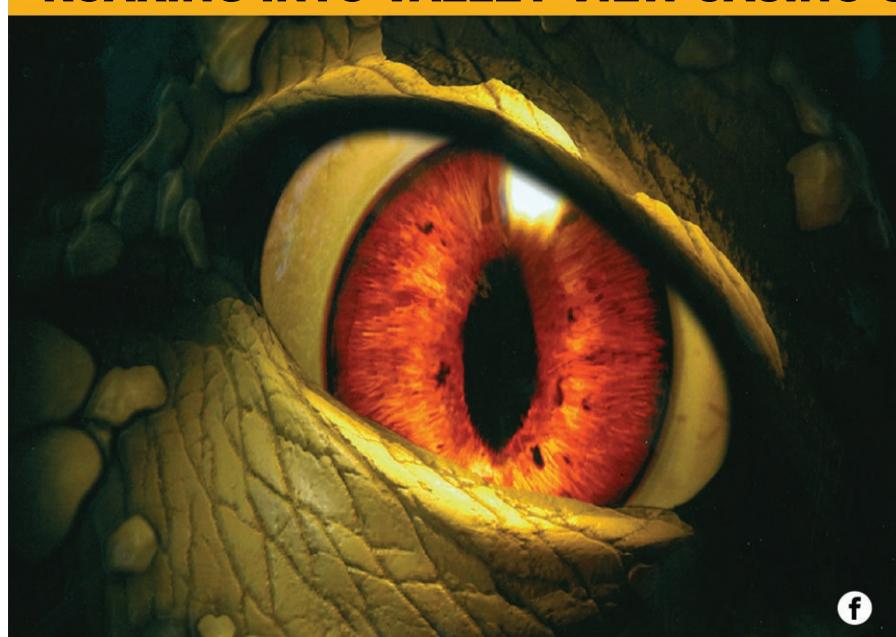
Spanish Sojourns: Robert Henri and the Spirit of Spain, on view at the San Diego Museum of Art until September 9. 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-7931; sdmart.org

he brought to his gypsies, country folk, and street characters a vitalistic sympathy — there's always a mercurial painterly dialogue between him and his subjects. ("Where others saw a pompous king, a funny clown, a misshapen body to laugh at, Velázquez saw deep into life and love, and there was response in kind for his look.") One day in 1912, a gypsy girl came to pose in the studio and struck a theatrically defiant pose, as if daring Henri to inquire and discover a secret. Her face is a mess of ashy shadows and small ruddy archipelagos. Henri's brush seems on a mission ("A picture should be the expression of the will of the painter.") to give evidence of her restlessness, and recklessness.

Henri loved singers and flamenco dancers. One picture very much after Velázquez, *Spanish Dancer, Sevillana*, is languidly alluring. Against a

darkened, "Spanish" background, she stands, long and svelte, as if to invite our eye to move down from her narrow head, along the length of her drippy, off-the-shoulder red dress to where it trails on the floor, and down the length of her dangling arm to the castanets and streamers she holds loosely in her hand. Her sensuality spills down the canvas. ("Beauty is no material thing. Beauty is the sensation of pleasure on the mind of the seer.") A very different reality is evoked in a picture of a female tango dancer — tango was just coming into vogue around 1908, when Henri made the picture. A dimmed spotlight washes down her florid white dress. She stands there as if waiting for the music to start: in her pert straw boater and lacey bodice, she looks ready for any fun that might come along, which is a fair description, I think, of Henri's at-

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titude as a painter.

Henri favored a quickened, loose, open brushwork. ("The stroke is just like the artist at the time he makes it.") He sometimes applied raw, unblended pigments to create blunter, starker, pulled-apart emotional effects, though he could also, if the moment moved him, make a tight, methodically structured picture, like that of a dancer he found in Madrid. Done up in a *picador* costume — skinny pants, emerald green tunic, red tie, and cummerbund — the subject, Eduardo Cansino, stands in fourth position, striking the mannered sexualized posture of male flamenco. There's more to his story. He later moved to L.A. to work in show business. He fathered Margarita Carmen Cansino, who became Rita Hayworth: the old man made the young girl his dance partner, dolled her up, passed her off as his wife and sexually abused her for years. I must have seen the rat on TV in the '50s because he appeared in one of my favorite shows, *Ramar of the Jungle*.

Henri made several portraits of another dancer, 15-year-old Josefa Cruz, all titled *La Madrileñita*. (She's the cover girl on the exhibition catalog.) The pictures are a directory of moods — surprised, astonished, candid, secretive. You feel that every portrait is a compounding of ambiguous affections, Josefa's and Henri's. I don't sense any explicit erotic pull between Henri and his models, but there's no doubt his pictures of women are variations of erotic purpose. In that cover image the rushed, long lines of her fiery red chiffon costume and blonde bob are a realization of something else Henri wrote: "The exterior of the model is not the model." Josefa is at her most animated; you see her putting on an expression for the artist, a vulnerable, skittish, coquettish reserve. The pictorial conversation between them is loaded. ("Your work will be the statement of what have been your emotions.") Henri's enthusiasm for the emotional reality he found at different

moments in different models is in a larger sense a realist's feeling for all of physical reality's changefulness, and his handling — usually broad and dashing but sometimes astringent, tight, restrained — is itself an acting out of that changefulness, and an instrumenting of it.

Cansino's *picador* get-up was one of Henri's many pictures associated with the *corrida*. With Velázquez (and de Ribera, after whom Henri modeled his pictures of a grinning street urchin and a charwoman), Goya and Manet were the other presurizing forces in his practice, and both of them made bullfight pictures. Henri wasn't interested in the *corrida* itself but in the manners and forms of its participants. His portraits of them, especially of the matador Felix Asiego, whom the artist befriended, calibrate the degrees of hauteur, self-containment, flamboyance, and physical courage cultivated by bullfighters. In the Asiego picture, he stands full-length, in a smoky, brownish space, dressed cap to slippers in heavily brocaded gold pants and tunic, the visual voltage amped by hundreds of sequins. In that death contest, the matador's costume was called *la traje de luces*, the suit of lights. ■

ART

Across the Universe: A Beatles Tribute Across the Universe: A Beatles Tribute will start with English and Beatles-themed refreshments to be followed by a live auction to raise money for school programs. The event will be featuring work from the students including films, dancing, and an inspiration wall. Canyon Crest High school is teaming up with Natural High, a national substance abuse prevention organization, to inspire students to say "no" to drugs and "yes" to their passions. Afterwards, there will be an after party celebration held off campus. Friday, May 16, 5:30pm; \$75-\$100. Canyon Crest Academy, 5951 Village Center Loop Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Art on the Green Gallery member artists display their artwork at Art on the Green every weekend (weather permitting) on the lawn in front of the Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort. Saturday, May 17, 9am; Sunday, May 18, 9am; Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

Children's Art Show Award Ceremony 20th Annual Children's Art Show Award Ceremony. Paintings: all media, photography, and sculpture. Also featuring award-winning *plein air* artist and teacher Rita Pacheco. With refreshments. Sunday, May 18, 3pm; Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

The Complete Frida Kahlo

This is the only exhibition worldwide where Frida Kahlo's paintings can be seen in one place. Some paintings, especially from Kahlo's early years, have never before been seen. Presented by Global Entertainment Properties 1, LLC, (GEP1), the exhibition features 123 exact replicas of her known paintings in original size and original materials, hand-painted in the same style in which Kahlo painted them. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, June 8, \$12-\$16. NTC at Liberty Station, Barracks 3, 2765 Truxton Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

The Layered Journal: Acrylic Techniques The goal of this two-day class is to experiment with acrylic paints and mediums to achieve textural effects. These techniques will be used in the water-color journal we will be working on. A variety of media will be used, including Sumi, walnut and acrylic inks, acrylic paint, and mediums to achieve coloration and textural effects. We will move from page to page to create a cohesive and progressive composition. We will discuss the reasons behind the design decisions, color choices, and textural effects and how they relate to the text(s) or subject matter. All levels welcome. Info: 619-922-8353. Saturday, May 17, 9am; Sunday, May 18, 9am; \$100. San Diego Education Association, 10393 San Diego Mission Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Pacific Camerata: Masters of Music & Art The vocal ensemble Pacific Camerata presents a sampling of works from the early Baroque, with music by Monteverdi, Margarita Cozzolani, and others. During this vibrant time, northern Italy was at the cutting edge of Western music. Fuller harmonies and concerted music were heard in the artistic centers of Rome, Florence, and Venice, and also in the convents of Lombardy, which boasted some of the most impressive music of the day. These concerts of vocals and instruments from the Medieval, Baroque, and Renaissance periods are performed among the European paintings in the Hibben Gallery. Sunday, May 18, 2pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Sunset Artwall Join us every Friday night during the summer for art, wine, music, food, and shopping in the Winery Village. Meet local artists and enjoy their work in the courtyard along with live music, food vendors, and a tasting room. Friday, May 16, 4pm; free. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Yam hungry

"The fire makes the steam so we can keep them moist. Would you like some?"

It pierces the night. A sharp whistle and then a woolly hoot.

First thought: train. But how come a train is running through downtown Tijuana late at night? It's not far. I can see the puffs of steam.

Of course I have to follow, see what up. Besides, think I know that street they're coming from. It's Guillermo Prieto, not far from the bullring. The one with that row of *taquerias* on it, Las Ahumaderas. That's what the whole bunch are collectively called, maybe half a dozen under the same sidewalk-covering canopy. "The Smokehouses," you might say.

After the steam, wafts of smoke belch out from there. Meat hitting hot griddles. And, oh man, the *sabor*. Swear I can pick up the beautiful odor of pineapple-sweetened *adobada* pork. For sure, it's dripping flaming drops of marinated pork fat from the *trompo*, the meat revolving on a vertical spit. (*Trompo* is the Spanish word for a spinning top.)

On Guillermo Prieto, it's so crowded, even at this time of night, I can't see what's happening in the street. And the noise? Man. It's coming from the competing taco barkers yelling "*Pasale, pasale!*" and touting everything from chorizo to "vampire tacos." And on top of them, two guitarists are belting out "Cielito Lindo" at the top of their lungs. But then, in the background, there it is again: that steam-engine-type "Tweep! Tweep!"

Wow. Quite a scene.

Far as I can work out, they have at least five places competing here, side by side: Tacos El Paisa, Tacos Los Paisas, Tacos El Paisano, Las Quince Letras, and Las Tres Letras — but not a lot of space. All the sidewalk counter stools are full.

Ah. Guy's leaving. I slip in. Right next to a glistening *trompo* of pork meat *al pastor*.

"Yes?" says the guy with the long knife, Claudio.

Can't resist, even though where I'm at, Tacos El Paisano, has its own list of all the usual taco suspects, plus tortas, burritos, and... *vampiros*?

But, no time. They're not screwing around here.

"How much?" I say.

"Fifteen pesos," says Claudio.

That's maybe \$1.10 right now.

"Deal," I say. 'Course, now

I see El Paisano has a glowing charcoal grill right in front of me, too. It's loaded with all kinds of animal intestines, organs, and, ooh: large golden brown sausages.

"Chorizo," says Carmelo, who's running the joint. Busy.

I ask the guy next to me: "What's the *vampiro*?"

"It's a kind of taco," he says. Luis. "They throw the tortilla on the griddle and then leave it on till it's almost crackling dry. It curls. It starts to look like a bat's wing. That's why they call it *vampiro*. Then they fill it with cheese and carne asada, usually."

He says he's been coming at least once a week since he was eight years old.

"My dad always brought me on Mondays because they've had a two-for-one deal on Mondays. See? They still do."

Sure enough, on the wall's another sign. "*Todo los lunes, tacos 2x1. Adobada, cabeza, chorizo.*"

"These guys have been here since 1960," he says. "That's, what, 55 years?"

Claudio turns up with my *adobada*. And what I like is he goes and brings back a big plate filled with grilled green onions from the fire, plus cucumbers and sliced radishes. And glad to see he's pretty much drowned the taco's pork with a thick green topping of guacamole.

I scrape some hot salsa from a big black volcanic *molcajete* that looks like it was dug out of Tenochtitlan itself and get chowing. Not bad for a buck-ten.



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Chorizo, chicken, beef, and innards



Claudio and the *trompo*



The adobada taco, yam-plantain combo, and (free) green onions

"So, what-all's whistling away like a steam train out there?" I ask Luis.

"Oh, the *camoterias*. They sell steamed *camotes* — yams — and plantain. One of the oldest desserts in Mexico. You haven't tried them?"

So, now I've really got to get off the sidewalk and go see. I elbow my way through. The racket's coming from a couple of little tin carts on bicycle wheels. They have chimneys. And as you get up close, you see that down below, they're burning wood fires. And every now and then Carlos, the guy at the first one, suit of lights, pulls a little string and "Wheee-yup!" that sound again. And then calls, "*Camotes camotes!*"

Huh. These things are like little steam engines. Well, I guess they are steam engines.

"But why the steam?" I ask Carlos.

"It's always been," he says. He's just a kid, but he knows a lot. "In Puebla, other states down south, they're everywhere. Traditional. *Camotes* — yams — and *platanos*. Plantains, the big bananas. The fire is to keep them warm — we cook them beforehand — and the fire makes the steam so we can keep them moist. Would

you like some?" He says the best is the combination yam and plantain, 45 pesos (say, \$3.50). I go for it. He leans in to the little kinda cupboard where the goodies are and cobbles together darker-skinned yams, looks like, and golden slices of large-looking bananas, all covered in a beautiful white gloop, all in a bowl.

"It's made up of *piloncillo*, condensed milk, orange juice, and guava," he says. "And the plantain is *enmielado*, soaked in honey."

Oh, yes. *Piloncillo*. Those brown cones of unrefined cane sugar you see in street stalls everywhere. Man, oh man, what a taste. The honey, the guava thing, and on this cool night, the great gut and hand warmer.

I leave the whole scene with one regret: I forgot to ask Carlos if I could pull the string and make that thing go "Fweeeeet!" And watch other people freak out.

Last thing I hear? Carlos: "*Camotes camotes!*" ■

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Late-night Cali burrito

3980 Third Avenue — Burritos are tough to write about because they're not photogenic. That probably says more about what people want to read than it does burritos. But some nights, when the bar shuts down and a stomachful of booze is sloshing around in need of absorption, they're the only narrative option.

I'm not sure who first came up with the California burrito, but I'm pretty sure that's what they were going for — stuffing a cheesy burrito with potatoes, just enough to get you home, not enough to put you to sleep immediately. It's not midnight food, it's middle-of-the-night food. And because your recollection of it will be dim, and because you can blame the hangover for how awful you feel the next day, you will remember it fondly. Everybody loves the California burrito the way everybody loves California — as a concept, and best not dwelled upon.

My late-night go-to has varied little over the years. The bright La Posta sign rises over University Avenue in Hillcrest, shining like a beacon to disheveled revelers seeking what may be described as the world's best edible consolation prize. No one who's successfully hooked up finishes the night with a burrito.

La Posta de Acapulco #8, says the menu, not because there are seven other restaurants necessarily, but because the owners have a special connection to the number, or so says the guy working the counter, possibly because he wants to be rid of me as quickly as possible so he can be rid of the next drunk guy as quickly as possible.

A lot of people will steer you to La Posta for a quesadilla burrito, which is a standard burrito except wrapped in a giant quesadilla instead of a simple flour tortilla. I might make bad dining decisions late at night, but somewhere deep inside



Here's where you'll debate whether a quesadilla burrito is a good idea.

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The menu has changed enough that it was worth giving it a second look.

As a place to hang out while the Padres are playing, Southpaw is great. It's atmospheric without being too noisy. It's possible to watch the game and have a conversation while some guitar-playing troubadour works his way from Steve Miller to Bruno Mars via Oasis.

