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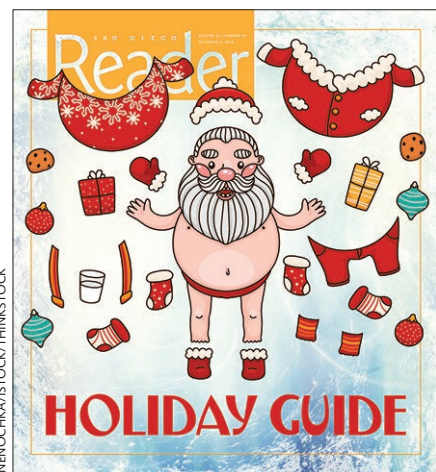
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Pool for poor panned

Silent treatment for new Pardee position on water board

Developer Douglas Manchester's *U-T San Diego* has been all over the fate of the new fountain at the county administration center. Heavily used by inner-city families, the giant water feature has been singled out by some coastal environmentalists as a costly concession to the poor.

City officials say the fountain represents a recreational use of water for those with no other access to public pools — and thereby exempt from emergency water limits — because children are allowed to play in it.

The newspaper quoted Livia Borak, identified as a “legal adviser to the Coast Law Group’s environmental rights foundation,” as throwing cold water on that contention.

“Anything that increases water use in a time of drought is a bad thing.”

Meanwhile, mayor Kevin Faulconer has named Jimmy Ayala, the San Diego-based lobbyist for mega-residential developer Pardee Homes, to a vacant seat on the San Diego County Water Board, a center of much political and financial intrigue in these drought-plagued times.

Ayala “has over 15 years of real estate development and construction experience,” according to Faulconer’s memo. “He advances projects from initial strategy and land acquisition to completion and manages the integration of residential, commercial, recreational, and open space to maximize community investment....

Unmentioned are the big campaign contri-

votes required for passage.”

Water has always been a key limitation on development in the parched Southwest, but this year’s prospect of a California mega-drought has had builders scrambling for water rights and engaging in much behind-the-scenes water board wheeling and dealing.

To keep the developer’s manna of water coming, officials have approved a series of costly, ratepayer-financed treatment options, including desalinization of ocean water and so-called toilet-to-tap sewage-water purification. Building limits and redesign of sprawling subdivisions are infrequently considered.

Matt Potter

Which Tamara Green are we talking about?

Bill Cosby’s accuser has her own rocky past. Tamara Lucier Green is making headlines for relating her story of entertainer Bill Cosby drug-ging her, abusing her, and satisfying himself sexually in her presence in the 1970s. She is quoted now as Tamara Green, but in 2005 when she made the same accusations, she was quoted as Tamara Lucier Green. Lucier is her maiden name. Both in 2005 and this year, her lawyers have said that Cosby has no recollection of either a Tamara Lucier or Tamara Green.

Some media call her a retired lawyer, but she is still listed with the State Bar of California as an active lawyer. However, her bar listing gives no phone or fax number or email address, or information about her undergraduate education. Her Fallbrook law firm address, 1199 S. Mission Road, #129, is actually a UPS

mail drop. A person there confirmed that there is no other business at that address, and a number at the address is a mailbox, not an office number.

As the records reveal, she was in the bar’s Alternative Discipline Program (ADP), a program for attorneys with substance abuse or mental health problems. She was terminated from the program in 2005 because she was not in compliance with it.

Green says she has been permanently warped psychologically by her Cosby experi-

ence, and the bar’s information on her might confirm that. On the other hand, Cosby’s attorneys may say that the bar records suggest that she has psychological problems that may antedate her Cosby experience.

Don Bauder



Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez noted that “more and more workers are expected to come in and serve the public when it comes to what are non-essential items, frankly.”

Almost a dirty secret

Do Black Friday workers deserve more pay?

Californians who come in to work on Thanksgiving and Christmas will be getting a pay bump next year if a bill assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez plans to introduce is successful.

At a media gathering on the edge of a parking lot in front of a Mission Valley Walmart (store officials protested the use of the outlet’s façade as a backdrop), Gonzalez was joined by union leader Mickey Kasparian and Walmart employee Diana McCain on November 26, to make her case.

“It’s time to start talking about what we’ve all known is almost a dirty little secret — the fact that every year more and more workers are expected to come in and serve the public when it comes to what are non-essential items, quite frankly,” said Gonzalez.

McCain said that Walmart was offering its employees time-and-a-half overtime pay for their full shift, plus a coupon good for 20 percent off a single item.

“That’s a pretty steep price to pay when you’re not spending time with your family on these important holidays,” opined Mickey Kasparian, president of the local United Food & Commercial Workers chapter.

Dave Rice

Lookin’ at you, kitty

Tech firm raises money for litter-box scale

A team of local entrepreneurs has struck Kickstarter gold, more than doubling the amount of cash sought to fund their invention:

a digital scale attached to a litter box for cats.

San Diego-based Pet Wireless approached the crowd-sourced fundraising site seeking \$30,000 to develop Tailio, essentially a scale that sits under a litter box that, when paired with a mobile app, sends users updates on their pet’s bowel movements and weight when visiting the box.

Developers say the information will be useful in monitoring a pet’s health, as significant weight change or frequent box visits could signal a need for medical attention.

Within a week’s time, the goal for Tailio’s fundraising has more than doubled (the amount pledged was over \$69,000 as of November 24). Developers say they’ll use the extra money to offer the device in multiple colors (an initial rollout was planned in white only), and possibly to add a feature to the app providing a list of local veterinarians if donors pledge \$150,000 or more.

Dave Rice

Food-waste fiasco

“We could be feeding another 10,000 people”

Rob Greenfield returned to his home in Ocean Beach about three weeks ago. He’d been on



Ron Greenfield and his #DonateNotDump social-media movement bring awareness to grocery-store food waste.

a five-month tour of the country, by bicycle, raising awareness of food waste in many grocery stores along the way. On November 23, he was in Balboa Park providing San Diegans with an example of what he’s been doing out on the road.

Organized under the hashtag #DonateNotDump, Greenfield visits dumpsters behind grocery stores at night in search of fresh food.

“I have to say that here in San Diego, I’ve actually had one of the hardest times finding food,” Greenfield said of his recent scavenging, the results of which were being arranged into a display by a group of volunteers as he spoke.

Throughout the summer, Greenfield would solicit volunteer helpers with vehicles to transport his finds in whichever city he happened to be passing through. He’d set up a display

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City officials say the fountain represents a recreational use of water for those with no other access to public pools.

butions Ayala and his Pardee colleagues have come up with for an array of local politicians.

“Lobbyists for Pardee Homes raised \$3195 for Emerald, \$1350 for Gloria, and \$2609 for Lightner after the election,” according to a 2009 story by *U-T* reporter Craig Gustafson. “Pardee won approval in February for a permit to build 1578 condominiums on 46 acres in Otay Mesa. All three council members sided with the developer in a 7-1 vote, with five

What about those Cayman Islands assets?

Judges call tax lawyer embezzler

By Don Bauder

Attorney J. Douglass Jennings Jr. boasts on his law firm's website that "we are proudly recognized as one of the leading estate and tax planning law firms not only in California but in the United States and internationally."

Jennings's mission is "studying and understanding government loopholes," brags the website. Jennings Tax Law, with posh offices at 3655 Nobel Drive in La Jolla's "Golden Triangle," claims to have a "faith-based" approach to financial planning. Jennings — purportedly called Uncle Doug by some clients — says he is considered by many to be "San Diego's best tax attorney." He advertises on AM 760 KFMB's *Roger Hedgecock Show* and

says Hedgecock is a client.

Jennings rakes in \$62,500 a month and his wife, Peggy Jennings, a real estate broker who is also on the Jennings financial planning team, brings in \$10,000 monthly.