The emphasis is on local beers, both on tap and in the condiments. Every day or so, the chefs use a local brew as the basis for a mustard. It goes great with the sausage plate, which has a rotating group of sausages.

Along with a wide and ever-changing beer menu, Southpaw has added some craft cocktails.

I do want to live.

So I order the Cali and wait at one of the mosaic patio tables. There's nothing but outdoor seating here. I wonder if anybody sits out here during the daytime? I've never noticed.

I also could not hazard a guess whether the ensuing self-loathing has more to do with the glorious six-dollar carne asada, cheese, fries, and guacamole burrito you've just eaten in five bites, or is just the typical drunkard's progression out of intoxication. Either way, that taxi will take you home and dispatch you quicker than the guy manning the burrito counter.

In all honesty, this is why you choose to live in San Diego. Keep your döner, keep your currywurst, keep your chili cheeseburger. When the hour of the wolf approaches, you want La Posta on your side.

by Ian Anderson

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Lobster and lamb score big

815 J Street — When I went to Southpaw Social Club a while back, the menu had some good things on it, but the place was still feeling its way six months after opening.

With its back patio smack dab at the Park at Petco, the powers-that-be have decided to revamp the

place as sort of a Midwestern-style beer garden.

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Southpaw's sausage plate: three sausages, apple kraut, griddle cornbread, tap mustard, and caramelized onion

The Dickel Smash, with George Dickel whiskey, tasted like an alcoholic lemonade. So, too, did the Southpaw Collins, made with vodka instead of gin for my gluten-avoiding friend.

The Southern Hospitality, made with bourbon, ginger peach and honey syrup, and bitters, seemed more worthy of the craft-cocktail label.

Foodwise, Southpaw has improved (and I liked it before). The bacon-wrapped shrimp skewers are an excellent appetizer, as is the sausage plate (three sausages, apple kraut, griddle cornbread, tap mustard, and caramelized onion).

Two dishes are fighting it out in my memory: the lobster roll has big chunks of lobster in a soft Sadie Rose bun with crispy fries.

My friend from Rhode Island said it was quite authentic and reminded her of New England. The lamb burger with red pepper relish, pickled zucchini, arugula, and mint-yogurt spread was also wonderful. Mint and meat are a great combination, and the tanginess of the yogurt adds a Mediterranean touch that is appealing.

I previously scored Southpaw as a triple, but the lobster roll and lamb burger are both home runs and deserve to become signature dishes. I will be back.

by Patrick Henderson

Getting to know you, Afghanistan

9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, suite A — I doubt I'm alone in associating the word kabob (or kebab) with coastal Mediterranean countries — the skewered meat typically served alongside pitas and tahini or tzatziki. However, Mira Mesa's Ariana Kabob House offers a fairly different experience, serving the dishes of a landlocked nation most of us should

probably know a lot more about: Afghanistan.

I'd admittedly never eaten Afghani cuisine before wandering into Ariana, and whatever my expectations, they were exceeded. Checking the menu posted outside, I knew the prices would be reasonable, and being that the place exists in a small shopping center in an area rife with shopping centers, I figured it would be casual, with plastic utensils and furniture. Not a bit.

Though not a rigidly formal atmosphere, I did almost feel underdressed for lunch. The table settings included proper silverware and folded linen napkins. The dining room felt spacious and airy yet meticulously arranged, decorated with musical instruments, clothing, and kites, and in particular a large painting depicting a group of traditionally dressed Afghan men on horseback.

Knowing so little about the food, I asked the curt but friendly proprietor for a recommendation. Naturally, the kebab came up, but before I could commit he suggested that the chicken *qalbi* was good and popular. Every entrée is \$9 for lunch, so why not?

I went with that and watched as groups of coworkers from nearby business parks came in and out, and a few others in work attire dropped in for phone orders. Sipping an iced cardamom black tea, I took a little more time to pore over the menu and noticed that, among unfamiliar names like *korme sabsi* (sautéed beef and puréed spinach) were more familiar ones like curry, *dal*, *kofta*, and *sambosa*. Forehead meet palm. Afghanistan is located between the Middle East and South Asia, so it makes perfect sense that there should be a commingling of culinary traditions going on here.

The *qalbi* arrived, consisting of chicken thighs served over seasoned brown rice and topped by carrots and raisins. It reminded me of Persian dishes I've tried, with fragrant herbs and interplay between savory and sweet. On the side was a dense, flavorful bread reminiscent of focaccia and a small bowl of spicy coriander chutney, which I was encouraged to use over everything.

I'll be frank: carrots and raisins are not the fruit and vegetable combination I've waiting for all my life. However, the chicken was perfectly

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cooked, moist, and exquisitely tender, and that spicy chutney cut through the sweetness to add to a complex layering of flavors.

In time, I hope I can refer to some of the dishes served here without comparing them to those of other cultures better represented in our restaurant landscape. In the meantime, we can be glad to have such a worthy representation relatively close at hand. I will be returning for dinner, when they add lamb dishes to an already comprehensive menu.

by Ian Anderson

East Village: Hot hot hot!

550 Park Boulevard, #2104 — Things are certainly taking off in East Village.

Stone Brewery's setting up another Company Store at 795 J Street in the century-old Simon Levi Company building, tucked right in by the ballpark, where Proper Pub used to be.

Chad White's Común Kitchen and Tavern is busy setting up at 935 J, also near the ballpark.

And just up from the new library, where Island Avenue meets Park Avenue, Bottega Americano's fitting out in the Thomas Jefferson School of Law's building, at 1195 Island Avenue. It's kitty-corner to the Palms residential hotel and promises to open as a "restaurant/market place/bar" in "early summer" under Giuseppe Ciuffa. Ciuffa's the man behind the Museum Café at La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, Sculpture Art Café at the Museum of Art in Balboa Park, and Caroline's Seaside Café at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

So, I'm finding this out as I take a wander around the district, vaguely headed toward the trolley. But when I reach the Park and Market stop, 50 yards uphill from Bottega Americano, I find myself outside a little place I remember having a couple of cute sushi rolls at. Real cheap, plus a glass of vino. Oh, yeah. Infuzon (550 Park Boulevard, unit #2104), around the corner from Market Street. The "Infuzon" sign has been turned around, plus the windows are papered over, so you know they must have closed down.

So I cup my hands against the window. Huh. I can see people working away at a counter inside. Then I spot a Public Notice of Application to Sell Alcoholic Beverages. MGT Group Inc. wants to create "The Parlour" here.

I try the door. It's open! Inside, three guys and a gal are working

away, setting up a bar, shuffling high counter chairs. Decor's kinda black-on-black. Somebody has painted giant Japanese-style silver fishes on the wall. I notice that the guys are wearing the black uniform of the District, the cool sandwich shop a block away at 1021 Market Street.

"I'm the chef there," says Gustavo. He and the other two guys, Trong and Mike, are partners in all this. "We saw this come available, we knew the business could be run better, and we decided this would make a great neighborhood sushi bar-lounge, with lots of seating outside."

Their "District" place has certainly taken off, especially for health-freak EV types who work in the area. "This will be fast, too. We want the to-go crowd," says Trong. "But it's also a hangout, where you can kick back and sip your glass of wine."

That's good, because these coming warm nights, colorful umbrellas, and a clump of tables and chairs and folks socializing on the street could transform the atmosphere in this area of Park Boulevard. And Gustavo says they'll be open till ten. He reckons ten buckeroos should fill your stomach.

Of course, the wine-and-beer license is likely to take two, three

months. But they say the sushi side will be up and running within a week or two. They hope to have a soft opening before the end of April.

by Ed Bedford

Cheesesteak isn't the only food from Philly

1237 28th Street — A lot's been said about Giorgino's cheesesteaks — after all, the sign over the Golden Hill shop boldly claims to have the best in town. But there's been another item on the menu that's aroused my curiosity, even though I never rightly knew what it was: the "Pork Roll (Taylor Ham) Sandwich."

To the uninitiated — i.e., those of us who don't hail from metro Philly — the name evokes all sorts of possibilities. Is it thin slices of ham rolled up like a cigar? Some sort of pork-based wrap?

The key is understanding what they mean by Taylor Ham. It's basically a branded deli-meat product, slices of seasoned and processed meat tasting somewhere between Spam and salami.

In other words, no wonder they stick to calling it "pork roll."

Thing is, it's pretty tasty. Giorgino's grills the individual slices, melts some American

cheese on it, and slaps it on a kaiser roll. Kind of alluring, to those of us who dig on swine. But that's not what I ordered.

Instead, I went with the egg-roll sandwich. And, no, they haven't put Chinese finger-food on a bun. This is simply a pork-roll sandwich with a fried egg thrown in. I doubt Giorgino's is deliberately trying to confuse anyone here, but I'd also wager if more of us knew what this sandwich entailed, more would order it.

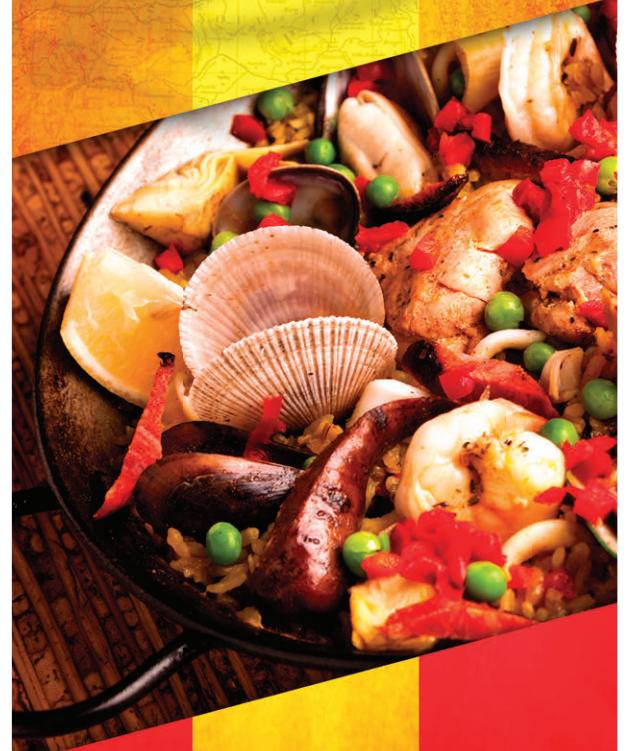
Granted, no self-respecting food critic can tell you with a straight face that a grilled egg, cheese, and ham-product sandwich is delicious, so I won't. So, let's just say that Giorgino's makes the best egg-roll sandwich in the county. And for a mere seven bucks.

More at issue here is the side I chose: pesto fries. Sounds great, right? Well, the fries are good, but whereas I was expecting actual pesto sauce, instead I got what amounts to a few basil flakes and out-of-a-can grated parmesan. So, pass the ketchup.

Naming issues aside, Giorgino's makes a pretty satisfying, cheap meal. Even if you spend the rest of your life continuing to pretend Taylor Ham doesn't exist.

by Ian Anderson

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Ground zero for ground beef tacos

1852 Bacon Street — Few cities in America have a variety of Mexican food as wide as San Diego. There are Baja-style seafood places, Mexico City-style *antojitos* spots, Sonora-style taco places, and gourmet spots where nary a burrito can be found.

I love all the styles and feel Mexican is one of the top five cuisines in the world.

But, truth be told, the Mexican dish I dream about most often isn't really Mexican at all: it's the hard shell, ground-beef taco served at Nati's, an Ocean Beach restaurant open since 1960.

I've been going there since I was a kid (my parents went there on their first date) and I try to find non-smoking excuses to go to Ocean Beach so I can get my fix.

Knowing what I know now, I can't call Nati's true Mexican food: it's more like Mexican food the way moms who weren't Mexican used to make. That doesn't make it bad or inauthentic. It's just a different type of authentic.

Nati's is part of a dying breed. San Diego used to have all sorts of Mexican places catering to primarily caucasian tastes with ground-beef tacos, beans topped with melted cheese, and crisp, pizza-like quesadillas.

Nati's style of Mexican food is more Tex-Mex, and in the late 1970s, as people became more aware of the variety of Mexican food styles, the local eateries

started adding things like fish tacos and carne asada to their menus.

Here's the deal: If you want to be disappointed at Nati's, order anything but a combination plate featuring the aforementioned ground-beef taco and a cheese enchilada (plus rice and beans).

"Oh, but I want chicken," you say.

Okay, go somewhere else.

"But I like the old-school way that Nati's looks," you say. "I like the comforting feeling of being surrounded by senior citizens from Arizona. I just don't want ground beef."

Okay, go somewhere else. Or get a bean burrito or maybe a cheese enchilada.

Nati's has a lot to recommend it — old-school charm, real Mexican Coke, the spiciest spicy carrots from here to Ensenada (and they're free!) — but you have to stick with what works.

Say it with me: *ground-beef tacos.*

by Patrick Henderson

The web at my fingertips, Thai at my front door

906 Market Street — One perk of writing for Feast! is that I get to eat out a lot. But to look at it another way, I *have* to eat out a lot. Like anyone else, I have those nights that follow long days, when reaching the comfort of my living room feels like a major accomplishment. Those nights, I just want to stay in and eat dinner

while marathon-watching the latest trendy serial drama. I want delivery.

This week I had such a night, reinforced by the perfect storm of an empty fridge and a bare pantry (this storm seems to frequently hit my kitchen). Somebody had told me about a local online delivery service called *BringItToMe.com*, so I bit.

The site takes your zip code and gives back a selection of participating restaurants willing to drive assorted food to your home — anything from sandwiches to sushi. I picked Lotus Thai, triggering one obvious and important question: is there really a point to this? I've ordered from Lotus before, and they've delivered to my home, all without the help of any website.

I suppose this is where it gets subjective. Because having ordered from Lotus over the phone, I also know there's a 50/50 chance they get the order wrong. I'm sure there are legitimate explanations for this: poor connection, loud restaurant, occasional language difficulties; people who answer the phones at restaurants typically aren't paid enough to care about anything resembling accuracy.

Ordering online let me choose exactly what I wanted and even add special requests, including how spicy I wanted my drunken noodles. And Lotus did get it right this time, for a mere 4-or-5-dollar convenience charge, not including tip.

Actually, when it comes to tipping, the site makes it really easy to pay your tip amount in advance, offering to auto-calculate a 15-, 18-, or 20-percent gratuity — because it's totally a good idea to decide how much to

tip before your food ever arrives.

So, the cost of ordering adds up. Don't worry, though, you can make it a "Green" order for a zero dollar charge. And by that, they mean you won't get any napkins or utensils. Your order will arrive in whatever container the restaurant uses. Lotus gives you #5 plastic containers, which fortunately the city now does recycle. Green enough, considering.

Ultimately, *bringittome.com* provides a platform for restaurants to add online ordering, which is good. But taking a 3-to-4-dollar cut from the consumer seems a little much to me. Necessary to the business model, perhaps, but considering the site merely acts as a middleman for the lazy among us, I find it hard to recommend. Ultimately, picking up the phone doesn't qualify as such a hardship that I'd pay any premium to avoid it.

As for Lotus Thai downtown — it's not knocking anybody out with its Thai and dim sum offerings, but not offending anyone, either. The chicken *pad see ew* was a little citrusy for my taste, but adequate for \$11. At \$16 plus tip for delivery, I would pass every time.

by Ian Anderson

Shelter Island's other fish sandwich

1403 Scott Street — Having realized my dog enjoys scoping waterfowl while I eat, I head over to the Shelter Island area to try out the deck at Mitch's Seafood. The place sits right on top of America's Cup Harbor, home to fishing boats galore. Seagulls rove here like streetgangs, scavenging bait-drum spillage and picking off any errant french fries that

happen to slip from the fingers of restaurant patrons.

Any that get past the dogs, that is. It's been awhile since I've seen so many dogs on a patio. Normally, I'd enjoy it, but as dog-friendly as the establishment is, this deck doesn't leave a lot of room for animals. The narrow passage between bistro tables and bar stools takes you through a gauntlet of leashed dogs — we managed this time, at least, without anybody growling.

The bar stools are definitely the best dining option. They seat you at a counter running along the deck rail, so you can stare at boats and skyline while your dog stares at the gulls and savors the briny air. You'll want to sit in the covered section because it's never wise to eat in the open where seagulls congregate (and defecate).

Mitch's dishes fresh and local seafood about a field goal's length from the similarly deemed Point Loma Seafoods, hallowed for its delicious yet spartan sandwiches of breaded (not battered) fish and tartar sauce on sourdough. I hoped Mitch went with a different approach, so I ordered a beer-battered fish sandwich to find out.

It's cod. Not a problem, but with grilled fish your choices may include tuna, yellowtail and opah. Or, you can opt for crab cake. Pretty much all of them may be had on a sandwich, in tacos, or on a plate.

My friend got a trio of tacos: two shrimp and a halibut. He only expressed regret that he could have better appreciated the freshness and flavor of the fish without the salsa, white sauce, and tortilla. Next time he'll get a plate.

My sandwich was solid. The

fish was well-fried, crispy, and flaky. The grilled telera bread added to the texture, and the inclusion of ripe tomato and lettuce further distinguished this sandwich from those served next door. It may lack the distinctive character of being a no-frills vessel for fish, but Mitch's approach to the fish sandwich succeeds all the way around. I look forward to trying a grilled halibut sometime.

I'm not sure I'll bring the dog back, though she'd certainly be onboard if I do. Those gulls aren't going anywhere, and that's just the way she likes it.

by Ian Anderson

Not all food adventures end well

4344 Convoy Street — I'm not sure I've ever really had good Chinese food in San Diego. I've had good dishes at Chinese restaurants with distinctly English names, and I've had bad experiences pointing at what I think I want from a picture menu in naïve hope that my palate can handle the results.

So it came to be that a friend plucked me from a long wait to be seated at PF Chang's to steer me toward Szechuan Chef, filling my head with stories about thinly sliced beef rolled between scallion pancakes with cilantro and hoisin dipping sauce.

On the face of it, I like to think I dodged a corporate bullet and supported an independent, immigrant-operated shop on Convoy, one of our city's most precious resources for all the excellent authentic cuisine it provides. Never let it be said that being proud of yourself for eating somewhere didn't make the food taste better.

Which, sorry to say, makes my meal all the worse.

I was quite excited to try what the menu described in English and Chinese characters as the \$7 "onion pancake with braised beef." I'd never encountered it before and the idea was thrilling. I tried to complement them with an order of dan dan noodles, a meatless dish also served cold. I figured it would be an easy, authentic, light dinner for a warm night.

So here's what happened: the meat was chewy and gristly, and the noodles overbearing in fresh garlic flavor. Terrible all the way around.

Okay, so the latter could be attributed to taste. I'm certainly not acclimated to the flavors of Szechuan, and our server did steer my friend away from trying a dish apparently so appallingly

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authentic she refused to eat it, let alone let him take a stab in the dark and hold her responsible.

Point being, these might be the best dan dan noodles in town, in which case I won't be ordering them again, even if they do appear on the PF Chang happy-hour menu.

But the gristly meat... Someone please pipe up and tell me whether crappy meat's somehow considered a delicacy in central China and that I'm missing the point entirely. Otherwise, Szechuan Chef ruined the experience of trying something new. The onion pancakes themselves were tasty, and the beefless option may have been enjoyable, but I won't return to find out.

I wistfully passed the Friar's Road exit on the way home, ruing the day I would have taken PF Chang's over something genuine and somehow more local. But I guess that's why Kearny Mesa's Asian restaurant row is so valuable to the area: plenty of other Szechuan restaurants to choose from. Suggestions welcome.

by Ian Anderson

Not a steak, but not a bad burger

301 Montgomery Street — Walking into Cali Steak Burger Bar forced me into a little semantic introspection. What makes a burger a "steak burger"? For that matter, what distinguishes steak from other cuts of beef? And if you make a burger from ground beef, who's to say the beef wasn't ground from steak, whatever the quality or cut?

Of course I asked none of this of my server, a teenage girl who seems to have a fair amount of downtime between customers. She brought me chips and a bowl of tasty salsa, took my drink order and gave me a minute to check the menu, which actually featured a long list of burgers, sandwiches, barbecue, and breakfast options.

I kept it simple, ignoring the Ortega chilis, mushrooms, and other toppings to go with a standard cheeseburger litmus test. I did enjoy the chance to choose between 6- and 8-ounce patties, and went with the smaller one, assuming I'd fill up on chips and a side of seasoned fries.

Being in Chula Vista down toward Otay Mesa, I had deciphered the South, Cali, and Burger parts of this restaurant's name. But other than five or six beer bottles in the offing, the closest this place came to resembling a bar was a little Padres and Chargers parapher-

nalia on the walls. Otherwise the peeling fake-wood paneling and cracked vinyl seats indicated the place had been a shabby something else before the burger folks rolled in. It was going to be up to the "charred steakburger" to win me over.

I gotta say, it kinda did. A flavorful patty, fresh, lightly grilled bun, and reasonably good vegetables made it a pleasure to eat. I still have doubts about the steak aspect of the whole thing, but the charring was evident, and while nobody's likely to line up down the block in this sparse section of Chula, I'd pit this burger against

a number of the so-called "best burger" candidates located closer to downtown. Maybe a few kitschy personalized license plates on the walls are all these guys need to really drum up some business.

The fries... well that's another issue. I'm not sure the last time they changed the oil, but I think I could taste why the old restaurant at this location went out of business. Still, not bad for a local burger joint, especially when burger, fries, drink, tax and tip amounted to about eight bucks.

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My name isn't Julian.

"Yeah, I've played a few times," recalls Sean Lennon, of gigging in San Diego. Lennon, now touring behind his new album *Midnight Sun*, his newest collaboration with his girlfriend Charlotte Kemp Muhl under the name Ghost of a Saber

I just thought it came out of nowhere... That's a fairly accurate quote." Her parents were suspicious of him at first. "I think as soon as I cooked some decent meals, things started to get comfortable. Food is always a good beginning...."

Midnight Sun is a psyche-

elaborates, "tend to be the ones which were labeled 'psychedelic.' Be it *Pet Sounds* or *Revolver* or *Their Satanic Majesties Request*. I like the albums that are like a musical movie, an audio wormhole that transports you to another dimension for awhile. It's not so much that they are 'psychedelic' per se, but the fact that they are symphonic in scope and ambition. They're just fun to listen to."

The two always work on songs together. "The band is an extension of our relationship, the two of us. Some songs we begin by writing with a guitar in our bedroom; we demo them then take them to the studio. Other songs we write while recording in the studio and edit together different jams. Other songs start as a song title or lyric, and we develop them from there. It depends on our mood and what's inspiring us at any given moment."

When asked, "What about Sean Lennon would surprise the person on the street the most?" he responds, "Most people are really surprised my name isn't Julian. That's really true."

— Andrew Hamlin

Zappa fest in Little Italy.

"As teenagers, Frank Zappa and Lou Curtiss, owner of Folk Arts Rare Records, would scour local bargain bins for eclectic albums that would define their unique musical perspectives," says Tom Cesarini, executive director at the

delic undertaking, admits Lennon: "We have a Mellotron and a Chamberlin, as well as myriad other doodads: a glass harmonica, a calliope on 'Don't Look Back Orpheus,' lap steels,

circuit-bent toys, tons of old synths, and we tend to bang on pots and pans and other stuff; I have a udu drum, some tabla. 'Whatever it takes' is my motto.

"My favorite records from my favorite bands," he



Ghost of a Saber Tooth Tiger materializes at Casbah Friday night.

berry Fields Forever," before meeting and dating the son of that song's singer. When she finally did hear the Beatles cut, Lennon tells the Reader, "She said, 'Now I know there's a context for your talent. Before

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Bust of onetime San Diegan Frank Zappa in Palermo, Sicily

including the U.S. premiere of Sicilian filmmaker Salvo Cuccia's documentary *Summer of '82: When Zappa Came to Sicily* (screening Saturday, May 17) and a tribute set performed by sometime-Skelpin Tim Foley and the Random Folk (May 18).

"Lou Curtiss has been invited to the screening," says Cesarini. "He has fascinating stories to share about Zappa and their experiences as teens coming of age in San Diego."

It was early 1954 when the Zappas moved to San Diego, where 13-year-old Frank began buying the used records that would later inspire him, at stores downtown and in La Mesa. He briefly attended Grossmont High as a freshman and then spent his sophomore year at Mission Bay High, drumming for the school band

the Ramblers (who reportedly fired him for using too much cymbal). After his high school band director turned him on

to America, to perform the final date of his 1982 European tour, though the show ended when patrons caused what was later characterized as a "riot."

The documentary presents multiple viewpoints, including that of filmmaker Cuccia, who attended the concert with his father, and those of Zappa's family, including wife Gail and children Dweezil, Moon, and Diva. In addition to the screening, Tim Foley and the Random Folk will pay tribute to Zappa's signature musicality on Sunday, May 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the Festival's Cedar Street stage.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Sick slabs of sound.

It seems the days when surf and skate companies could be counted on to help local bands are coming to an end. Last year, Volcom folded its record label it ran for 18 years, leaving bands like Turbonegro and Torche to find new labels. While other action-sports companies, such as Osiris and Sector 9, have scaled back their commitments to help local rockers tour, record, and promote their music.

Chris Haygood, a 1996 Rancho Bernardo High grad, recalls the days in the '80s and '90s when local punks were given big love from the surf and skate business.

"The punk scene was thriving. That was when you could see Unwritten Law and

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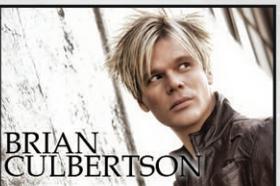
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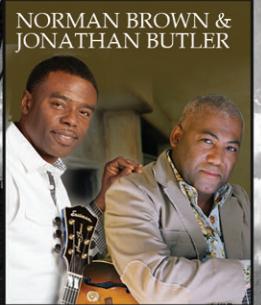
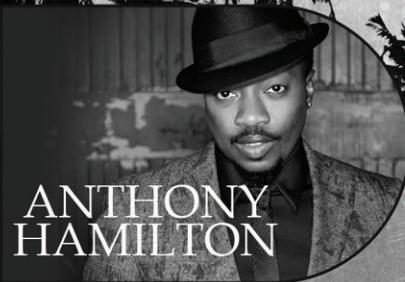
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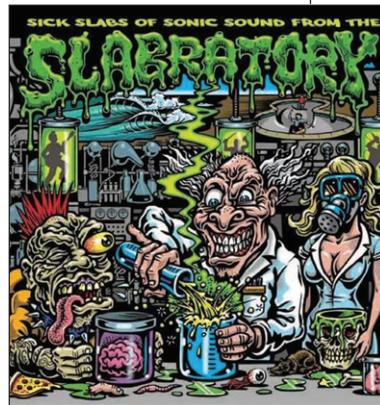
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Slab rats and skate rats are BFFs!

like Quicksilver and Osiris figured out that punk rock and action sports could be a perfect fit. That's gone. Everything seems to be dismantled. The scene, especially in San Diego, seemed to die."

Four years ago, Haygood and two longtime buddies who weren't so sure that the punk and action-sports marriage was dead founded Slabatory Clothing. They hooked up with Santa Cruz Skateboards artist Jimbo Phillips, who created their mohawked skull logo and the low-budget, garage-based clothing company was born.

"We wanted to try and recapture the scene we grew up with," says Haygood.

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Slabatory doesn't have an office or a warehouse. "We are a home-based business. We like the underground. There is no corporate action-sports company behind us." The Slabatory owners have day jobs in the restaurant/bar industry.

Slabatory has no sales rep. They use live shows and the internet to sell their stuff.

They pressed a 52-song, double-CD compilation earlier this year called *Sick Slabs of Sonic Sound From the Slabatory*, featuring SoCal bands Strung Out, RKL, the Darlings, and Voodoo Glow Skulls, as well as San Diego bands the Neighbors, Death on Wednesday, and Agents 51.

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The next Slabatory show is May 30 at the Soda Bar, featuring Thousand Watt Stare, the Implants, and Castoff.

— Ken Leighton

Theater 101 with Howlin' Rain

Asked the origin of his signature stage move, combining an upstrum with a backwards stagger, Howlin Rain's Ethan Miller specifies: "You gotta try and let yourself be natural and find some natural swing...with your playing. Then, you can amplify that stuff, exaggerate the physicality to express the intensity, just like they do in dance and theater performance. Elvis understood that with his hips, hair, and outfits, Pete Townshend knew that with his windmills, Tom Jones with his whole 'I'm gonna f-k all you ladies' thing. Hendrix and Iggy Pop obviously got it to the extreme...it's Theater 101."

"The trick is trying to forget you're exaggerating and simply be inside of a heightened existence up there — be larger than life on stage. So my upstrum/backwards stagger thing is

with Sonic Youth at the House of Blues. Good reception! Casbah, the Griffin, some old bar down in Ocean Beach...it's always fun. I can't remember a time in San Diego that I hated."



Ethan Miller brings "an amplified expression of me" to the stage.

just an amplified expression of me trying to rip the pounding bleeding heart out of my guitar and throw it in the face of the whole f-king world."

Miller, who brings Howlin' Rain to the Casbah on May 20, recalls his previous trips to SD: "One of the early times was

the band's first-ever live album, *Live Rain*, came out a few weeks ago. Miller on live performance versus studio takes: "They all change because songs have two lives to make them work, and it's pretty rare that one face/one life will work in both places. There has to be

little tweaks, little changes to make it as happening live as on record or vice versa. As we speak, I am still putting the set together and finalizing some arrangements for this upcoming tour, so I'm not sure exactly which songs will be the most 'changed.' But because there are no former players in the group but me, I guarantee it will all be a little different."

And having new members of the band is fine by Miller. "Where have I been? Okay, I'm not going there again. Where does everyone else seem to be going? Okay, I'm not going there either. Then I just try to keep moving forward, weeding out any sidelines down the avenues of the former two parts of the equation..."

— Andrew Hamlin

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This Week In Music

Thursday 15

K Ishibashi has violined for indie songsmiths Regina Spektor, Sondre Lerche, and Atlanta psych-pop band Of Montreal, and he fronts the Brooklyn new-wave group Jupiter One. Under the moniker **Kishi Bash**, the 38-year-old multi-instrumentalist



KISHI BASHI AT THE IRENIC

has released a handful of notable odd-pop records, including his brand-spanking new *Lighth*, which dropped on Tuesday, making tonight's set at the Irenic a record-release date for the indie artist. Kishi Bash's 2012 full-length *151a* received a Best New Artist nod from NPR. We've a track from that on this week's podcast for a taste. Brooklyn-based dream-pop trio **Plume Giant** will open the show.... From Seattle, indie-folkie four-piece the **Cave Singers** spelunk into Casbah behind their latest, *Naomi*, a rooty collection culled from a fictional muse of the same name that Paste magazine says "fall[s] somewhere between classic Tom Petty and pre-millennium Wilco." All well and good until you learn these plainsong guys came up in post-punk and hardcore bands such as Pretty Girls Make Graves, Hint Hint, and Cobra High. San Diego's dynamic duo the **Dabbers** up first.... Best of the rest: **Juan Waters** of Brooklyn folk-punk band the Beets plays Soda Bar after local trio **Lube**. According to *Pitchfork*, Mr. Waters "trades the crude stomp of the Beets for a gentler, more folk-oriented sound closer to Daniel Johnston or Syd Barrett than the Troggs"...local alt-rock power trio **Neighbors to the North** visit Bar Pink with **Saint Shameless** and **Blood-flowers**....