How do we know their salaries? Well, on March 24 of 2011, they filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy (reorganization), along with Jennings's first law firm. The filing shows that despite the hefty pay, they came up \$370 short every month because of such monthly expenses as \$18,404 for mortgage payments, \$500 for clothing, and \$1500 for recreation, clubs, entertainment, newspapers, and magazines. They had \$7.4 million in jointly owned assets (primarily real estate) and \$11 million of liabilities.



Douglass and Peggy Jennings

They still have two Rancho Santa Fe homes — one worth \$3.5 million and the other, which is rented out, worth \$2.28 million. At the time of the filing, there were ten lawsuits and administrative proceedings against J. Dou-

glass Jennings Jr.

According to the Chapter 11 filing, they owed money to the Rancho Santa Fe Association, retailers, credit card companies, banks, a real estate firm named Ramos Properties, a yacht company, and many individuals, some of whom were Jennings law-firm clients who invested in deals promoted by him. Among the Jennings deals in which investors filed claims were La Jolla Equities, Horizon Properties, and Jackson Hole LLC.

Among the creditors was Cayman National, a bank representing a condominium and apartment firms on Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands, the big tax and secrecy haven. The condo company was owed \$1.6 million and the apartments \$235,976. I asked attorney Jennings about the Caymans. Did his family take vacation trips there? Did he have money in hideaway institutions in the Caymans? Did he put his tax clients'

money in the Caymans or any other offshore tax and secrecy haven? Did he or his clients set up nontaxable businesses or trusts there? Alas, he did not return my phone calls or answer queries I sent twice by email.

On March 15 of 2012, the Chapter 11 was converted to a Chapter 7 (liquidation). A trustee was placed in charge of selling assets to pay off creditors. The only sale I can find is a 2008 Mercedes, and lawyer Jennings himself bought it. At the time of the Chapter 7, Jennings and his wife owed \$5.7 million to the Internal Revenue Service and \$2.4 million to the California Franchise Tax Board, with liens dating back to 2005. Those deficiencies grew as more tax liens were subsequently recorded.

Among institutions submitting claims are big banks such as JPMorgan Chase and Citibank and smaller institutions such as Commerce Bank of Temecula Valley and First Bank of Wyoming. Individual investors are still lined up. All told, the amount claimed by Chapter 7 creditors is \$25.2 million.

J. Douglass Jennings's original law firm exited bankruptcy. On July 10, 2012, after the couple's Chapter 7 filing, Jennings formed a second firm at the same address, the current Jennings Tax Law. He and his wife remain in Chapter 7. Beginning in 1982, J. Douglass has been sued 15 times for professional negligence, 6 times for malpractice, and 2 times for fraud. In an earlier conversation I had with him in October, he claimed the suits had been settled.

There have been serious charges against J. Douglass and Peggy Jennings. Last year, Louise DeCarl Adler, judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court in San Diego, ruled on a dispute between the Jenningses and Ramos Properties. In 2004,

"Attorney Jennings and Mrs. Jennings sold a 67.43 percent interest" in Utah property to Ramos, for \$1.3 million in cash plus some other funds.

However, "Jennings did not record the 2004 warranty deed so he knew there was no public record of the sale to Ramos Properties," wrote Judge Adler. Two years later, the couple executed a warranty deed, conveying 100 percent of the property to themselves. J. Douglass Jennings got a new loan, claiming he was 100 percent owner of the property, according to Judge Adler's narrative. Ramos was not told of these moves.

Adler charged both J. Douglass and Peggy Jennings with "embezzlement and/or larceny" with "fraudulent and/or felonious intent." Their actions were "willful and malicious," said Adler, defining "felonious"

as "proceeding from an evil heart or purpose; malicious; villainous." She also charged J. Douglass Jennings with "defalcation by a fiduciary," a polite way of saying J. Douglass fleeced his own client. The conduct of Jennings, attorney for Ramos, was "particularly egregious. He owed ethical duties to his clients," but preyed on them. "Mrs. Jennings is equally culpable," wrote Adler, noting that she had 30 years in the real

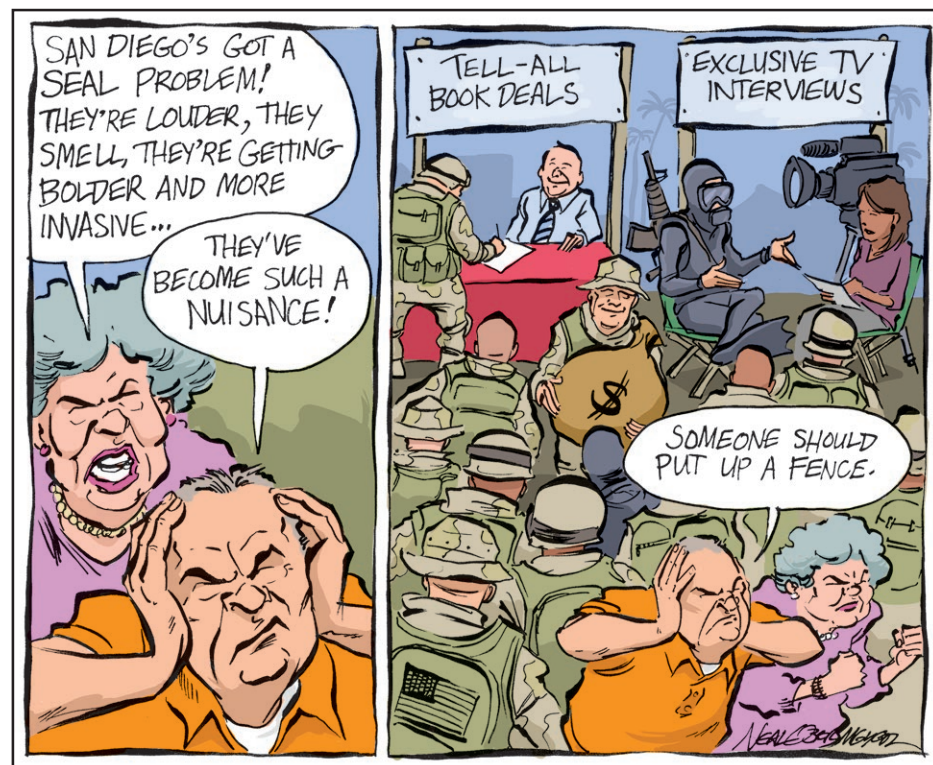


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Go the Extra Mile

Re: “Good Fences Don’t Make Good Neighbors,” November 27 cover story. You have to wonder why Mr. Pastenes hasn’t sued her for defamation of character? I also wonder why he hasn’t complained to the chief of police and his city council member about the poor performance of the SDPD in this matter, and demanded an Internal Affairs investigation into his allegations of favoritism.

The reporter on this story, Elizabeth Salaam, apparently didn’t ask him these questions, or if she did his response wasn’t included. Why didn’t she take the time to call the council member or chief of police for comment? It could have been a great article that made some difference, but Ms. Salaam apparently wasn’t willing to go the extra mile to make it so.

Hal Brown
University City

Charge for False Reports

After I read “Good Fences Don’t Make Good Neighbors” (November 27 cover story) I truly felt sorry for the Pastenes family. Here is a woman who has made unfounded complaints against her neighbors over the last eight years.

Each time the police have come to the residence they have found nothing to charge the Pastenes family with. After reading the story, I’m not sure why any neighbor would fear retaliation from speaking out. What, does she belong to the mafia or

something?

Maybe if she was charged a monetary fee for false reports, that would put an end to them. The Pastenes family needs to invest in cameras to watch over their property and that fence which divides them so that when she does make complaints they have proof of their actions.

It’s sad that this sort of ignorance still exists in this country, and that some think that others are not entitled to the same rights and freedoms as the rest.

Anthony R. Ravenell
North County

Deserves No Credit

Regarding your “Barking Seals” article (City Lights, November 27), I’ve been waiting for someone to comment on the media chasing the identity of the man who shot Bin Laden, and then Robert O’Neill’s coming out as that man, to no avail.