HOLLY GOLIGHTLY AT CASBAH

Brooklyn thrash-metal duo **Early Man** joins **Bohorelorde** and **Christ Killer** to fill a loud-n-fast bill at Til-Two...while classic-rock radio staples **Journey**, the

Steve Miller Band, and **Tower of Power** roll into the Sleep Train Amphitheatre.

Friday 16

Sean Lennon's psychedelic-pop band **Ghost of a Saber Tooth Tiger** appears at Casbah Friday night. Read all about it in this week's Blurt, "My name isn't Julian." Like-minded Los Angelinos **Fever the Ghost** warm it up.... Measure your head, San Diego, as avant-gardeans **Gary Wilson & the Blind Dates** hook up at Til-Two with **Poontang Clam, Max Daily** performing *The Apprentice*, something called "Paper Doll Meat Piece," a liquid-light show by **Operation: Mindblow**, a photography show by **Ashley Montoya**, and a DJ called **Wank-chops** keeping the sonic squall spinning. Sounds like a capital E Event, if ya know what I'm sayin'. Cribbed this from Til-Two's website re headliner

Wilson: "Over the last year, Gary has graced the front page of the *New York Times*, been featured in the *New Yorker*, and was included in the Metropolitan Museum of Art's exhibition *Punk: From Chaos to Couture*.... Else: "Lounge punk rock" quartet **St. Cloud Sleepers** will play a CD-release for their first EP, *Capsized*, at Tin Can Ale House. **Grizzly Business** and **Deadly Birds** in support... and Grammy-winning L.A. act **La Santa Cecilia** and our own **Cumbia Machin** split a Latin-flavored bill at Soda Bar.



RED FANG AT PORTER'S PUB

Saturday 17

British-born singer-songwriter **Holly Golightly** and her **Brokeoffs**, which is just one guy they call "Lawyer Dave," are a country-fried duo that skewers the Americana brand with "songs about debauchery and taking the you-know-what out of pretenders to the Americana crown." Wrap your ears around this year's very recommendable *All Her Fault* for the

pair's modern-day take on boho folkies Richard and Mimi Fariña. They play Casbah after the

Loons and Hong

Kong Fuzz for what should be the show to see this week.... Other mentionables: goth-punk four-piece **Wha?** (featuring members of Beehive & the Barracudas and the Long and Short of It) and **Die Missbildungen des Menschen** (featuring members of Tar Halos and Indoor Cities)

split a bill on Bankers Hill at the Tin Can Ale House...L.A.-based punk and bluegrass band **Old Man Markley** headlines an "old-style, down-home shindig" at Soda Bar.

Downs Family and Ugly Boogie

are also on the bill...in honour (yes, with a "u") of Morrissey's birthday, San Diego's Smiths tribute **Still III** sets up at Seven Grand... whilst Solana Beach bar Belly Up books local hip-hop electronica **Vokab Kompany** with **Pep Love** and **Delta Nove**.



TYVEK AT THE HIDEOUT

Empire Pleasure...and Seattle singer-songwriter **Damien Jurado** and Chicago soul-folkie **Jerome Holloway** strum 'n' hum at Casbah's Anti-Monday meetup this week.

Tuesday 20

Greg Ginn's 2014 version of L.A. punk perennials **Black Flag** will play House of Blues on Tues. He's dubbed this one the "Victimology" tour for a record I can't seem to find out too much about. Just curious if their current "live-dates" lead singer, the pro skater Mike Vallely, is writing and singing on it. With **Cinema Cinema** and the **Dollyrots**, this show should give you your RDA of old-school punk 'n' roll.... Otherwise, you got Detroit-based basement punks **Tyvek** with our own **Octa#Grape**, **Teen-age Burritos**, and **Hyper Skwad** filling a hella fun bar-rock billing at the Hideout in City Heights... while Dave Good's Of Noted show **Howlin' Rain** blows into Casbah after **Buffalo Killers**.

Wednesday 21

Wayne "the Train" Hancock will rock the Casbah old-school country-style after our own **El Monte Slim** on Wednesday. Train's one-man juke-joint jam band from Austin, Texas, and a retro honky-tonker born too late for his britches. I have no idea what that means. He's touring in support



BAND OF SKULLS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

The "Situation: Awesome" tour reaches UCSD, as Portland's stoner-metal quartet **Red Fang** takes a bite out of Porter's Pub Sunday night after **Big Business** and **American Sharks**. Red Fang is out to tout this year's well-received Relapse record *Whales and Leeches*, of which you can get a hit from this week's Crawler pod.... Else: the "Midnight Rider" and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer **Gregg Allman** plays Humphreys by the Bay...or if you're feeling punky Sunday, Midwest punks (ca. 1979!) the **Zero Boys** will be out at Soda Bar with **Neighborhood Brats, Dan Padilla** ("the band not the man"), and **Dead on the Wire**...while English originals **Anti-Nowhere League** join **TSOL** and **Riverboat Gamblers** to fill a hardcore bill downtown at House of Blues.

Sunday 18

House of Blues has British alt-rockers **Band of Skulls** on Monday night. The oft blues-garage-tending trio has spent the better part of the past few years opening for arena rockers such as Muse and Queens of the Stone Age, and it's rubbed off on this year's release *Himalayan*, a mountainous glam-rock record that sounds set for the ensembles.... And also: Copenhagen-based garage punks **Lower** visit the Soda Bar with like-minded locals **San Pedro El Cortez** and

of last year's recommendable Bloodshot Records release *Ride*. Push play on this week's podcast for a taste of the title track of that.... The rest of the humptight hits'd be Texas indie-rock act **Unlikely Candidates** stumping at Soda Bar...and proggy punks **Shai Hulud**, who play Ché Café behind this year's *Reach Beyond the Sun*. I know you want to know, so I looked it up: the Shai-Hulud are giant sandworms in Frank Herbert's *Dune* books.

— Barnaby Monk

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Pop and weirdness

"I want to have babies. I want to do handstands. I want to speak Japanese."

My live show is a one-woman act of sorts," says electro-opera singer-songwriter Trish Hosein, aka Trishes. "It includes beat-boxing, vocal looping and effects, and keyboard synth hooks that showcase indie-pop tunes. I think these layers fill a lot of sonic space that you aren't used to hearing a single person do by themselves. It's a little shocking to people to hear all this noise coming from this tiny girl. And, to be honest, that's quite empowering."

Based in Carmel Valley, the 24-year-old attended local Canyon Crest Academy before moving on to Berklee College of Music, where she graduated in 2011 with a degree in Songwriting and Music Business. Performing solo on keyboards with electronic cues, her operatic voice is akin to Lana Del Rey, alternating with confident elegance from kittenish coos to lioness roars, and even occasionally rapping a verse or two. Her lyrics bring to mind Tori Amos in her earliest solo days, or perhaps latter-day Fiona Apple. "Lyrically, my goal is to be conversational, the actual words I would speak. The actual way I would approach speaking to the intended listener."

"People are always quite surprised at my cov-

ers choices as well," says Hosein. "I've done covers from artists like Lil Wayne to Britney Spears. My current show includes a cover by country singer Blake Shelton, done sort of like Imogen Heap."

Trishes' single "Swimming Pool" was released last month, and several performance videos can be viewed on her band page in the Reader's Local Music Database.

HOW'D YOU ARRIVE IN SAN DIEGO?

"I've lived here since I was 12. My family is from Trinidad, so that's where I spent my youngest years."

FIRST JOB?

"Working at Austiano's Italian Sausage at the San Diego County Fair when I was 15, so it's close to my heart and I get nostalgic being there. When I was developing my act from a piano/vocal singer/songwriter show into what it is now, there were inevitable bumps in the road, which the people at the fair had the unfortunate fate of witnessing."

BEST AND WORST THING ABOUT LIVING IN CARMEL VALLEY?

"I live at the top of Carmel Mountain road near

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the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Reserve, which is terrific because I love to be outside and it's a great place to hike. The downside is that you have to drive most other places."

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

"Lorde's *Pure Heroine* [is] my favorite album of 2013. This girl is gifted and has something to say, and she's balancing pop and weirdness in a tightrope act that I for one cannot stop staring at."

IN WHAT FICTIONAL UNIVERSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE?

"The world of Westeros and Essos [*Game of Thrones*] would be cool strictly for the dragons, but otherwise a terrible place to find yourself."

USELESS TRIVIA?

"Monkeys are red and green colorblind."

FAVORITE CONCERT?

"St. Vincent in March at the Wiltern in Los Angeles. I've heard her likened to a female David Bowie, which I think is quite the deserved compliment. Every move was choreographed and executed flawlessly. The movements were robotic and rigid, similar to something David Byrne would do onstage.... I didn't want it to ever end, but at the same time I wanted to jump out of my seat and run home and experiment with all of the ideas that the act inspired in me."

SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

"Dog food. And leave-in conditioner."

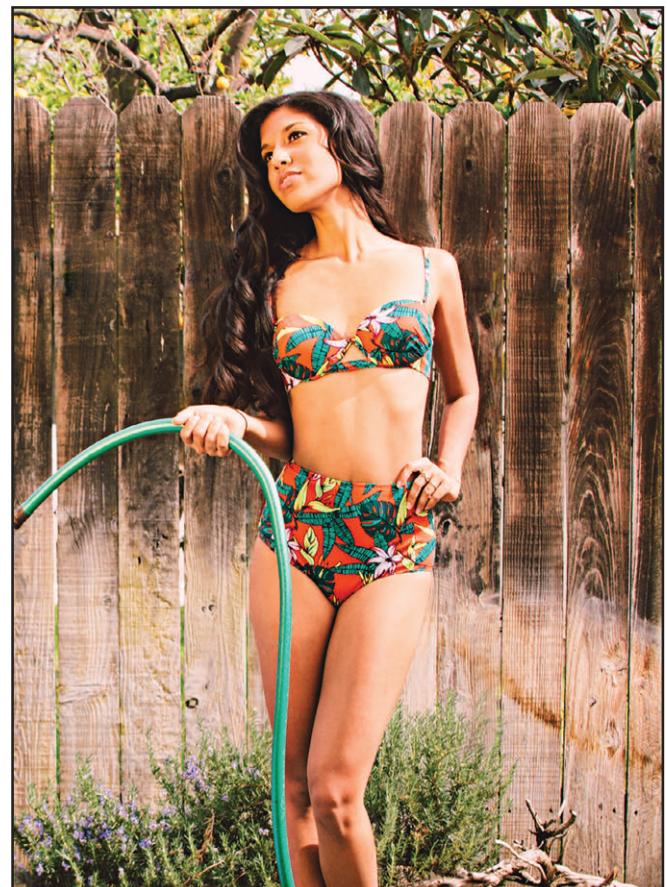
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Besides kittenish coos, Trish Hosein pulls off the lioness roar.

"I get Kourtney Kardashian, but she's bangin', so that's just fine by me."

BEST MOVIE BASED ON A BOOK?

"Hunger Games, Catching Fire. It's both art and entertainment at its finest, which is difficult to do. It's appealing to the masses, particularly young girls, but retains a strong message. When a work can do both, it's very powerful."

THREE THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

1. "I do yoga nightly."
2. "I consume too many almond products: almond milk, almond meal, almond butter."
3. "I clean while I'm watching *Hoarders* to inspire me, and to also keep me from snacking. It's very difficult to snack while looking at some of those houses." ■

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Saturday, 8pm — Stonehorse, Funkjunkies, Fakebook, UDT.
Sunday, 3pm — Sunday Funday Karaoke.

Air Conditioned Lounge: Saturday, 9pm — DJ Mike Czech.

ArtLab: Thursday, 7:30pm — Gregory Page.
Friday, 8pm — Sara Petite.
Saturday, 8pm — Joe Rathburn.
Sunday, 7pm — Open Mic hosted by Isaac Cheong.

Belly Up: Thursday, 8pm — Trouble in the Wind and Tolan Shaw. \$8-\$10.
Friday, 8pm — Nahko & Medicine for t/People, Revivalists.
Saturday, 8pm — Vokab Kompany. \$13-\$23.
Sunday, 8pm — Cas Haley, Kimie, Mike Love, Tubby Love. \$15-\$25.
Monday, 7pm — Fabulous Pelicans and Donnie Edwards.
Tuesday, 8pm, Wednesday,

8pm — Katchafire and Maoli. \$26-\$46.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: Wednesday, 5:30pm — Green Flash: Joan Osborne, Birds of Tokyo. \$28-\$36.

Bread & Salt: Friday, 7:30pm — Fresh Sound: Marco Eneidi, Cosmic Brujo.

Casbah: Thursday, 8pm — The Cave Singers and the Dabbers. \$14.
Friday, 8pm — Sean Lennon's Ghost of a Saber Tooth Tiger.
Saturday, 8pm — Holly Golightly & the Brokeoffs, Loons.
Sunday, 9pm — All Them Witches, Desert Suns, Slow Seasons.

Monday, 8pm — Damien Jurado and Jerome Holloway. \$15.
Tuesday, 8pm — Howlin' Rain and Buffalo Killers. \$12.
Wednesday, 8pm — Wayne "the Train" Hancock, El Monte Slim. \$15.

Coyote Bar & Grill: Thursday, 6pm — The Decades Band.

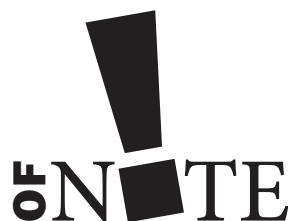
Friday, 6pm — Bill Magee.
Saturday, 6pm — Slower.

Sunday, 5pm — Jerome Dawson.
Wednesday, 6pm — Smokestaxx.

Davina's Cabo Grill: Saturday, 5pm — Hazmatt Acoustic Jam. Free.

Dick's Last Resort: Friday, 8pm — Aqua Blue Band. Free.
Saturday, 8pm — Straight Six. Free.

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



BY DAVE GOOD

I'd only seen Marc Aliana playing guitar in a couple of local bands, both loud. There was a stint with Jon Goodhue, and a tribute band called the Red Not Chili Peppers, in which Aliana pays homage to John Frusciante. Last year, when Aliana sent me some mixes from a solo CD he was putting together, I was impressed at the depth and the pop-culture influences. I didn't know he had it in him. "What a shock," I wrote in an email exchange. "Many people were surprised," he shot back. "I wanted to explore a more intimate side of my writing and singing," was the simple answer. "I enjoy it very much, but that doesn't mean I'm planning on staying there forever." I ask

if this could be confusing to his followers. "I'm a big fan of contrast and variety, and I like to think people will recognize me no matter what styles or moods I dive in and out of, as long as I'm making my music from an honest place." Fair enough.

Aliana, who came here from a small town near Barcelona called Premià De Mar, knocked around San Diego for about a year before heading north. "L.A.'s packed with very talented people who work hard on their crafts and believe in what they do," he says, "plus it's a giant melting pot of so many different cultures and different ways of seeing life." He still works with the hometown Red Nots, who recently finished a short string of dates across the country. But I'm wondering what his solo gig at Winstons in O.B. will look like, now that Aliana has shown us his quieter side. "I'm gonna be standing solo with my Telecaster on," he says about an electric



MARC ALIANA

guitar that requires amplification. "So who knows? Maybe I won't be able to keep it all that mellow after all."

Red Not Chili Peppers and the Concrete Project also perform.

MARC ALIANA: Winstons, Saturday, May 17, 9 p.m. 619-222-6822. \$7

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Wednesday, 8pm — The Tighten Up.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill:

Thursday, 8pm — Revival.
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Sunday, 5pm — Christian Hastings Band.
Wednesday, 9pm — Hot Blood Orkestar. Free.

Girl Can't Help It:

Thursday, 6pm — The Rosalyns.

Harrah's Resort Southern California:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Blush.

Hideout:

Tuesday, 8pm — Tyvek.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 8pm — El Gran Silencio and Casteneda. \$25-\$35.
Friday, 7:30pm — Through the Roots and New Kingston. \$15-\$45.

Girl Can't Help It:

Saturday, 8pm — Iggy Azalea. \$25-\$27.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Anti-Nowhere League and TSOL. \$18-\$54.

Monday, 8pm — Band of Skulls and Deap Vally. \$20-\$40.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Black Flag, Cinema Cinema, HOR. \$22-\$67.
Wednesday, 6pm — DevilDriver, Whitechapel, Carnifex. \$20-\$60.

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Martinis Above Fourth: Thursday, 8pm — Chi Chi Rones in Hollywood Legends.

Merrow: Thursday, 8pm — Boxcar Chief, Spaceshag, One Foot In T/Blue. \$7. Saturday, 8pm — SD Union. Sunday, 8pm — Karaoke. Wednesday, 8pm — DynaMic Open Mic Nights.

Mission Trails Regional Park: Sunday, 3pm — Shakuhachi Japanese Bamboo Flute Concert. Free.

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Pechanga Resort & Casino: Saturday, 3pm and 8pm — Best Duet of All Times.

Side Bar: Wednesday, 8pm — DJ Scooter.

Sleep Train Amphitheatre: Thursday, 7:30pm — Journey, Steve Miller, Tower of Power. Saturday, 6:30pm — Tim McGraw and Cassadee Pope.

Soda Bar: Thursday, 8pm — Juan Wauters. Friday, 8pm — La Santa Cecilia. Saturday, 8pm — Old Man Markley, Downs Family, Ugly Boogie. Sunday, 8pm — Zero Boys and Neighborhood Brats. Monday, 8pm — Lower and San Pedro el Cortez. Tuesday, 8pm — In the Valley Below and Mercy Beat. Wednesday, 8pm — The Unlikely Candidates.

Soma: Saturday, 6:30pm — Resomation, the Banner, Agitator. \$10.

Stage Rock Bar & Grill: Friday, 8pm — Disco Pimps.

Thornton Winery: Saturday, 7:30pm — Rick Braun, Euge Groove, Peter White.

Til-Two: Thursday, 8pm — Early Man and Bhorclord. Friday, 8pm — Gary Wilson and Poontanh Clam.

Tower 13: Thursday, 6:30pm — Jonny Tarr. Free. Friday, 8:30pm — Santana Ways. Free. Saturday, 8:30pm — Toga Party Band. Free. Sunday, 1pm — Fish Out of Water. Free.

Valley View Casino Center: Wednesday, 7:30pm — Romeo Santos.

Winstons: Thursday, 9:30pm — Nikki Hill. Friday, 9:30pm — Turbulence, I Sight Band, Maka Roots, Piracy. Saturday, 9:30pm — Red Not Chili Peppers, Concrete Project. Tuesday, 9:30pm — Battle for the Vans Warped Tour. Wednesday, 9:30pm — Club Kingston: Reformation.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: Saturday, 10pm — Temple of Roots Reggae Dance. \$7.

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Mainly Mozart Festival Onda Nueva 2.0: The New Wave of Mexican Art Music features Shari Mason (violin), and Stephen Prutsman (piano). Shari Mason will play violin in Moncayo's Sonata, plus festive encores of dance songs. Paté de Fuá fuses the folkloric Mexico with the foxtrots and tangos of Argentina,

with a little Klezmer thrown in. Thursday, May 15, 6:30pm; \$35-\$65. Abbey, 2825 Fifth Avenue.

Violin Masterworks with Wendy Loeb Wendy Loeb, violinist, will give a concert featuring works by Schubert and Franck. She will be joined by cellist Janet White and pianists Glenn Vanstrum and Fontaine Laing. Admission is free. Sunday, May 18, 2pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue.

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May 25 — Suzanne Vega and Megan Combs.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
May 22 — The Rosalyns.
May 23 — Burning of Rome, Eukaryst, Hell or Highwater.
May 24 — Baths, Young Fathers, P. Morris.
May 25 — SOHN and My Little Jeans.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: 1030 Broadway, East Village, 619-237-0550.
May 28 — The Tighten Up.
May 30 — Gone Baby Gone, Lady Dottie, Low Volts.

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May 22 — Ottly Mercer.
May 23 — Noize Makerz.
May 24 — Funk's Most Wanted.
May 25 — Ace's Jam Session.

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Lost in the War on Drugs

By Gerardo Perez Torres

The third album from Philadelphia band War on Drugs finds main man Andy Gran-ducil filling his hazy, melodic sound with scattered layers, long tones, and phantom drum machines, delivering a record that could soundtrack any road trip. *Lost in the Dream* represents the trials of the journey and the triumphs of its destination.

"Under the Pressure" starts the set with piercing electronic sounds and then kicks into a galloping rock song with wailing guitars before settling into

two and a half minutes of synthesized shoegaze, an undulating sea of delayed panoramic guitar feedback and keyboards.

War on Drugs nods to the singer-songwriter styles of Neil Young, Tom Petty, and Bob Dylan, adding drum machines and synths for a recognizable '80s sound. The single "Red Eyes" is a bouncy rock journey intertwined with tremolo lead guitars, saxophone, suit of lights, and floating synthesizers that sounds like *Funeral-era* Arcade Fire; follower "Suffering" is a heartfelt melancholic ballad backed by plaintive piano and guitar. The title track epitomizes *Dream's* '80s-radio daze, with its driving ticktack rhythm à la Dire Straits and a Springsteen-style lyric.

On their last two albums, the band has explored an array of genres, including folk-rock, krautrock, and even giving us something reminiscent to the sound of Neu! and New Order. Though repetitive in parts, *Dream*'s a head-nodding, rapid-fire record that ends just as quickly, and satisfactorily, as it starts.



Eighties-radio daze

Wiggin' out at the Casbah with Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks

By Dryw Keltz

Similar to Stephen Malkmus's old band, Pavement, there is a Replacements-like quality to the Jicks' live sets. They can be the best band in the world on one night, and they can be the worst band in the universe on the next. Their last San Diego show at the Belly Up was a bit on the lackluster side. The band seemed tired onstage, and even an encore filled with vintage Black Flag covers couldn't light

a fire under their collective arses.

Maybe smaller venues are the remedy, because at the Casbah the band powered through a set of Malkmus's solo tunes as well as one could ever hope the Jicks to play.

On this night, Malkmus was relaxed to a point of silliness, playing a guitar haphazardly behind his shoulder and cracking jokes between songs — "San Diego is a big hockey town." And the band seemed more than happy to be along for the ride. No surprise here, since they get to play amazing songs such as "Chartjunk," "Asking Price," and the absolutely perfect "Stick Figures in Love" at cool venues like the Casbah.

Concert: Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks

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

EL CAJON

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

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

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

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

Main Tap Tavern: Tuesday, 3-6pm: Taco Tuesday, \$2.50 Fish Tacos. Wednesday, 3-6pm: Sliding scale casks;

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

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

JAMUL

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

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Thursday, 3:30-7pm: \$2.75 glass house wine, \$2.75 draft beer; \$9 draft beer pitcher, \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 margaritas. **Pete's Place:** Daily, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, calls, domestic drafts, bottles.

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

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- \$3.50 draft pints, \$5 appetizers, \$4.25 premium wells, \$2 bourbon slushy.

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

The Haven Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off appetizers, pizza, salads, beer & wine.

LA JOLLA

Barbarella: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefeweizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, \$7 Barbarella martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

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

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

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.

Sushi on the Rock: Daily, 4-6:30pm: \$2 hot sake, beer(Coors Light, Dos Equis); \$3 cold nigori sake; \$4 Soju spritz; \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll, \$3 katsu chicken slider/fries, \$4 potstickers, yakitori, wings.

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.

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

Parkway Bar: Monday, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, wine, cocktails. All day for vets and active duty military personnel. **Tuesday:** all day: \$2 domestic beer, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, wine, cocktails. **Wednesday-Sunday:** 4-7pm: \$3 beer, wine, cocktails.

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BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Alpine polls public

They've learned to live with limitations over the years, but life is getting better for fans of **Alpine Beer Co.** (2351 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine). The deal owner and brewmaster Pat McIlhenney struck up with **Green Flash Brewing Company** in the summer of 2013 is finally bearing fruit. The first big batch of Alpine beer produced at Green Flash's Mira Mesa facility (6550 Mira Mesa Boulevard) was brewed in March. That run of Nelson IPA has been well received, with consumers reporting it tastes exactly like Nelson produced at Alpine's brewery. Next up will be monthly

batches of Duet IPA and Hoppy Birthday, in that order.

There may be even more in store for the many who love this craft cult favorite. But first, McIlhenney wants to make sure that love is wide-ranging enough to justify investment in the next step. On Monday, a message was sent to Alpine e-newsletter subscribers briefly explaining that the company is mulling over an opportunity to lease the space formerly occupied by **Alpine Bread Basket** (1347 Tavern Road, #22, Alpine.)

The electronic communiqué addressed the fact that the limited space of Alpine's barbecue-centric brewpub and tasting room has turned some would-be fans off and explained that landing the Bread Basket would give them a larger venue with a lot more seating. The rent would be higher. So McIlhenney asked fans to reply back to let him know if there would be enough interest for them to snatch up the opportunity without losing his shirt. It's an interesting way of gauging customer sentiment, but craft brewing is a different kind of industry.

If you'd like to weigh in, email your feedback to info@alpinebeerco.com.

Intergalactic goes over to the dark side

With flavors of all types swirling about like planets within a rather delicious galaxy, I'd be hard-pressed to name the style of the beer Alex



Flavors of chocolate, caramel, toffee, figs, and prunes poke their way through an onyx, mildly roasty, overtly bitter liquid curtain.

Van Horne brewed to celebrate **Intergalactic Brewing Company's** (9835 Carroll Canyon Road, Suite D, Miramar) first anniversary. Flavors of chocolate, caramel, toffee, figs, and prunes poke their way through an onyx, mildly roasty, overtly bitter liquid curtain. In some ways, this 11% alco-

hol-by-volume behemoth tastes like an imperial stout. In some ways, it's more like a doppelbock. But, it turns out it's a black barley wine.

Midnight wheat malt gives it its jet-black hue. Originally, Van Horne planned to brew a black barley wine and a blonde barley wine. Like everything at his sci-fi-inspired brewery, it was a nod to space flicks; in this case, the opposing "sides" that form the crux of the *Star Wars* movie franchise. In the midst of an expansion that has so far seen Intergalactic take over the suite next door and will eventually include installation of a three-and-a-half-barrel brewhouse, 30 to 40-barrel cellar, expanded cold storage and canning by local outfit, Mobile West Canning, he ran out of time. So, the "dark side" got sole billing during the anniversary festivities. The planned blonde barley wine won't likely enter our atmosphere until next year's anniversary fete. ■

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

Brewski's Bar: Monday, 4-10pm: Buy One Get One 1/2 Off Drinks Tuesday, 4-10pm: \$1 Tacos, \$3 Corona & Dos Equis. 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

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 stilettos, \$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.

for locals (must have proof of 92109 residency).

MISSION HILLS

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

Bar Dynamite: Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$3 wells. Half-off all other drinks.

Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop: Monday-Thursday, 2:30-5pm: \$2.50 for Tecate & koozie.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$1 off bottled beers, house wines, \$4.95 20oz Imperial pints, \$3.75 wells. Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-1am: \$1 off bottled beers, house

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

El Camino: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light; 1/2-off quesadillas and nacho plates. Tuesday, 5pm-1am: \$3 margaritas, sangria,

Corona, Corona Light. 5-7pm: 1/2-off quesadillas and nacho plates. 5-11pm: 1/2-off taco plates. Sunday, 10am-4pm: \$1 mimosas.

Puerto la Boca: Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers. Sunday, 1pm-8pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

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

MIRA MESA

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

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.99 draft, \$9.99 pitcher draft. \$1.49 hot link, \$2.49 small brisket, pork, ham, or sausage sandwich.

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

MISSION VALLEY

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

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: Friday, 11am-sunset: \$7 appetizers, \$3 brews, \$5 wines. Jumbo shrimp and avocado cocktails, Angus beef sliders, calamari, buffalo wings.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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

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

pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

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

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

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

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

OCEAN BEACH

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

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

Raglan Public House: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: 1/2-off select beers & munchies.

OCEANSIDE

Hosie's Pacific Pub: Daily, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-5pm: 1/2 price well drinks, beers, wine, and appetizers. \$1 tacos & cheesy garlic bread.

OLD TOWN

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

Sushi Tadokoro: Daily, 5-6:30pm: half-off all draft beers (Sapporo, Kirin, Asahi); 1/2-off hot sake. \$2 edamame, \$3 gyoza.

PACIFIC BEACH

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

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

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

Saturday-Sunday, 1-4pm: \$2 off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only) Saturday-Sunday, 1-4pm:

\$3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, \$4 premium draft beer pints, \$3 well drinks & well wines, \$3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar only)

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

SAN MARCOS

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

SCRIPPS RANCH

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

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic beers, \$3.25 well drinks.

SHELTER ISLAND

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

SOLANA BEACH

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

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

SORRENTO VALLEY

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

SOUTH PARK

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

South Park Abbey: Monday, All Day: \$3 wells and pints. \$1.50 oz.

Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells and pints. \$1.50 oz.

Whistle Stop Bar: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

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

TIERRASANTA

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

UCSD

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

UNIVERSITY CITY

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

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Cafe 21: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 draft beer; \$4 glass of sangria.

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

VISTA

Vista Entertainment Center: Monday-Wednesday, Friday, 11am-6pm: \$2 pints, house shots; \$2.50 domestic bottles; \$3.50 wells; \$9 pitchers. Thursday, 11am-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 pints, house shots; \$2.50 domestic bottles; \$3.50 wells; \$9 pitchers.

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the HERE'S DEAL

Teorema Cervecería, Revolución between Calle 6 and 7, Tijuana

Behind a nondescript door next to the new TJINCHINA gallery and down a long hallway, the first batches of Tijuana's greenest microbrewery are bubbling up in small, stainless steel tanks.

"When I started at Beer Box in 2009, there wasn't even a market for craft beer," says brewer Edgar Martinez, who is launching Teorema Cervecería with business partner Luis Durazo.

As co-owner of the Gastronomy District's Beer Box (a chain of about 45 locations nationwide), Martinez was among the first to consistently carry craft beer in Tijuana.

"Some people were interested, but in 2011 there was a boom of small breweries and festivals," Martinez says. "San Diego breweries started coming down, everyone started homebrewing, and it just kept growing."

Now, with a clandestine brew space, three 96-gallon fermenters, and a penchant for Belgian beers, Teorema plans to debut publicly at Expo Cerveza Artesanal in Zona Rio on May 30/31.

For the first year or so, Teorema will be open to tastings by reservation only (search for their website soon) and pairing events with local chefs. They plan to stock three year-round brews (American IPA, Belgian saison, American porter) and three seasonals (hybrid Belgians, sours, specialty IPAs). Eventually, they will distribute 22-ouncers to bars and restaurants, including BCB Tasting Room, Verde y Crema, La Tasca, and Beer Box.

Elaborating on recipes from Beer Box and home experimentation, Teorema is putting new twists on familiar formulas. Just a few weeks old, their pilot batch of Belgian dubbel (7.1% ABV, 28 IBU) is only beginning to express its potential. It's sweet and malty, alluding to hints of honey, biscuit, bread crust, raisins, and cherries, all underscored by a



For their Teorema Cervecería, Luis Durazo and Edgar Martinez infuse brews with new ingredients.

mild chocolate.