Robert O’Neill did not kill Bin Laden — the entire crew did. The accident of his arrival at the top of the stairs does not mean that he did it; they all put him into that position; he deserves no credit for that accident.

The media should be horsewhipped for chasing the topic, and O’Neill should be ashamed of himself for claiming the credit. If it is a mystery why the guys at the bars made “no comment,” I’m positive this is the reason. The crew killed Bin Laden!

Saul Harmon Gritz
Hillcrest

Soldiers’ Demand

Before any punitive action is contemplated against O’Neill, the SEAL, (City Lights, “Barking SEALs,” November 27) we, the soldiers of the United States, demand that the United States Congress proceeds with the impeachment, conviction, and removal from office of Barack Obama, who we accuse of high treason against the United States for subverting the Constitution, and for inciting insurrection and anarchy against all constituted authority.

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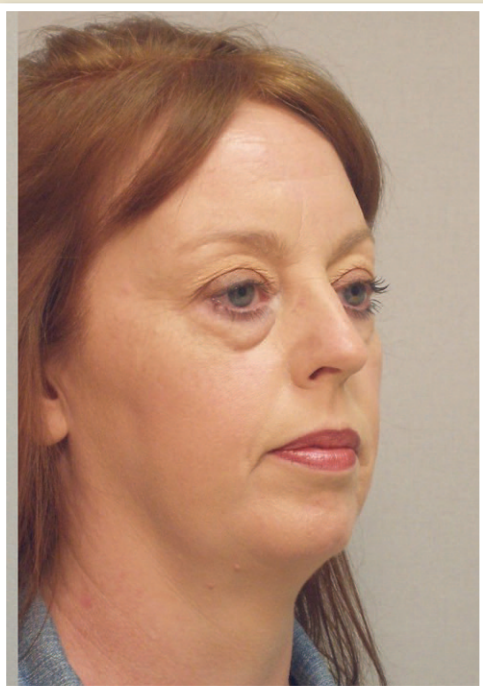
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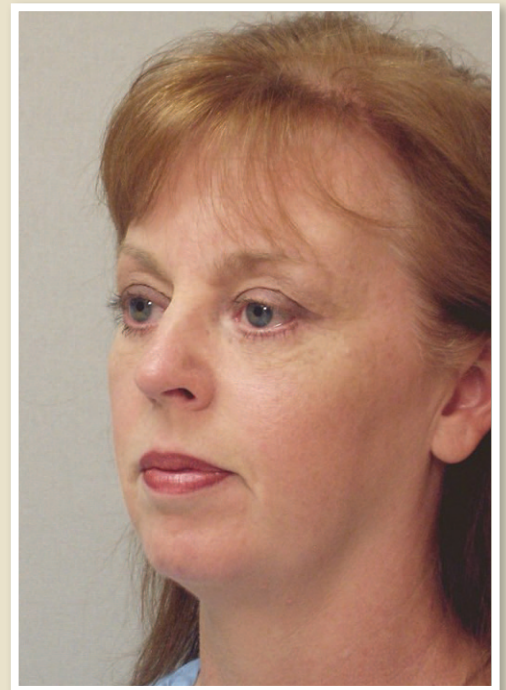


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CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Transition tower

Scaffolding provides lifeguard perch

Folks on Coast Highway 101, passing by Cardiff-by-the-Sea's San Elijo State Beach campground, often ask what's up with the scaffolding on the bluff with the lifeguard tower on top.

California State Parks has finally announced the replacement of the original lifeguard tower that was in danger of falling down due to decades of bluff erosion. Since then, while the small temporary tower is manned, there is no space for equipment or additional staff.

The original tower (and the ocean horizon behind it, looking south/southwest) has been featured on postcards and Cardiff souvenirs.



Before the new tower is built, there is this...

The tower's bluff-top position allows lifeguards to monitor the entire three miles of state beach, from the southern tidepools and parking lot at Seaside reef, north to Swami's.

State officials said at a recent community meeting that the proposed design is still open to changes. The state must first seek approval

from the City of Encinitas and the California Coastal Commission before beginning its planned late-2015 replacement.

The new tower, to be built 43 feet back from the existing bluff line, will also serve as a command center for the state's two other North County jurisdictions, Torrey Pines and Carlsbad's state beaches.

KEN HARRISON

VISTA

Walmart protest a call to unionize

But raising the minimum wage would lead to less jobs...right?

While thousands of shoppers were out on November 28 making Black Friday purchases, about 30 protesters were picketing the Walmart in Vista. A group of teachers, labor union leaders, students, and one priest gathered at the University Avenue store at 8:30 a.m.

Spokesperson for the group, Shannon Lienhart, co-president of the Palomar Faculty Federation, says the purpose of the protest, organized by the North County Labor Alliance, was to ask shoppers to boycott Walmart until employees are paid a minimum wage of \$15 an hour.

I asked Lienhart if she thought a successful boycott would mean a layoff of many workers inside the store. She responded, "Not if they unionize." She admitted that the protest was really about getting Walmart employees to unionize.

"Do they want to unionize?"

I asked.

"There is a lot of fear of job loss if [Walmart employees] become involved," she said. "We need to educate them."

In advance of the planned protest, Walmart issued a statement to the *Coast News*. Company spokesperson Kevin Gardner



Minimum-wage protesters asked shoppers to boycott Walmart — on Black Friday.

Previously published reports indicate a nationwide group known as "Our Walmart," made up of current Walmart employees, was organizing similar events to unionize.

Approached in the parking lot before he walked into the store, Steve from Vista was asked if the protest would cause him to change his purchasing decisions.

"They [the protesters] are mistaken in their concept," he said in broken English. "Walmart is for low cost so many people will have jobs. More expensive, less jobs. They are barking up the wrong tree," he added.

Not wanting to be identified, a 20-year-old collecting Walmart shopping carts in the parking lot said he didn't care what the protesters were saying. "I make nine bucks an hour, and I'm just here while in school."

The protesters brought up the wealth of the Walmart family, saying they are "the richest family in America" and "they make too much money." Lienhart said, "The money spent today is funding the Waltons' bank account. They can afford to pay their workers a livable wage."

KEN HARRISON

LA MESA

Police chief retiring with the Doritos van

No more chips truck at DUI checkpoints

The new year will bring the retirement of La Mesa police chief Ed Aceves as well as the 1995 Frito-Lay delivery truck purchased in 2002 and converted into a mobile command vehicle.

Twelve years ago, Aceves was a lieutenant charged with finding a vehicle to replace the Ford Explorer then used as a mobile unit, lieutenant Chad Bell said in a November 24 interview.

Bell, the traffic-division commander, coordinated the search to replace the vehicle known as the "Dorito van," a Chevy cargo van with more than 200,000 miles on it when the city acquired it.

"As you know, our motto is 'Do more with less,'" said Aceves. "I was assigned to get a mobile command vehicle with no funds attached to it. We found a used Dorito van" and equipped it. "It was done with all communality donations."

He said the mobile vehicle is used for police work, such as DUI checkpoints, special response team (SWAT) incidents, homicides, fires, and community events like Oktoberfest.

Pictures in the binder include the white truck with a large picture of an open bag of nacho-cheese-flavored Doritos on the side. The now black-and-white vehicle will be replaced by a 2015 Dodge RAM ProMaster van, a vehicle Bell said is "easier to maneuver. It's more streamlined and easier to get into smaller places."

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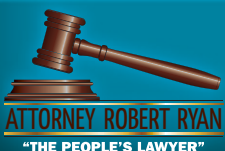
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Anything chestnut

There, that looks like a good one,” David said. I pulled the car to the curb in front of the sprawling Mission Hills residence. I kept the motor running as David got out, affected a casual manner, and strolled right onto the wealthy stranger’s property. My muscles tensed, my heart raced, and my eyes darted back and forth to make sure we weren’t spotted. This was the closest I’d come to being a criminal accomplice since that one time in high school when I agreed to be the getaway car for a group of girls intent on throwing rolls of toilet paper at the home of another girl they’d deemed annoying.