"We're trying to not overwhelm with the fruity flavors," Martinez explains. "It's still a Belgian beer. But these beers are very young, so in two or three weeks, you're going to get all the esters, the flavors, and aromas."

Their German hefeweizen (4.5% ABV, 26 IBU) is

dry-hopped with wonder strains Mosaic and Citra, resulting in an atypically tropical hef abounding in fruity, citrusy, and piney notes. German yeasts cloud the glass, lending banana and cloves. The resulting brew, noticeably absent of bitterness, tastes very much like Key Lime pie.

"We are doing traditional styles but with new ingredients and techniques," says Martinez. "We're still home-brewers, so we want to do experimental, crazy stuff. It's what keeps us excited about brewing."

—Chad Deal (@chaddeal)

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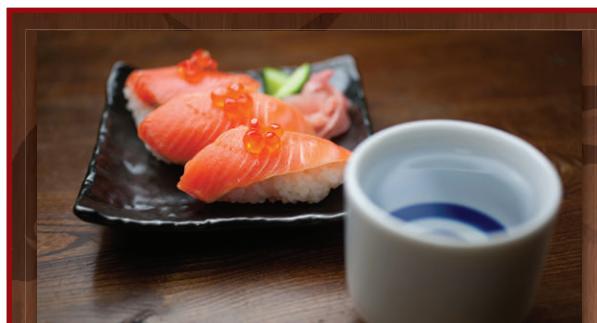


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9 to 5: The Musical

OnStage Playhouse presents the Patricia Resnick/Dolly Parton musical about three female co-workers "pushed to a boiling point by their boss." Raylene J. Wall directs. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 7.

Across the Universe: A Beatles Tribute

Across the Universe: A Beatles Tribute will start with English and Beatles-themed refreshments to be followed by a live auction to raise money for school programs. The event will be featuring work from the students including films, dancing, and an inspiration wall. Canyon Crest High school is teaming up with Natural High, a national substance abuse prevention organization, to inspire students to say "no" to drugs and "yes" to their passions. Afterwards, there will be an after party celebration held off campus. CANYON CREST ACADEMY, 5951 VILLAGE CENTER LOOP RD., CARMEL VALLEY. 858-350-0253. 5:30PM FRIDAY.

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The Sullivan Players present a staged reading of William Luce's drama based on the life of Emily Dickinson. D.J. Sullivan directs her daughter, Renee Vanradore. SWEDENBORG CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO, 4144 CAMPUS AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-296-5662. 7PM MONDAY.

Bye Bye Birdie

Encore Theater presents the popular rock n roll musical about Conrad Birdie's going in the Army — à la Elvis Presley in the early '60s — much to the chagrin of the nation. ENCORE! THEATER, 9620 CAMPO RD., SPRING VALLEY. 619-670-1627. 7PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 25.

The Clean House

PowPAC stages Sarah Ruhl's comedy. Married doctors employ a Brazilian maid who hates to clean and is more interested in coming up with the perfect joke. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 8.

Chasing the Song

La Jolla Playhouse Page To Stage series presents the rock and roll musical about the "evolving American music scene into the early 1960s." Christopher Ashley directs. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 15.

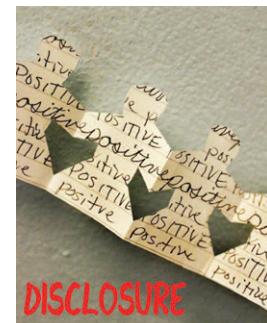
The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast

Looking Glass Theatre presents the popular musical. When a powerful witch is rejected by a selfish prince, she places a curse on him. He is destined to be a "beast" until he learns to love. Mark Butterfuss directs. FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO, 4190 FRONT ST., HILLCREST. 619-298-9978. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 17.

AUDITIONS

Disclosure

THE STUDIO
2321 Morena Bl., Suite L, Linda Vista
The archIVE project is proud to premiere Disclosure at the San Diego Fringe Festival July 3 to July 13 at the Spreckels Theatre. Actors will be paid a stipend. Table read set for the end of May; rehearsals to begin in June. Email Rod Rodriguez for audition:



rod@thearchiveproject.org. Casting for 20s male, female in late teens/early 20s, late 40s/early 50s female, 70s male. Matthew is in the midst of his youth when he learns that he is HIV-positive. After coming to terms with his diagnosis himself, he has decided to disclose his status to his family including his anxious sister, his impervious grandfather, and his neurotic mother. The archIVE project is a HIV/AIDS art and education nonprofit.
Auditions: MAY 18 11AM, MAY 19 7PM

Fiddler on the Roof

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO
340 N. Escondido Bl., Escondido
In the Studio 1 Theater. Callbacks: Thursday, May 22, 7pm to 10pm and Saturday, May 24, 11am to 4pm. Performances: August 8-23, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 8pm at the Kit Carson Park Amphitheater. Prepare one-minute song in the style of the show. Sheet music is preferred, but CD will be accepted. No a cappella or iPods allowed. Email bruce@accoarts.com with date and time you'd like to audition.
Auditions: MAY 20 7PM, MAY 21 7PM

Footloose, the Musical

STAR THEATRE
402 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside
One of the most explosive movie musicals of all time bursts onto the STAR Theatre stage this summer. Auditions are open to age 13 and up. Bring one headshot and resume. Prepare only 16 bars or 1 minute of an audition song from a pop/rock Broadway musical or your favorite eighties song with CD accompaniment only. No MP3 players (iPods) or smart phones. Callbacks: Friday, May 30 at 6pm. Rehearsals begin Monday, June 16. Show runs July 18 to 27. Additional production information will be available at the auditions.
Auditions: MAY 27 6PM, MAY 28 6PM

The Foreigner

The late Larry Shue was so funny even his stage directions evoke laughter. So does Lamb's Players production. Geno Carr is excellent as Charlie Baker, nondescript Brit with a fear of talk (so he pretends not to) at a fishing lodge

Here Lies Jeremy Troy by Jack Sharkey

POWPAC
13250 Poway Rd., Poway
Cast includes three men and two women. Callbacks: Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm. Show dates: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm, July 18 to August 18. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Email resume and headshot to mary-emily@rocketmail.com. Synopsis: This farce, set in a suburb of New York in 1965, revolves around the main character, Jeremy Troy, who has led his wife, his boss, and his friends to believe that he is a qualified attorney. Auditions: MAY 19 7PM, MAY 20 7PM

In a Forest, Dark and Deep

PATIO PLAYHOUSE ANNEX
1520 Industrial Ave., Suite F, Escondido
Please prepare a one-minute dramatic monologue. Callbacks: Saturday, May 17, 8pm-9pm. Performance dates: July 11 to 13, 18 to 20, and 25 to 27, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. By Neil LaBute; directed by Geoffrey A. Cox. This acclaimed

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1142 Orange Ave., Coronado
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Though some in the cast nudge toward the shrill in their deliveries, for the most part they perform, rightly, as if each were a foreigner to the others. For all of its silliness, *Foreigner's* tricky to stage, since it combines goofy antics with a cameo by the KKK of Tillman County. As long as Shue's good-natured charm holds sway, one can almost feel convinced that the gaggle of xenophobes in white sheets will never pay the lodge a return visit. *Worth a try.*

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 18.

Grease

Welk Resort Theatre stages the musical about "the glory that was Grease," a tribute to the late-fifties styles — a "duck-tail" anyone? — and songs. Ray Limon directs and choreographs.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JULY 27.

Happy Days

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hammer Theatre mounts its first production in six years! It's Samuel Beckett's "vaudeville at the end of time." Scott Feldsher directs.

TENTH AVENUE ARTS THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 8.

The Importance of Being Earnest

Trinity Theatre Company presents Oscar Wilde's enduring (and endearing) comedy about two gentlemen who use the same pseudonym of "Earnest" to keep life interesting.

SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAY.

Lost in Yonkers

The Brooks Theatre presents Neil Simon's 1991 Pulitzer Prize-winner, a memory play set in 1942 Yonkers. Kathy Brombacher directs. The production also includes an "interpretational art exhibit" based on the play's theme.

SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-433-8900. 7:30PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 1.

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Old Jews Telling Jokes

"My wife likes to talk to me during sex," says a character in this joke-revue of classic Jewish humor. "Yeah. She calls up and says 'Nathan. I'm having sex.'" G Bartell, Byran Charles Feldman, Rhona Gold, Alison Spratt Pearce, and John Rosen, obviously hand-picked by director John Anderson, perform with obvious relish for the material. The jokes are old, rarely new, often borrowed, sometimes cobalt blue. There are groaners, misses, and the occasional F-bomb, but hits, more often than not. Also monologues, musical numbers, skits, and at least one gag for each of the show's 80 minutes. *Old Jews* covers various topics. It moves from youth to old age, and saves some of its best punchlines for silver citizens. As in: "Doc I can't pee." "How old are you? '92." "Then you've peed enough!" *Worth a try.*

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 2PM & 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 6PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MAY 25.

Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure

The Coronado Playhouse stages Steven Dietz's mystery. The great sleuth and Doctor Watson investigate a blackmail case that puts them "on a collision course with Holmes' greatest enemy." CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 18.

Stars of the Future

Leigh Scarritt hosts an "evening of hope and musicality" that showcases young performers singing "musical theater favorites." MARTINS ABOVE FOURTH, 3940 FOURTH AVENUE #200, HILLCREST. 619-400-4500. 8PM TUESDAY.

Thrill Me: The Leopold and Loeb Story

Stephen Dolginoff's two-character musical recounts the grisly tale of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, the "thrill killers" who murdered 14-year-old Bobby Franks in 1924. The uneven, 80-minute piece wavers between facile explanations (control issues; all for love, an unbelievable reversal) and an eerie escalation from innocence to evil. The best scenes happen after the crime, as the "boys" bond breaks down. Diversionary Theatre's production, backed by Tony Houck on piano and showcasing Conor Mulligan's excellent lighting, has occasional slips into camp (they're in the script), but overall is a solid effort with a tricky piece. Scott Nickley and Michael Parrott sing well, and do what they can with one-dimensional characters

— aided by Bret Young's direction and Michael Mizeraney's choreography. *Worth a try.*
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 25.



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Moral popcorn

'B'ased on a true story" is an overused and much-abused claim, now used to gussy up everything from supernatural thrillers to backstage comedies. *Belle* at least has the added distinction of being based on a true painting, one that hangs today in a Scottish castle and depicts the titular character standing beside her cousin Elizabeth. The visual heritage is not squandered: whatever its faults, *Belle* looks fantastic.

The film is an artful, occasionally lively updating of Jane Austen-style "Whom shall I marry and how?" social mores, with questions of race providing some additional shading and texture. Our heroine (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) is the lovely, orphaned daughter of an English admiral and a never-glimpsed black woman. She has her father's name and fortune, but her mother's skin — an unfortunate combination in 18th-century England.

It is also a plodding, thoroughly undramatic account of one man's tested adherence to the dictum *fiat justitia,*

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ruat caelum — "Let justice be done, though the heavens may fall." Belle's guardian is William Murray (Tom Wilkinson), the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and the nation is waiting for his ruling on a case regarding a group of slaves who were drowned in transit. The captain says it was because there wasn't enough water for both crew and cargo. The insurance company claims otherwise. And as we are repeatedly told, the economic future of England may very well depend on Murray's ruling.

Naturally, the personal and political get all muddled up, especially when Belle starts talking to a minister's son bent on bending the laws regarding slavery to the side of justice. As a result, we have to endure a liberal dose of exposition and speechmaking, one best suited for those who prefer the piquancy of moral righteousness over butter and salt on their movie popcorn. (On the social side, we get a smattering of "Oh, no they didn't" comments about race and heritage.) Overall, the



Belle: "Ebony and ivory..."

feeling is similar to that of *Dallas Buyer's Club*: a guided tour of the blinkered past via someone not too different. (Matthew McConaughey's character was a *straight* AIDS patient and a good ol' boy; Mbatha-Raw's Belle is half-white, and a gentlewoman besides.)

Mbatha-Raw is unfailingly appeal-

ing, and Wilkinson dons his fine gruff yet-loving persona like a favorite powdered wig. After that, there is a falling off: Emily Watson is positively wasted as Murray's wife, and the film's young men labor mightily to escape their appointed purposes in the story.

— Matthew Lickona

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have to sleep under the stars or sit out in a field at the Julian Film Festival, but you will be surrounded by great swaths of the stuff these filmmakers care so much about. Of course, they care about people, too: see below for a review of the festival's longest feature, the one-hour documentary *Xmas Without China*.

The festival opens Friday night at 6 pm at Jeremy's on the Hill in Wynola with a farm-to-table event featuring food from local organic farms and attended by several of Saturday's filmmakers. The films themselves screen all day Saturday at Julian Union High School, in four blocks totaling about five hours of film, with an awards party in the Town Hall starting at 7:30 pm Sunday gives you a chance to stretch your legs after all that sitting, with guided hikes through the Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve and Santa Ysabel Preserve East. A full weekend pass costs \$35; movies only, \$25. Proceeds benefit the Volcan Mountain Foundation. Visit julianfilmfestival.com for tickets and more information, and check the Big Screen for more reviews!

Xmas Without China — It starts out looking like a piece of gotcha documentary work: a youngish Chinese immigrant (who took his first name from *Tom & Jerry*) challenging affluent Americans to give up, for one December (including Christmas), everything in their house that's made in China. (The ostensible motivation: American outrage against toxic Chinese toys in particular, and American anti-China sentiment in general.) But then it feints left and becomes something much more personal — and more interesting — for both the filmmaker and his subject family, hilariously named the Joneses. Tom's mom wouldn't dream of moving back: she came here so her son could have a better life. Tom's dad thinks his son's challenge is unkind: anyone who accepts will surely fail, and anyone who refuses loses face. Plus, he wants an eye-popping Christmas display, just like all his neighbors. And Tom himself feels torn: when Mr. Jones asks if he's an American citizen, the question proves unsettling. The result is probing without being confrontational, searching without being portentous, and engaging even when it loses focus. It could have dug deeper and looked harder, but it might have lost some of its affectionate, personal tone in the process.

— Matthew Lickona

GROUCHO, CHICO, HARPO, AND SIG RUMAN IN 35MM! Whatever you do, don't slow those nags down next Monday night when

all horse-drawn carriages lead to Landmark's Ken Cinema for the San Diego Opera's deluxe benefit presentation of the Marx Bros. godsend, *A Night at the Opera*.

Hmm...wonder where they got that idea from? It couldn't have been a certain curmudgeonly critic who, in his piece on keeping the Ken afloat, suggested that Ian Campbell use the single-screen temple to showcase the most enduring of the brothers' 13 features — could it?

The merriment begins at 8:00 pm If the mayor shows up clutching a long speech, I'll be the first to rip it up. Admission is free, but make sure to line the collection plate with some green on your way out. Tell rich Aunt Minnie if she's willing to drop \$20 on an National Theater Live presentation at the Gaslamp, surely she can afford twice that amount for 35mm Marxes.

Don't forget to visit the Big Screen's image gallery for a passel of vintage opera ephemera culled from our private stock.

— Scott Marks

MAY 10: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BIG SCREEN!

It was three years ago today, Jim Holman gave us license to play at SanDiegoReader.com!

Thanks, boss! Ditto to you, Ernie Grimm. The smartest thing you gents ever did was not give me an office. I work best alone, in my underwear, aloof, seldom visited, never photographed, an emperor of newsprint varyingly [Unvaryingly? Vainly? Unwaveringly? — Ed.] attempting to sway the moviegoing tastes of a city that had [has? — Ed.] ceased to leave their homes to go to a theater.

Especial thanKs toomy editers: Scott Ellis and Jane Belanger (not

pronounced; BELL-EN-JUHR). You would'nt rekognize me witout there polishing.

In you, Lickona, I found a great partner, a better friend, and a man eager to place four of his six kids (and Oreo the Wonder Dog) in my goofy care once every couple of weeks, if for no other reason than to spend a few hours in relative silence. It's truly been a match made in heaven. God bless!

One casualty: dig a hole for Earl Stiff, film critic at *The Shelter Island Picayune* and irregular Big Screen contributor. Earl was found stiff in his Vista lean-to earlier this year. A DVD copy of *Hook*, set on "repeat," blared from his Sony Trinitron. The suicide note read: "You know nothing of my work. You mean my whole fallacy is wrong."

Am I forgetting anyone? Oh, yeah. YOU! A thousand thanks to you, our readers, who seem to get a kick out of what we're pumping out. Y'all come back now, hear?

— Scott Marks

THE SAN DIEGO FILM CRITICS SOCIETY'S QUASI-ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON AT THE BLIND LADY ALE HOUSE

Why do they call it the Blind Lady? Because only Helen Keller would put bacon and eggs on a pizza.

I needed subtitles for the menu. Cornichon, Reggiano, Mezzuna, Ciccoli, Pecorino, Fra' Mani Sopressata, Fontina, Taleggio, Crostini...I didn't know if I was ordering lunch or reading off the cast list from *The Godfather*.

But cerebrally, folks, once I picked the leaves off and bit into the crunchy Salsiccia pie — house-made Italian sausage, oregano, mozzarella, tomato sauce, rapini, Stracci, Cuneo, Philip Tattaglia — I was sold. Hands-down

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It's been too long since the gang got together for one of these awards thingies. To put it bluntly, none of the recent celebrity winners expressed any interest in coming to San Diego to personally claim their trophies. We couldn't even persuade Travolta, and I'm talking Joey.

Instead, we focused the spotlight on a trio of local superstars: Lee Ann Kim, Dan Bennett, and Destin Cretton.

Lee Ann Kim was one of the first "film" people I met upon arriving in San Diego 14 years ago and one of the few who will still take my calls. Under her loving tutelage, the San Diego Asian Film Festival has grown to become one of our town's premier cultural events and world-class cinematic destination. It was my honor to hand Lee Ann her Almost-a-Thalberg Award.

Dan Bennett — former *North County Times* critic, founder of the San Diego Children's Film Festival, and SDFCS cofounder — picked up an award for his contributions to the advancement of film in our town. Fittingly enough, Bennett's SDFCS co-cofounder, Diana Saenger of *Review Express*, presented him with the group's Kyle Counts Award, established by and bestowed in honor of

one of our late colleagues.

San Diego's favorite cinematic son, writer-director Destin Cretton (*Short Term 12, I Am Not a Hipster*) was most gracious in thanking the group for their critical feedback during his acceptance speech. Cretton was presented the award by SDFCS president (and the Big Screen's cursed opposition at *City Beat*) Glenn Heath Jr.

Others there were Anders Wright, our beer connoisseur arch rival at the *U-T*, and the *Reader*'s own Matthew Lickona. *Moviewallas*' Yazdi Pithavalala worked the crowd, as did *Cinema Spartan*'s Rob Patrick, who really needs to step out of his cave and into the warm digital light a little more often. Also in attendance, the always pretty in purple Jean Lowerison, she of *Review Express*, and world-traveler/critic for *San Diego City News*, Jim Harrison. *The Daily Actor*'s Lance Carter acted accordingly.

Conspicuous in his absence was Fox 5's Josh Board. When asked what kept him away, Board later told me, "I was playing racquetball." It's tough to get a court these days, so his excuse was understandable. May his next R-rated screening be enhanced by a never-ending stream of screaming infants and Klieg-light cellphones.

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— Scott Marks

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The Amazing Spider-Man 2 — Every superhero movie faces a choice: the man or the mask? Judging by the either goofy or nonsensical nature of the (admittedly baleful) fight scenes, you might be tempted to say that this sequel to the reboot is mostly interested in the man: Peter Parker, a smart(-ass) New York City kid in search of both his past and his future. Dealing with the consequences of his choices. Reckoning the costs of love and duty. That sort of thing. And yet. Every personal crisis ultimately serves the action, and the drama is bloated and blunted because of it. Over the course of two-and-a-quarter hours, Peter Parker deals with his absent parents, his frustrated aunt, his desperate friend (a reliably nervous-making Dane DeHaan), and his conflicted girlfriend. But first and last, our focus is on either the mask or the menace it must face: an electrified nerd who's tired of being powerless. 2014.

— M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Belle — Reviewed this issue. 2014. ★ M.L. (LANDMARK LA JOLLA, LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Chef — Jon Favreau plays a fancy cook who loses his celebrity gig and goes off to start a food truck — and maybe save his family while he's at it. A movie for our times. Review possibly forthcoming. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Double — The more Jesse Eisenberg films there are, the more I embrace Michael Cera. The fidgety, uni-expressioned Eisenberg tackles the dual role of a secondary government clerk, kicked further to the curb after the sudden appearance of his assured doppelganger in Richard Ayoade's adaptation of the Dostoevsky novella. Not since *Only God Forgives* has there been a film this determined to dazzle an audience with its expressionistic color palette; cinematographer Erik Wilson's burnished mahogany hues beg for a theatrical visit. But the fetch ultimately proves anything but fetching as the dystopian universe Ayoade hatches — oversize technology housed in incommodeous subterranean warehouses — has "Made in Brazil" stamped across its bottom. It feels like Kafka, and it looks like Gilliam and Cronenberg, but when it comes to imparting genuine whimsy and/or human emotion, is as wan and non-portentous as its wraithlike lead(s). With Mia Wasikowska, Wallace Shawn, and a piddling few minutes of Chris O'Dowd. 2013. S.M. ★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Fading Gigolo — Something very close to a sex comedy for grownups. John Turturro writes, directs, and stars in the carefully crafted, beautifully shot story of Fioravante, a strong, silent-type florist who agrees to do a favor for an old friend (Woody Allen) whose NYC bookstore has just gone out of business. It seems Murray knows a lady who's interested in paying for it, and he needs someone to provide stud services. Fioravante has some fairly profound misgivings, but the money's green and the clients are happy. Things get complicated when Murray introduces him to Avigal (Vanessa Paradis, balancing delicacy and strength), the lonely widow of an ultra-orthodox rabbi. Turturro is thoroughly sympathetic in his portrayal of everyone involved (which is not quite the same as approving), and he makes excellent use of a religious subculture that takes sex very seriously (which is not quite the same as disapproving). 2013. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

For No Good Reason — A savage journey into the heart of the artist's dream to change the world by making his mark. Savage in part because of its subject: Ralph Steadman, the pen behind the twisted, spattered portraits that served to illustrate Hunter S. Thompson's immersive gonzo journalism. But the real bite comes from director Charlie Paul's handling of the material. The film follows Thompson devotee Johnny Depp on a visit to the radical artist's staid English estate, and while there are moments of revelation — mostly about technique — the tone is one of quiet despair. Paul is not above using a cash-machine sound effect over a scene of Steadman sign-

ing prints of his work and then following it with the artist's confession that prints sap his creativity. Our final juxtaposition: Steadman musing on his meaninglessness, followed by Depp's declaration that the visit has left him inspired. 2012. — M.L. ★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

God's Pocket — A neatly nasty cautionary tale about the dangers faced by the artist when he undertakes to speak for the common man. Richard Jenkins (*Killing Them Softly*) is spot-on as an old-school, Studs Terkel-style newspaper columnist drunk on the notion that his city is universally grateful to be immortalized in fishwrap. (He's also drunk on plain old alcohol.) When he starts poking around in the closed-lipped, close-knit neighborhood known as God's Pocket, he winds up getting more than the story, for good and ill. But first-time film director John Slattery is less assured when it comes to the story itself: the suspicious death of a junior sociopath (a chilling Caleb Landry Jones). Mom (Christina Hendricks) freaks out, and stepdad (Philip Seymour Hoffman) has to figure out how to pay for the funeral. It seems like Slattery is going for black comedy, but here and there he trips over his own empathy for the suffering souls onscreen. 2014. M.L. ★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Godzilla — Yes, again. Review so very forthcoming. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

In Bloom — The former Soviet Union, 1992: A young Turk whisks his high school crush to a clandestine spot and instead of stealing a first kiss, he gifts her with a gun.

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CENTRAL LIBRARY



Film Forum: Koran by Heart Three ten-year-old children leave their native countries to participate in the International Holy Koran competition that takes place annually in Cairo, Egypt during Ramadan. The youngsters — two boys and one girl — face uncertain futures at home. The film offers a bold and compelling glimpse at a generation caught between fundamentalist and moderate Islam. Discussion follows the film as part of Muslim Journeys: Let's Talk About It Project. **Monday, May 19, 6:30pm**

SchlockFest: Battle in Outer Space Pint-size aliens invade Earth full force with their flying saucers and laser weapons. The nations of Earth unite to vanquish the aliens and return Earth to the hands of humans, resulting in the most fierce and ultimate battle royale in outer space the galaxy has ever seen. Curated by genre film expert Miguel Rodriguez, SchlockFest is a beloved homage to Hollywood B movies, classic cult, and camp cinema and TV. **Wednesday, May 28, 6:30pm**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS **Grease** John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John ride off into teenage bliss in this frisky, finger-snapping frolic. A Classic Cartoon will be shown prior to the film. **Thursday, May 15, 8:00pm, Friday, May 16, 8:00pm, Saturday, May 17, 8:00pm**

The Princess Bride A classic fairy tale, with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, a beautiful princess, and yes, some kissing (as read by a kindly grandfather) starring Robin Wright and Cary Elwes. A classic cartoon will be shown prior to the film. **Thursday, May 22, 8:30pm, Friday, May 23, 8:30pm, Saturday, May 24, 8:30pm, Sunday, May 25, 8:30pm**

FILM FESTIVALS

DIGITAL GYM CINEMA

Exotic World and the Burlesque Revival

"The movie was filmed between 2003 and 2006ish, during the time I was enrolled in graduate school and deeply involved in (and spending my student loan money on) trying to help save the then-struggling Exotic World Burlesque Museum in Helendale, CA," says local bassist Jaye MacAskill (Pony Death Ride). "I was lucky enough that there was a group of dedicated film makers from Chicago, the Sissy Butch Brothers, there to document this crazy time in my life and to eventually share with the world the incredible story of the Exotic World Ranch and its significant role in the emergence of the contemporary burlesque revival movement, which some consider to be the biggest women's movement since the 1960s." **Saturday, May 17, 3:00pm**

JULIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Julian Wild & Scenic Film Festival The Julian Wild & Scenic Film Festival represents a wide variety of international films that celebrate nature, the environment, and people who are making a difference. The festival will also include a farm-to-table event on Friday night, live music, awards party and filmmaker Q & As. Proceeds benefit the Volcan Mountain Foundation. **Friday, May 16, 6:00pm, Saturday, May 17, 10:00am**

LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE

Stolen Seas An exploration of the Somali pirate phenomenon, utilizing interviews and unparalleled access to pirates, hostages, hostages' relatives, ship owners, and pirate negotiators, a refutation of preconceived ideas on how piracy has become a multi-million-dollar growth industry. This is the first film of the International Documentary Film Series, hosted by the International Rescue Committee in San Diego. The speaker after the film will be Thymaya Payne, director and producer. **Monday, May 19, 7:00pm**

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LEMON GROVE LIBRARY

Film Night with The Short List The Lemon Grove Historical Society and New Pacific Productions presents an all-comedy laugh-riot on The Short List Showcase for Outstanding International Short Film in this final program of the five-part series. Comedies from France, USA, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, Canada, Germany, and Japan will be on view. Info: 619-463-0823. **Wednesday, May 21, 6:30pm, Wednesday, June 4, 6:30pm**

PEARL

Dive-In Theatre A weekly "cinema social" combining eclectic film choices, along with food and drink. Steeped in mid-century design, the Dive-In takes place at the poolside lounge and outdoor theater. Films are projected onto a 10' x 13' foot projection screen with full sound, overlooking the hotel's vintage, oyster-shaped swimming pool. **Wednesday, May 21, 8:00pm, Wednesday, May 28, 8:00pm, Wednesday, June 4, 8:00pm**

POINT LOMA LIBRARY



Veronica Mars This infectious joyride features Kristen Bell as the spunky, wisecracking sleuth — and newly minted lawyer — lured back to her mystery-filled hometown by an old flame to solve a baffling murder. With James Franco and Jamie Lee Curtis. Filmed in San Diego! **Tuesday, May 20, 6:00pm**

The Art of the Steal This brisk, twisty, and irreverent caper has Kurt Russell as a bargain-basement daredevil and art forger who reluctantly mends fences with his snaky brother

(Matt Dillon) to pull one last score. Also featuring Terrance Stamp and Katherine Winnick. Free popcorn! **Tuesday, May 27, 6:00pm**

RANCHO BERNARDO LIBRARY

Budrus Jewish Voice for Peace-San Diego and the San Diego chapter of Sabeel, along with the Rancho Bernardo branch of the San Diego Public Library, invite you to join us for a screening of *Budrus*, the award-winning documentary film from Just Vision. Refreshments will be provided and a discussion will follow the film. Our guest speaker for the event, Nadia Keilani, an Iraqi-American lawyer and activist, will give a brief introduction prior to the film as well as lead the discussion afterward. *Budrus* follows the efforts of Ayed Morrar, a resident of the Palestinian town of Budrus in the Occupied West Bank, to stop the construction of Israel's Separation Wall through his town. Morrar organizes regular non-violent protests in an attempt to prevent the loss of much of Budrus' land and the destruction of thousands of the olive trees that have sustained its residents for generations. Morrar convinces both Fatah and Hamas members to take part in his non-violent efforts, yet a surprising turn of events takes place when Morrar's shy, 15-year-old daughter Iltezam decides to take a leading role in the protests. Info: jvpsdfilm@gmail.com. **Sunday, May 18, 1:30pm**

VINTAGE VILLAGE THEATRE

Act of Valor A special screening of *Act of Valor*, the 2012 movie starring active duty Navy SEALs. The screening will take place at Coronado's beautifully restored Village Theatre. A pre-screening VIP reception will be held at the Coronado Historical Association's Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Ave., where the exhibit, "The History of the Navy SEALs in Coronado" will be on display in the gallery. The CHA exhibit is part of a greater, ten-museum exhibit sponsored by Balboa Park's History Center, which focuses on the military's influence on this region. Guests will enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres hosted by Tent City Restaurant. Prior to the screening, CIFF will present the short documentary film *U.S. Navy SEALs 50th Anniversary*, written, directed, and narrated by Coronado High School student Kyler Smith, whose father and brother are Navy SEALs. A Q&A with film insiders will follow the screening. **Thursday, May 22, 6:30pm**

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Million Dollar Arm — Jon Hamm stars in this worked-over true story about a puffed-up, on-the-skids sports agent whose humbling necessities giving birth to a Susan Boyle-inspired talent hunt for an Indian cricket bowler able to transition into an MLB pitcher. As live-action Disney sports comedies go, this makes for amenable if predictable summertime family fluff. (Think *Cool Runnings* meets *The World's Greatest Athlete*.) Director Craig Gillispie (*Lars and the Real Girl*) keeps things moving, adding just enough local (and saturated) color to bolster screenwriter Thomas McCarthy's conclusion that India is a "study in extremes." Lord Alan Arkin apportions more belly laughs catnapping through the first third of his pithy performance than you're likely to find in most feature-length comedies. The fine supporting cast features Suraj Sharma (*Life of Pi*), Lake Bell as Hamm's compulsory love interest, and never enough Bill Paxton. 2014. S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Neighbors — Quite possibly the most conventional and conservative comedy featuring two straight dudes engaged in a dildio sword-fight you'll see all year. Director Nicholas Stoller's (*Forgetting Sarah Marshall*) story of a ludicrous "battle" between new parents (Seth Rogen and an uncommitted Rose Byrne) and the freshly transplanted fraternity next door lets cheerful raunch take the place of anything resembling an edge. You'll probably laugh, and you may even squirm, but it's unlikely that you'll pause to think. The real battle, of course, is not between Cool Dad Rogen and Frat King Zac Efron, but between manboys and the looming, dreaded necessity of growing up, getting a job, being a parent, and all the rest of it. Outrageous message: don't fear the Reaper, just decide that you love brunch. Telling detail: the baby winds up as a pop-culture calendar prop in the final scene. Efron, always striving, makes the most of his role as a surprisingly sensitive stud. 2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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MACHINE OPERATOR Contingent/Temporary Duration: 365+ Days Pay Rate:N/A DOE Job ID: 300261-10882-7-348862 Contact: Volt Workforce Solutions7676 Hazard Center Dr., Ste. 1000San Diego, CA 92108 Phone:... Location: San Diego. For more info search job ID: 63607578 on ReaderJobs.com