“Hurry,” I hissed through the passenger window. David acknowledged my concern with a raise of his

brows, but then, as if he was trying to exasperate me, he smiled and returned to his mission. I continued to monitor our surroundings, using all the mirrors, while David took his sweet time rummaging through the branches of an innocent tree in some unsuspecting San Diegan’s yard, searching for what he felt was the “perfect combination of autumn leaves.”

I sat in the car wishing I’d stayed home, but I knew if I had, David’s antics would look that much more suspicious. My premonitions were not without merit. At one house, a middle-aged woman emerged to question what the strange

man was doing so close to her door. When I saw her, I shut off the engine and bounded out of the car to convey my unthreatening presence. Upon seeing me, the woman relaxed and decided to take the opportunity to both keep an eye on us and let her six-month-old puppy out for a potty break. While I was busy giving belly rubs to the fluffiest little guy in the whole wide world, David explained why he was groping this lady’s tree.

I blamed the chestnuts. Every year, as is the tradition in his family’s numerous Hungarian-helmed kitchens, David embarks on the process of crafting Hungarian chestnut purée from scratch. First he boils them, then he peels them (with two specialized tools he owns just for this task), then he puts all the nut meat in a pot and simmers it with milk until all the milk is absorbed. After that, he mashes the whole mess with a potato masher; to ensure optimum smoothness, he then uses a spoon

to press the mixture through a fine wire strainer. This yields a basic chestnut paste, to which he adds sugar syrup and rum. Pressed through a potato ricer onto a dollop of lightly sweetened, vanilla-accented whipped cream, the classic Hungarian presentation is finally achieved.

David considers chestnut purée an “elegant” dessert. Maybe that was the case back in the drab grayness of communist-ruled Hungary, but to my eye, it is not attractive. It basically looks like brown spaghetti on top of a blob of whipped cream. It’s mildly sweet, has a fine granular texture, and is lighter and airier than it looks. I find the flavor to be subtle and unexciting, though I admit it’s nice how the hint of rum complements the earthy sweetness of the nuts. For my man, however, Hungarian chestnut purée is what Christmas tastes like.

Because he couldn’t find them locally, David ended up ordering chestnuts from a farm in Washington. Partly to save on shipping, and partly because he’d spotted a recipe in *Saveur* magazine for an Umbrian chestnut soup, David ordered the chestnuts in bulk. I learned this when, upon entering the kitchen for a coffee refill one November afternoon, I spotted two giant bags containing ten pounds of chestnuts on our kitchen counter.

With his thumb recently healed but still tender from the previous month’s emergency room-inducing potato-slicing mishap, David grimaced and gasped for

three days, burning and pruning his fingers as he shelled hot chestnuts that were fresh out of the oven or boiling water (apparently, if he let them cool, even just a bit, it would have been more difficult to remove the skin).

For the next week, at least one part of every meal David cooked contained chestnuts. He made that chestnut soup from the magazine, which he found underwhelming. He didn’t think it was bad, just that it tasted more like a thick rustic lentil soup than anything chestnut. There was the rich chestnut-chocolate cake he whipped up for a friend’s birthday. And, of course, the chestnut purée. But it was the final dish — the green tea cake with chestnut whipped cream — that landed us in the urban woods.

While I chased the puppy around, David continued to fondle the maple-like leaves of a sweetgum/liquidambar tree and explained his behavior to the curious woman. Because green tea and chestnut are classic autumn flavors in Japan, he told her, he decided to create a full Japanese-themed meal. And, he elucidated, no proper multi-course Japanese meal would be complete without fresh pine needles tied in knots, miniature pinecones, and fall leaves. I cut in to mention that David is an avid amateur cook who loves to “bring it” for any culinary occasion, but that when one of our guests is a professional chef he pulls out the stops. On this evening, we were having our friends Gary and Logan

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David found his treasure and retrieved kitchen shears from the trunk, along with the plastic container lined with damp paper towels he'd prepared to preserve his findings. He then described the entire meal, from the *chawanmushi* (a silky, sensuous custard soup), and *tonkatsu* (panko-coated, fried pork cutlets served atop Napa cabbage with *katsu* sauce), to the green tea and chestnut cake.

On occasion, a friend will ask if David has ever considered opening his own restaurant. "Being

a professional chef is an unbelievable amount of work — I don't want to have to work that hard," is his canned response. But I wonder if it's the work itself so much as David's unwillingness to compromise on his version of perfection.

"No," David insists. "It's just that I really enjoy my little experiments and tailoring each meal to our specific guests. I worry that if I ever tried to do it professionally it would just become work, and then making chestnut purée wouldn't be special anymore. Christmas wouldn't be special if we celebrated it every day of the year." ■

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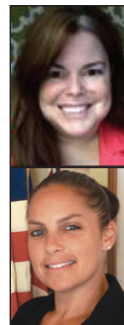
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Almost factual news



You know, since they can't give the city what it really wants for Christmas: a pennant

Holiday Blunderland

Petco Park dropped the ball in its attempt at inclusion

San Diegans have long since stopped expecting displays of competence when they visit Petco Park, so it should come as no surprise to learn that its upcoming "Holiday Wonderland" represents

But it looks like the moneygrubbers at Petco think they can lure in a few dopey seculars by going with "Holiday" instead of "Christmas." Frankly,

Guest editorial by
Theo Dissy, president of the
San Diego Grinch Lodge

we here at the Grinch Lodge find this kind of pandering

another fiasco for the House that Taxpayers Built. No doubt, the event's name was chosen in an attempt to acknowledge the diverse range of cultures and beliefs present in America's Finest City. But take a look at the promo video, narrated by none other than Santa Claus himself. The so-called "Holiday Wonderland" consists of a 40-foot Christmas tree, Santa's village, Santa's reindeer, photos with Santa — the list goes on. Every schoolkid knows that Christmas trees are in fact Christmas trees, and that "Santa" translates to "saint." (What, no display for the Stable Baby?)

more insulting than any nod to Christian hegemony. The worst thing about it is the sheer laziness: even their substitute language is offensive. The word "holiday" is of course derived from the Old English *haligdaeg*, or "holy day." But things are holy only when they are set apart for God in some way. At least Balboa Park had the decency to go with the genuinely neutral "December Nights." So, yes, we long for the day when we can truly stop Christmas from coming. But it's not enough to just slap on a generically religious alternative title. Death to the dead God and his bastard Son!

Flat Albert

Mother Goose Float Suffers Mysterious Deflation

Everybody knows Bill Cosby's lovable animated creation, Fat Albert. But what everybody doesn't know is that the corpulent cartoon was all set to appear in this year's Mother Goose parade in El Cajon. All set, that is, until he suffered a horrible assault. Parade director Mabel Gusse shakes her head as she tells the story:

"Given his naturally rotund appearance," says Gusse, "Fat Albert seemed like a natural addition to our world-famous collection of inflatables. Plus, in these times of increased sensitivity to diversity and inclusiveness, it seemed like a good idea to include some characters of color in our usual band of colorful characters. Further, the timing seemed especially fortuitous, given Mr. Cosby's renewed cultural pres-

ence. Both NBC and Netflix are working with the legendary comedian to produce new content featuring the beloved comedian's brand of family-friendly hijinks.

"But, shockingly, it seems that not everyone shared our fondness for Mr. Albert and his creator. The night before the parade, while Fat was 'sleeping' with the other floats, some rapscaillon slipped into our warehouse and poked a hole in him. It was a big hole, in a place that rendered the inflatable more anatomically correct, but also completely impossible to inflate. And then, to add insult to injury, the whole thing was smeared with what appeared to



Hey! Hey! Hey!

be Jell-O brand chocolate pudding.

"We are, of course, baffled. Everybody loves Fat Albert. Everybody loves Bill Cosby. All we can conclude is that drugs are somehow involved. Drugs can make people do things they would never do otherwise. We know that. I just hope Mr. Cosby doesn't hear about it and get the wrong idea."

Cou d'etit?

Cheetahs owner fights license revocation

To hear Suzanna Cou tell it, Cheetahs strip club is being punished for standing up for its rights. The club filed suit against the San Diego Police Department after a March vice raid on the facility. The suit claims that the dancers were detained for hours, and in some cases, photographed in the nude by the officers — you know, for descriptive purposes. Shortly after filing suit, the club received notice that its license had been revoked for violations of the city's infamous no-touch policy. Cou thinks Cheetahs was targeted because it dared to push back and points to the "nearly

constant presence of police" in the club, "getting lap dances, propositioning the girls. They set us up."

But according to SDPD chief Shelley Zimmerman, Cou is only half right.

"Our city's budget woes have made it impossible for us to offer police salaries that make us competitive with other California departments," explains Zimmerman. "So we've been attempting to sweeten the pot with various perks. One of those is a rotating spot on the city's vice squad — specifically, the unit that checks for strip clubs' compliance with



SDPD recruitment poster?

the city's no-touch policy. It's proven to be far and away our most popular program. So, Ms. Cou is correct: there have indeed been undercover officers in her club on a nearly constant basis of late, requesting lap dances and the like. But their presence is in no way related to her suit against the department following last March's raid."

This reporter then asked why there had not been a similar license suspension at EyeCandy in Chula Vista, especially given the fact that the club's owner has stated on the record that he is happy to ignore no-touch regulations. "Simple," she replied. "Have you seen the girls at EyeCandy? Just, ew. Remember, this is supposed to be a perk."

CPUC'd

Utility commission seeks to quell outcry over San Onofre costs

Two weeks ago, the California Public Utility Commission determined that Southern California electricity consumers will have to pay \$3.3 billion for the closing and dismantling of the San Onofre nuclear power plant. The plant shut down in 2012 after San Diego Gas &

Electric installed new steam generators; a radiation leak led to the discovery of serious defects in the generators' tube thingies. Ratepayers were outraged to find they had to pay for a plant that was not actually producing



"I got a rock."

any electricity.

But, says CPUC spokesman Stan Chernobyl, the commission understands the peoples' pain. Which is why, he says, "As the demolition proceeds, we will be sending ratepayers

commemorative chunks of the plant's trademark twin domes as a token of our gratitude for their investment. Now, because of the damaged generators, it is possible that the rocks will be slightly irradiated. But in a touching reparative gesture, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, which

manufactured the defective generators, has agreed to provide us with individual containment units that also serve as handsome displays. So, there need be no concern. You and your family will be able to see your rate dollars at work for generations to come."

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Dear Hipster:

My company's holiday party will feature a White Elephant, and I want to put something cool into the gift pool. I'd rather give people a laugh than a crock pot, if you know what I mean. Got any suggestions?

— ALLIE

Ah, yes, the white elephant (sometimes the "Yankee Swap"), I know it well. Some dread this office holiday party ritual for fear of contributing a lame gift. Nobody wants to be the girl who brought a cheaply made travel mug that dribbles coffee with every sip. Some exploit their dearest personal resources to give the one gift that everyone fights over. Others, like you and yours truly, cherish the white elephant, since the potential for amusement looms large. Champions of the white-elephant select gifts of little practical value, and of minimal expense. Good gag gifts reference recent pop culture, and the best gifts have some small, redeeming quality to them, such that the recipient is both amused and grateful. Take these guidelines, and let your imagination run wild. Here're a couple ideas to get you on the right track:

Sharknado 2 DVD: This made-for-TV movie isn't just a film about sharks devouring people from the confines of a superstorm. It's a sequel to a movie about sharks devouring people from the confines of a superstorm! Plus, it stars Tara Reid (remember when she wasn't a first-rate Hollywood travesty?), and Ian Ziering literally jumps the sharks at one point. I would watch this.



Alohaland.com Gunner Girls T-Shirt: British physicist Matt Taylor wore this custom T-shirt, colorfully decorated with buxom '80s babes and machine guns, during the ESA landing of the Philae spacecraft on comet 67B. A few people went berserk, claiming the shirt offends women. A chastened Taylor gave a weepy apology, after which the remaining 98% of the world went even berserker, defending the guy based on the ironclad "if you land a spacecraft on a comet you can wear whatever comical shirt

you damn well please" argument. The funniest part? It's one hell of a hipster shirt. If you can get one (good luck), consider yourself to have won the office party.

Dear Hipster:

How do I get my roommate to wash more dishes? She always says she will do it "later," but then the dishes pile up and pile up and she's "too busy" to clean anything, so I end up cleaning up after her. And then she always says, "Oh, thanks! I was going to do that but you beat me to it!" which I don't believe.

— GLENN



You're not alone in this problem. No matter how good your Synchronicity, the dishes will always be the unsatisfiable Sting in the oth-

erwise productive Police of amicable housing situations. The massive gulf that opens between roommates over doing the dishes (or not) can shatter the tightest group. Segregated parties go solo, but it's never quite as good as Ghost in the Machine; because you brought out something great in each other, if not for that one, nagging personality clash.

Things like this don't change. Sting and Stewart Copeland still can't share the sandbox, DiCaprio still doesn't have an Oscar, and your roommate won't transform into Mr. Clean just because you ask politely.

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As a personal trainer, I encounter a diverse amount of personalities. Introverts, extroverts, people with all the confidence in the world, and people who need help building that confidence. I often joke with my clients that my job is half personal trainer and half psychiatrist! We help build a healthy lifestyle, but we also develop relationships with our clients, which is why they share so much with us. As a result, our clients gain emotional strength as they gain physical strength.

Ralph was a pretty shy guy who never had a grasp on his health. He and his wife had struggled with weight their entire lives and didn't even know where to start. When he came to me, he was at about 315 pounds. I could work with that. The bigger challenge was getting him to get comfortable with me and what we were going to be doing. In a really good workout program, you tend to leave your comfort zone. Just getting yourself to go to the gym can take a lot of strength. So, adding more to a demanding program is a very delicate process.

It took a lot of finesse at first, with Ralph. We had to get him comfortable just being in the gym on a consistent basis. I started out teaching him basic exercises and putting them into circuits. We would also add in some basic, steady-state cardio training at the end of each session to get him used to the different equipment. This stage of training is VITAL to the Trainer-Client relationship. You aren't just creating a program at this point, you are creating rapport. If your client doesn't trust you, they will never follow your program.

Luckily, this is the first place I saw advancements in Ralph. This quiet guy was able to hold conversations with me, respond to my questions, as well as ask questions on his own. So, he was actively learning. This is HUGE. I can talk fitness with someone all day, but if they aren't an engaged part of the conversation, not much sinks in.

Within a few weeks, Ralph became comfortable with the gym. This was now a part of his routine. Physically, he was also ready for advancements. I now began teaching him compound movements — squats, deadlifts, clean to press... Heavier, total body movements burn more calories than movements in isolation — circuits or not. This is where we really started seeing results. Pounds were dropping, and his smile became a well-known face around the gym.... Within a month he had the

nickname, "The Mayor." He now had the confidence to approach other people and start conversations. After seeing what he could do physically, he had a whole new mentality. He was showing the world that he could do it.

We started off working together 2-3 days per week. But once he started seeing results, he became addicted. Five sessions per week was our new schedule. This guy couldn't get enough. Five pounds a week of weight loss was nothing special, it was an expectation. Ralph was a worker, and our program was on point. Tabata became a staple in our routine — 20 seconds on and 10 seconds off for 4 minutes of explosive motion. It doesn't get tougher than that. There were no challenges I couldn't throw at him.

By the time Ralph and I stopped working together, he was at 245 pounds — a much healthier weight at about 6 feet 2 inches tall. But that wasn't the biggest part of his transformation. Yes, 70 pounds is impressive, but that wasn't all. This man grew emotionally. He would barely say a couple words to me, HIS TRAINER, when we started. By the time we finished, he knew everyone in the gym by name.