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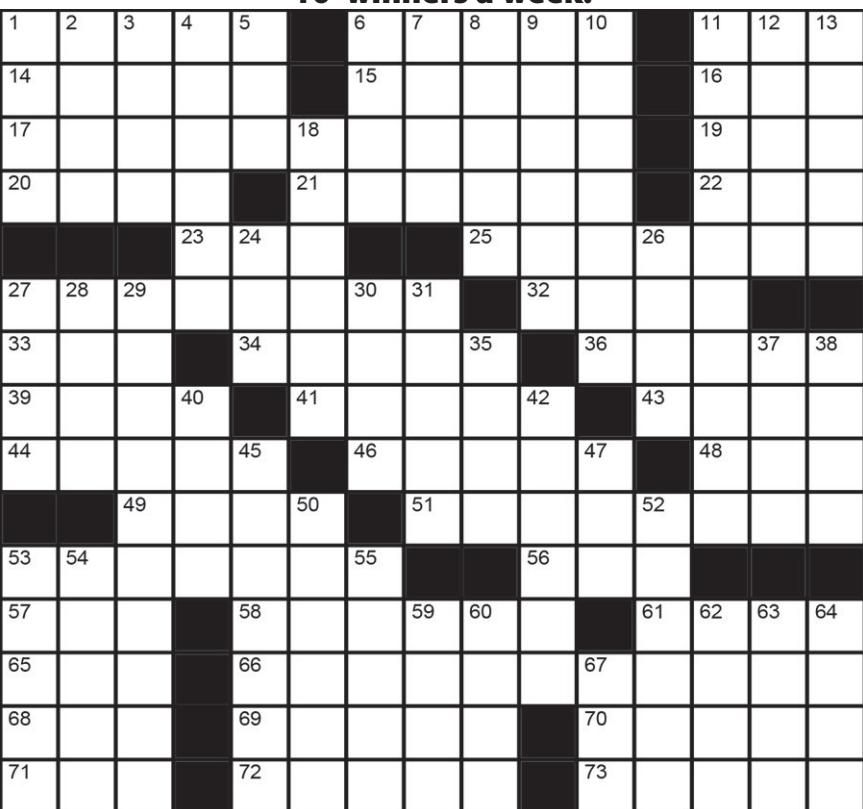
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Across

- Covenants
- "Not with ____ the heart is broken": Emily Dickinson
- 100 yrs.
- Home of ConAgra
- Screw (up)
- Nutritional fig.
- Hyphenated last name of Mariah and Jim's love child?
- Trendy boot brand
- Door opener
- Japanese art of self-defense
- Quickly turn back
- Prevent
- Consoling words
- Post-danger signal
- Virg. neighbor
- Buzzer
- Presidential candidate of the 1990s
- Go off
- Turn on the waterworks
- "Spider-Man" director Sam
- Fishing spot
- Like a 33-Across
- Bill of fashion
- Paulo
- Ton
- Franz Liszt called him "the most poetical musician that ever was"
- Acidity measurement
- 1989 play about Capote
- Tic-tac-toe winner
- Pallor cause
- Diamond Head's isle

- Actress Lucy
- Hyphenated last name of LeAnn and Busta's love child?
- said ...
- Plot anew
- Some circus performers
- ACLU concerns
- Utopias
- More puzzling

Down

- Small indentation
- for All Seasons"
- The Power Broker" author Robert
- Airs "EastEnders"
- Utter
- Jai ____
- Bulletin board material
- Macabre
- Given experimentally
- Mom to Blue Ivy Carter
- Hyphenated last name of Penelope and Tom's love child?
- Award for mystery writers
- Shrewish
- Professional pursuit
- Mont Blanc, e.g.
- Rain delay sight
- "Take a Chance on Me" group
- Jump
- Hyphenated last name of Shari and Joe's love child?
- Al-Jazeera viewer
- Muddies
- Nickname for a seven-time NBA All-Star

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- Bartlett, e.g.
- Harness race gait
- Tie, as shoes
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- Its capital is Pamplona
- California's Big ____
- Robbed of
- Kept afloat
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- Raise
- ____ at'em!"
- Stand for
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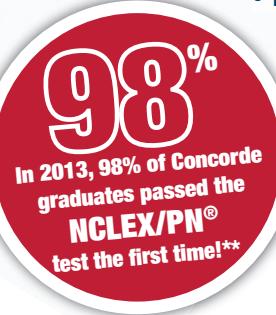
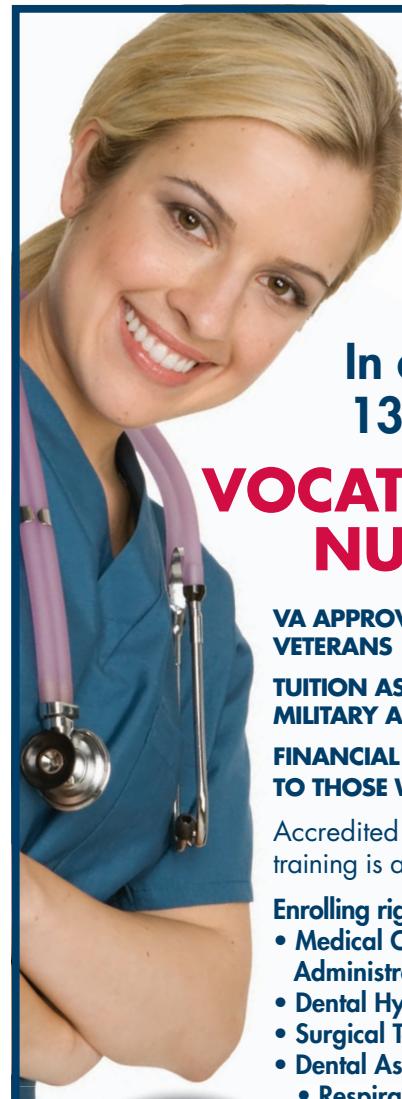
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3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

EASY:

6	1	4	8		7		9	5
		5						
3		8	5		6		2	
	3		4			8		
		2	7	1	4			
	7			5	6			
1		6		3	5	9		
				7				
2	4		9	6	1	3	8	

HARD:

7			9					
3	4	8						6
	2			5	8			
6		5	3					
	3	9	4	6				
		7	6			4		
	7	2			6			
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		1				3		

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EASY:

8	7	6	1	4	9	5	3	2
4	9	3	8	5	2	1	6	7
1	2	5	7	3	6	9	8	4
9	3	4	5	6	1	7	2	8
6	8	2	3	9	7	4	1	5
5	1	7	2	8	4	6	9	3
2	4	1	6	7	3	8	5	9
7	6	8	9	2	5	3	4	1
3	5	9	4	1	8	2	7	6

HARD:

1	8	4	2	6	7	3	5	9
6	5	7	8	9	3	2	4	1
2	9	3	4	5	1	8	6	7
5	7	2	3	1	8	4	9	6
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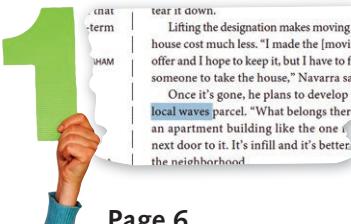
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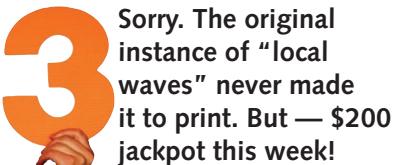
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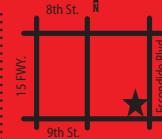
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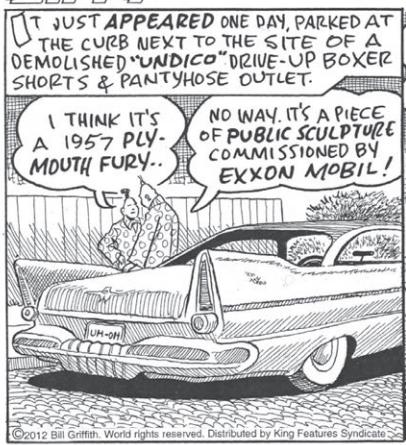
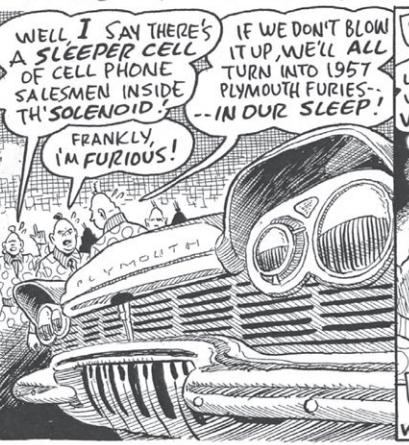
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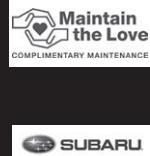
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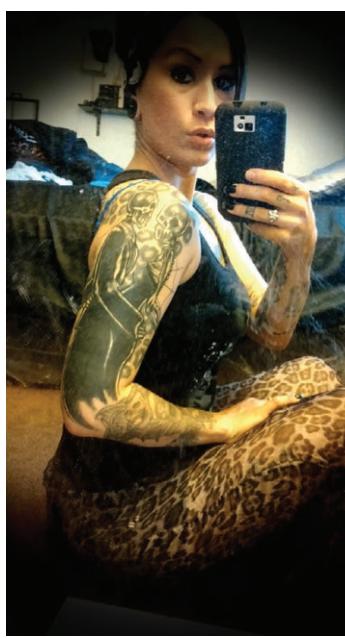
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JenRedz143: This tattoo I've had only a few years. I got it for my 18th birthday, I will soon be 21 in July. YAAY ME! but it's dear to me. I had got this tattoo in memory of my Pit Bull named Cali. She was my baby girl and my protector. Thanks to Grosero Tattoo shop in Lemon Grove for helping me keep the memories of her alive. She was my first dog here in California. I'm originally from Boise, Idaho so the change was crazy for me but she made it A LOT easier. I'm currently a student living in golden hills and attending City College, hoping to transfer to beautiful SDSU in a few years. Hope you like my link :)

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— In February, the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled that David Bell could not avoid being charged with DUI merely because he had been sober enough to pass all six "field sobriety tests" administered during a traffic stop. It was enough, the court said, that he had admitted drinking that night. A few days later, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported on Texan Larry Davis's struggle to clear the 2013 DWI arrest from his record — since he had blown a 0.0 alcohol reading that night and then had voluntarily undergone a blood test for other impairing drugs and come up clean on that. Davis had admitted to "one drink" but allegedly failed a "field sobriety test" (in the opinion of the arresting officer, anyway).

Compelling Explanations

— Briton Jack Harvey, 42, drew a three-plus-year sentence in Truro Crown Court in February following his guilty plea on drug charges. Earlier, he had insisted that police had planted the drugs they found in his house and car, and even that a stranger (maybe "some filthy woman," he said) must be the owner of that cocaine and heroin that police found taped to his testicles.

— John Rogers of Geneva, Fla., recently acquit-

ted in a shooting death (using Florida's "stand your ground" defense), convinced a judge in February to return his guns, which police had confiscated when they arrested him. Rogers said he needs the guns for protection because he is particularly vulnerable — in that he is blind.

The Continuing Crisis

— The firm 3D Babies has begun selling (for \$800) eight-inch-long fetal sculptures developed from 3-D ultrasound images, computer graphics, and 3-D printing technology ("printing" successive layers of material continuously, eventually creating a physical object). (Four-inch and two-inch models are available for \$400 and \$200, respectively.) For celebrity hounds who are not planning imminent parenthood, the company sells one fetal sculpture off the shelf: the Kim Kardashian-Kanye West fetus ("Baby North West") for only \$250.

The Litigious Society

— Clients Richard and Sandra Weiner filed a lawsuit in Paterson, N.J., in January against their former real estate agent, Robert Lindsay, who they said had a blatant conflict of interest while offering the Weiners' house for sale. The agent allegedly, purposely, high-balled the

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Ironies

— The Internal Revenue Service might have second thoughts about suing William Berroyer to recover a \$60,000 tax underpayment since, by the time Berroyer was finished with them, the federal government had been ordered to write Berroyer (now age 66) checks totaling nearly 15 times that much. Berroyer, who was on his way out of the IRS office in Hauppauge, N.Y., after his first meeting in 2008, tripped over a phone cord and fell against a filing cabinet, injuring himself so severely that he required a 17-day hospital stay and rehabilitation and alleged long-term confinement to a wheelchair.

— In February, after a 43-year-old rape victim in Cowlitz County, Wash., missed court hearings, prosecutors, needing her testimony, filed for a rare "material witness" warrant to assure her availability — by asking the judge to jail her. She acknowledged her anxieties, but prom-

ised to do better if the judge would dismiss the warrant. She pointed out that prosecutors were seeking to lock her up against her will — to force her to testify that a rapist had once locked her up against her will (in addition to committing other indignities). (The sympathetic judge dismissed the warrant, but the woman has since missed another court date.)

Undignified Deaths

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— An 86-year-old man, celebrating his selection in November by the Howard Stern radio show to be treated to a fancy meal followed by a menage-a-trois session with prostitutes at Nevada's famed Bunny Ranch, called it "the greatest day of my life." However, he failed to make it through dinner, as he choked to death on a piece of steak.

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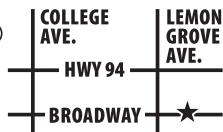
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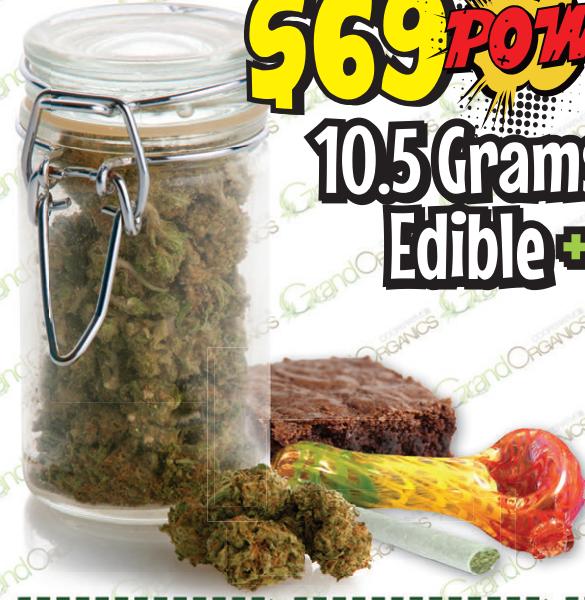
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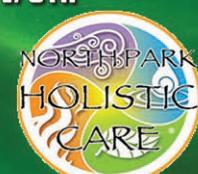
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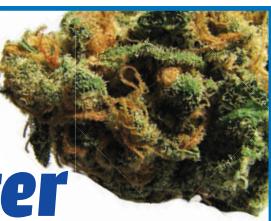
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