If you have a goal, if you would like to be somewhere other than where you are, you just have to start. It doesn't matter where, it matters WHEN. Now. If it is that important, you will find time to make a change. A change in eating, a change in lifestyle, or a change in exercise.

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"The problem is, the trees we buy off the lots are half dead when we get them," my helpful husband said. "They're cut somewhere up in Oregon or Washington and trucked down here. Then they sit on the lot for a day or two. They must be close to a week old before we ever get them home. Why don't we cut our own tree this year, and see if we can beat these dead-tree blues."

"Great," my husband's sarcastic wife replied, "I'll put on some boots and buffalo plaid, grab an axe, and head for the hills with my big blue ox."

"Settle down, Paula Bunyan," Patrick said. "You'll end up getting arrested for trespassing or for cutting down a tree on public land. Then I'll have to go bail you out, which would be so embarrassing. When I said cut down our own tree, I meant at a Christmas-tree farm."

"Oh, I get it," I said. "But where?"

"I don't know," Patrick answered with a wink, "but I bet you could find out."

He was right. Here's what I found:

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you don't have to be a movie critic to know the cinematic cliché: you don't get to choose your relatives, but you do have to spend the holidays with them. And hey-ho whaddya know: every year, the same carnival of contention, the same personality potholes, the same disastrous dinnertime debate. But here's the upside to that repetition: you can plan for it. You can anticipate. You can prepare your countermeasures. Do something together; sitting in the same room with your various digital devices doesn't count. Maybe start by getting out of the house. Go shopping with Grandma, some little boutique (or thrift store) that works for both of you. Take that problem nephew somewhere he can work off his excess energy. Find something free (Christmas lights!) or maybe splurge on something memorable. A little forethought, a little help from this list, and maybe, just maybe, the holidays could really be happy for you and yours.

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Tchotchkes and knick-knacks come and go, but heirloom furniture is, if not forever, at least useful every day, and for a really long time.

— IAN PIKE

SantaCon

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Like bars? Got a Santa suit? No? How about a Krampus costume, elf getup, snowman gown, Christmas-tree uniform, or giant walking candy-cane livery? Any fun or senseless Christmas-themed gear will do. But, SantaCon San Diego isn't a cutesy Santa festival, it's a pro-level bar-crawl along a route that will only be released via Twitter (@SantaSanDiego). Full Christmas apparel is mandatory, so don't go showing up wearing a novelty Rudolph nose. You've been warned. Are you Santa enough?

— IAN PIKE

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For some of us, New Year's Eve has two traditions. Drinking (obviously), and American-style Chinese food. Wong's, and the attached Golden Dragon bar, serve both. The trickiness of NYE Chinese is that we don't

Christmas Card Lane

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Neighborhood residents go bonkers with illuminated Christmas decorations all along Oviedo Street and the surrounding neighborhood. Nearly everyone is in on the fun, with about 200 houses participating every year to light up the December night. If you forget your hot chocolate, chances are someone will be selling some along the way. Traffic can get congested on the neighborhood streets, so it's a good bet to park the car and navigate Christmas Card Lane by foot. The lights go on at dusk, and residents usually cut the power by 10:00 p.m. so everyone can get some sleep.

— IAN PIKE

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As a rule, Germans love Christmas and know how to celebrate the holiday with festive vigor. O.B.'s German restaurant of record gets into the spirit by running a menu worthy of a Bavarian Christkindlmarkt (look that up) during late-December. Two words: spiced wine! Not every day, but, at Christmastime? Yes, please.

Dishes such as roast goose, sauerbraten, and lobster thermidor have graced menus from years past, and this year's Christmas Eve dinner will probably fill up early, so reservations are all but mandatory. It's not cheap, but save cheap for the other 364 days of the year.

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aren't possible? Thirty-year-old Jaime Schwartz, and her ecstatic customers, say otherwise. Since 2011, she has succeeded in turning Starry Lane into the country, corner-store bakery of her own allergy-ridden dreams. It's a dream that has evolved with her customers' desires — pro-

viding more varieties of chocolates, for instance, and candies and cookies around the holidays. Jaime's kitchen is completely nut-, soy-, and dairy-free, and she buys ingredients from vendors who use those same practices, so you can indulge worry-free.

— E.V. HEPWORTH

Rocking bed and other things

1029 University Avenue

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What happens when you win HGTV's *White Room Challenge*? Well, in Burnz Fernandez's case, he finally mustered up the confidence to open establish. — his own "home & lifestyle studio." Among

the cylindrical-framed rocking bed, salvaged lantern, men's jewelry, and embroidered footstools lay other things you want to buy. It's all here: classic, collectible pop-up books; sweet yet sassy greeting cards; Fishs Eddy tabletop accessories; messenger bags made from used bicycle tubes; thomaspaul's traditional-patterned melanine platters; colored, retro glassware; vintage typewriter laptop sleeves; and even child-sized, flat-packed, cardboard airplanes and racecars.

— E.V. HEPWORTH

Let there be nutcracking

Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway

DOWNTOWN

City Ballet of San Diego's annual tradition of performing *The Nutcracker* lives to see a 19th year. Providing live musical

accompaniment to Tchaikovsky's classic and seasonally appropriate ballet will be the City Ballet Orchestra and Pacific Coast Chorus. Running from December 12–24, toes will be en pointe for a total of 12 performances with tickets ranging from \$29 to \$79. The price should be worth it. City Ballet's performance will keep those visions of the Sugar Plum Fairy dancing in your head well after the night before Christmas.

— E.V. HEPWORTH

Breathless inventory

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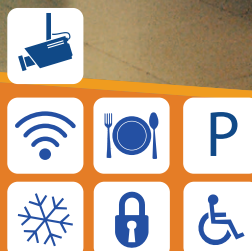
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Brian Beevers, of Brian's Farmers' Markets fame, opened his second Simply Local store November — to the delight of the throngs who are in L-O-V-E-love with the first location in Seaport

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Don't miss the healy-feely section

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When Scott the Gem Guy, certified gemologist, opened his doors in February, he had but one wish, "Make it Awesome."

Voilà, Cave of Wonders was born. Its strong jewelry presence consists of raw coral necklaces, turquoise cuffs, lots of jade, and even ethically harvested butterfly-wing earrings. There are gemstone wands for gem-charged water and a "healy-feely" section of polished gemstones and crystals. Then there's the signed Princess Leia action figure, the *Goonies* movie playing on repeat, and petrified turtle poo. See, lots of awesome. Ask nicely and maybe you'll get a credit on their 1981 Pac-Man arcade game.

— E.V. HEPWORTH

Either way, Santa

13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte

RANCHO BERNARDO

The 125-year-old Bernardo Winery keeps a holiday traditions alive at its Rancho Bernardo vineyard, where its Holi-

day Nights events run December 11th through the 14th, from 5:00–9:00 p.m. Lights and carolers set the tone, with mulled wine, hot chocolate, and cider to warm bellies between horse-drawn carriage rides around the fields. The rustic winery, events center, and shopping village has a pleas-

ant country feel — a little nostalgic vibe that works as both romantic, and worth sharing with the kids. Either way, Santa will be making an appearance.

— IAN ANDERSON

All about those socks

7882 La Mesa Boulevard

LA MESA

Learn to knit your own Christmas stockings during this La Mesa yarn shop's All About Socks class beginning Wednesday, December 10th at 5 p.m. The two-hour class meets weekly leading up to the holiday so you can return for feedback and help finishing your stocking — or pair of socks —

in time. Instruction is free, though you'll need to buy materials from the shop's deep inventory of yarns and needles. For added assistance, or to learn how to make scarves and hats, sign up for the shop's regularly scheduled knitting classes, which meet Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for 15 dollars.

— IAN ANDERSON

The Grinch to steal Christmas

1363 Old Globe Way

BALBOA PARK

For the 17th year, the Old Globe is staging a live musical based on the classic picture book written by longtime La Jolla resident Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. Performances run through December 27th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. most weeknights and 5:00 p.m. weekends, with



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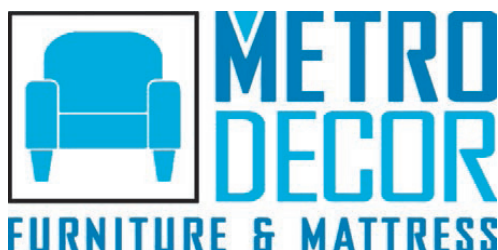
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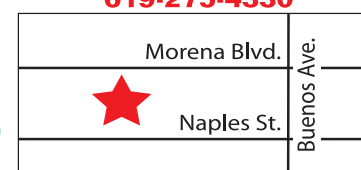


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— IAN ANDERSON

Peppered schedule

1788 Garnet Avenue

PACIFIC BEACH

Better recipes mean a better holiday dinner — all the motivation it should take to sign up for a cooking class at Great News! The Pacific Beach kitchen supply mecca has peppered its December schedule with holiday-themed lessons, including classes dedicated to vegan feasts, desserts,



Sur La Table

soups, and the intriguing Holiday Sushi Party. Other alternatives to ham or turkey are explored in classes dedicated to Hannukah, fondue, and

tamales — plus a Harry Potter-themed kids' course. Cost to register ranges from \$39 to \$65 per class.

— IAN ANDERSON

Make your own wrapping paper

2690 Historic Decatur Road

LIBERTY STATION

Check out the Rustic Holiday Gift Wrap class

offered by this Liberty Station art workshop to learn how to make your own gift-wrap. For 40 bucks, including materials, you'll receive hands-

on instruction on creating and applying stamps to Kraft paper or gift bags; skills you may take home to ensure your presents stand out under the tree. The class runs two hours on December 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Earlier that day, Bravo offers a five-hour class in making holiday ornaments out of copper and brass; that runs \$92 including material fees.

— IAN ANDERSON

Need fire

2637 San Diego Avenue

OLD TOWN

The touristy shops of Old Town aren't without their holiday charms. El Centro Artesano offers something most of us would enjoy having on cool winter nights: chimineas. The terra cotta outdoor woodstoves keep our backyards livable even after the sun sets on our extended

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Let nature provide

(Multiple locations)

HILLS, VALLEYS, AND SEASIDE

Let the seasonal bouquet of East County and coastal chaparral inspire homespun holiday treats. A pungent whiff of Cleveland sage on Sycuan Peak or Sycamore Canyon might inspire sage shortbread cookies. Wild rosemary calls out to infused simple syrup for Christmas cocktails. Radish blossoms punctuate a New Zealand spinach, wild fennel, and nasturtium salad. Respect sensitive species, know what you are eating, wash everything thoroughly, and never forage in protected areas. Better, plant your own and replace thirsty lawn fixtures with native, drought-resistant edibles.

— CHAD DEAL

Whale watch

(Multiple locations)

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Over 20,000 gray whales travel between the waters off Alaska and the Gulf of California every December through April. San Diego touts about 70 miles of coastline along this path (the longest annual mammalian migration on Earth) and several idyllic vantage points to spot off-shore pods as they pass at around six miles per hour. Grab some binoc-

ulars, pack a picnic, and head to Birch Aquarium at Scripps, the Cabrillo National Monument on Point Loma, or the bluff trails at Torrey Pines State Reserve for a glimpse.

— CHAD DEAL

Burton interpreted in Tijuana

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ZONA CENTRO, TIJUANA

This twisted Tom Burton holiday classic finds new context under the direction of Tijuana *musico* Sergio Gutiérrez, who has adapted the stop-motion film to the stage with original compositions sung live over studio recordings. "Entra al Mundo de Jack" (or "Enter the World of Jack") runs December 4, 11, and 18 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the no-frills TJ Art & Rock Café. Tickets are available at the door for 200 pesos (about \$15) or 150 presale.

— CHAD DEAL

Nocturnal bazaar à la Blade Runner

2036 Avenida Ocampo

COLONIA CACHO, TIJUANA

Not long after a handful of forward-thinking restaurateurs transformed street eats into haute cuisine, Baja Med is being

brought back to the streets via a growing number of outdoor gastrocourts. The most recent, Telefonica Gastro Park, is a caravan of food trucks parked behind a Telnor office. At 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 13,

the park transforms into the second installment of Night Market 2419 — a nocturnal bazaar inspired by a *Blade Runner* skewed sci-fi vision of Asian flea markets. Here you'll find 20+ expositions from local artists, boutique

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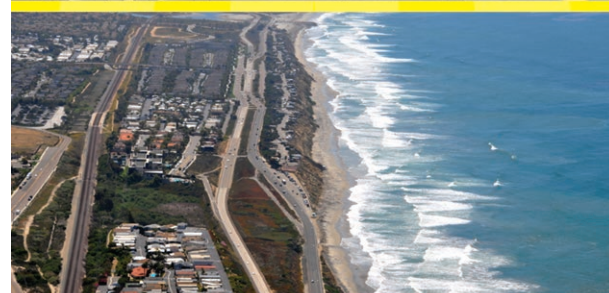
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Chinese dinner in Mexicali

(Multiple locations)

MEXICALI

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jing Mexicali (891 Justo Sierra), and the 24-hour Restaurant No. 8 (150 Avenida Juárez).

— CHAD DEAL

With a name like "Puerco Salvaje"...

(Multiple locations)

MEXICALI

Baja's desert capital has been proving its weight in worth via biannual fests and creative collaborations with San Diego brewers such as Coronado, Green Flash, and Pizza Port. Hop into El Show (1326-2 Calzada Cuauhtémoc) and Industrial Bar (1360 Avenida Marmoleros) to sample local drafts from Tres B, Dos Pistones, Fauna, Juguete, Urbana, 686, Puerco Salvaje, Legion, Peninsula, and Picachos. Then buy some bottles to take home at El Sume (845 Boulevard Justo Sierra) and La Artesanal (Calzada Cuauhté-

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— CHAD DEAL

Handmade holiday at the downtown library

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DOWNTOWN

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— BARBARELLA FOKOS

Step into a gourmet vortex

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PACIFIC BEACH

Entertain like a pro after taking this three-hour cooking course with Diane Phillips (aka Diva of Do-Ahead) and Phillis Carey (aka Queen of the Fast and Fabulous) at Great News on December 6 or 7. These entertaining chefs will not only show you how to create festive drinks and dishes (such as pear Bellini, bacon-wrapped quiche lorraine, pork tenderloins with caramelized pears and pear brandy sauce, and butternut squash and caramelized onion gratin), they will also share helpful hints for preparing any holiday meal. \$100 per person. Check the lineup for cooking classes for all denominations, such as the Hanukkah celebration with Chef Jenn.

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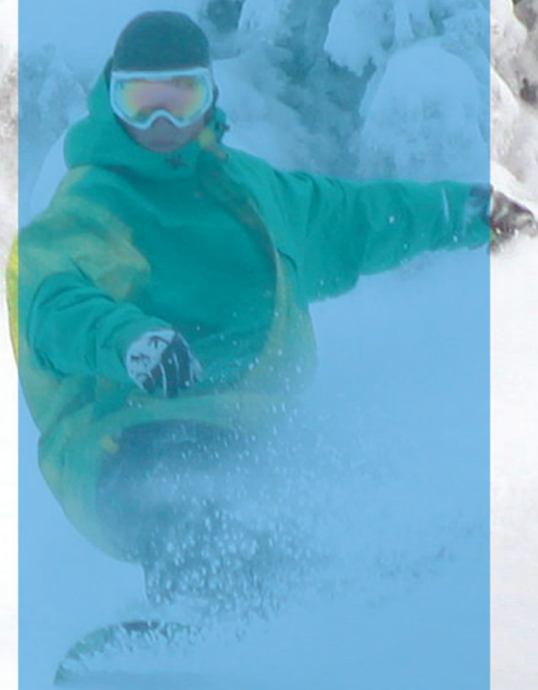
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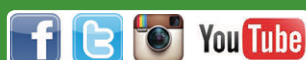
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— BARBARELLA FOKOS

Elegance, including kids

1055 Second Avenue

DOWNTOWN

Holiday magic comes to life with twinkling lights and live harp music. Enjoy seasonal beverages, petit fours, and house-made canapés at this “intimate and elegant” affair. The season brings an extra treat for children, who get to play dress-up for fancy fun as they taste pastries, tartlets, brownies and more, before being escorted to the gorgeous Grand Lobby for a private performance by Santa, his magician, an elf, and the Sugar Plum Fairy, after which Santa himself will narrate a Christmas classic. Teas are offered

Holiday lunch cruise

San Diego Grape Street Pier at

1800 N Harbor Drive

EMBARCADERO

Impress your coworkers by skipping the same old gathering at that restaurant you all go to a few times a week, and throw your annual company holiday lunch on the bay! This two-hour cruise with Hornblower includes a boarding glass of champagne or sparkling cider (for anyone who wants to go back to work), a seated lunch and holiday dessert buffet, background holiday music, and, of course, ever-changing views of the stunning downtown coastline. Available on Fridays in December, \$45

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Favipiravir research

Do us a favor and share your Flu with us. Please.

Most of the time, nothing good comes from having the flu. Except now. If you get the flu, OR have the flu already, you can help evaluate an investigational medication that may help end flu symptoms more quickly. Local doctors are currently conducting the FAVOR medical research study to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational flu medication for its ability to manage symptoms of the flu.

To pre-qualify for the FAVOR study, you must:

- Be between 18 and 80 years of age
- Have a fever of at least 100.4°F (if over 65 years of age, at least 100.0°F)
- Have 2 or more of the following symptoms:
 - Cough, sore throat, headache, nasal congestion, body aches and pains, or fatigue.

All study-related care is provided at no cost and payment for your time and travel will be provided.

To learn more about the FAVOR study, please visit www.favorflustudy.com or contact:

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Memory Loss Studies in Your Area

If you are over 50 and have an interest in testing and monitoring your memory, call to schedule a memory assessment. Once the results are discussed, if you are interested, we may have a research study for you. Our memory studies involve memory testing, labs, brain scans, ECGs, and study medication, all at no cost to volunteers.

Our work is grant supported and allows for compensation for time and travel to qualified participants.

Call today if you are interested in having your memory tested or joining a research study.

Offices in San Diego and Rancho Bernardo.

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per person.

— BARBARELLA FOKOS

South Park Walkabout

Kalmia and 30th Street to Beech and 30th Street

SOUTH PARK

Bundle up and head to the South Park Walkabout on Saturday, December 6, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The tree-lined business district is lit up for the holidays and will lead you toward independent businesses, taverns, and restaurants. Complimentary treats, live entertainment, and special offers will be

available, so grab a walking guide at the information booth located at Juniper and 30th Street in the California Liquor lot when you arrive. For a more leisurely tour of the neighborhood, just hop on the free trolley offered during the event.

— VANESSA HORNE

Christmas in the Valley

15954 Woods Valley Road

VALLEY CENTER

Celebrate the holidays with the entire family at the third annual Christmas in the Valley on Fri-

day, December 12, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fun starts when Santa trades in his sleigh and arrives by fire engine on Friday and helicopter on Saturday. The event also features live entertainment, storytelling, caroling, and hay ride, all free of charge for you and yours. Browse gifts for everyone on your list at pop-up vendor booths and the Bates Nut Farm and Farmer's Daughter shops.

— VANESSA HORNE

Jingle Bell Hill

Solomon Avenue and Pegeen Place

EL CAJON

If you're on the hunt for festive light displays, head to East County and follow the sizable star atop Rattlesnake Mountain to Jingle Bell Hill in El Cajon. The neighborhood twinkles bright from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. weekdays and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. weekends through New Year's Day. Join the row of cars just off Pepper Drive to enjoy a seated view or park and walk the route to set your own pace. Either way, don't forget the flask

filled with hot chocolate!

— VANESSA HORNE

Garden of Lights

230 Quail Gardens Drive

ENCINITAS

Over 100,000 twinkling lights transform the San Diego Botanic Garden into a whimsical winter backdrop December 6–23 and 26–30 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The whole family will enjoy live music and horse-drawn wagon rides while the kiddos partake in holiday crafts and a visit with Santa. If the timing's right, you just might see snow fall!

Admission: members, \$8; non-members, \$14; seniors, active military, and students, \$10; children ages 3 to 12, \$6. Additional fees apply for some activities.

— VANESSA HORNE

Oily bliss

954 Orange Avenue

CORONADO

Coronado Taste of Oils offers alternatives to the obligatory bottle of wine presented to every holiday host. Visit the Orange Avenue storefront to sample olive oils infused with blood orange, mushroom



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and sage, or chipotle as well as balsamic vinegars aged with coconut, espresso, or lavender. There are combinations suitable for every palate — just ask the staff to direct you toward award-winners and best-sellers. If you can't make it to the island in between decorating the tree and celebrating the season, place your order online.

— VANESSA HORNE

Chocolate O.D.

2145 Fern Street

SOUTH PARK

Nothing pairs better with festive libations than gourmet chocolate. Eclipse Chocolate produces handcrafted chocolate bars, truffles, caramels, and drinking chocolates— some of which are vegan and gluten-free friendly. All confections are made

from ethically sourced chocolate and all-natural ingredients and are available in the South Park storefront, online, and from retailers throughout the city. Eclipse pledges 10 percent of net profits to local charities, so give back this holiday season by purchasing a sweet

basil mint bar, maple bacon caramels, or cinnamon masala drinking chocolate.

— VANESSA HORNE

Why not teach the teen to cook?

7007 Friars Road

FASHION VALLEY

Practice and prepare for

your holiday meals with hands-on cooking classes featuring instruction on classic dishes and treats from prime rib to egg-nog, and from snowflake sugar cookies to mini snowman cupcakes. Or try your hand at holiday tapas, holiday brunch, or decadent chocolates.



Make your own wrapping paper

Holiday cooking and baking camps also available for kids and teens.

— ELIZABETH SALAAM

Apple pie, Santa

JULIAN

The town of Julian's holiday spirit is alive and kicking in the month of December. Pick up your holiday decor, plus gifts, and treats in the downtown shops. On Saturdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., you can shop and dine to the music of wandering Julian carolers. Also, on Saturdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., catch a living nativity scene at the Julian Cider Mill. On Friday, December 1, join Santa at the Town Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. or catch him for breakfast at the Pine Hills Lodge on Sunday the 14th (reservations required). Don't forget to stop by the Julian Pie

Company for some Dutch Apple pie with cinnamon ice cream.

— ELIZABETH SALAAM

Serve seniors

Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center, 1525 Fourth Avenue

DOWNTOWN

Get in the spirit of giving by volunteering your time on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The nonprofit organization Serving Seniors seeks volunteers to serve meals during two seatings on both holidays. Meals will begin at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., but volunteers are asked to come early to receive their assigned tasks.

— ELIZABETH SALAAM

Ultimate Santa Run

2455 Cushing Road

LIBERTY STATION

Don your red suit and

RESEARCH STUDIES

MIGRAINE HEADACHE ...R-E-L-I-E-F!!!!

A medical research study is underway using an investigative, once-monthly injection, given under the skin, for men and women, 18-65 years of age, who have migraine headaches. The dosing period will last 3 months, and the study for about 7 months.

TO POSSIBLY QUALIFY:

- 1) must be healthy male or female, 18-65 years of age
- 2) History of migraine headaches for at least 1 year

PARTICIPANTS MAY RECEIVE AT NO COST:

- 1) Exam and consultation with a board-certified physician
- 2) Labs, ecg, study drug at no cost and no insurance necessary
- 3) Compensation for time and travel



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- Male
- Ages 18 and older
- No outstanding
medical issues



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Current Medication
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Have you been treated for depression
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If you are between 21 and 70 years of age, you may
be interested in this clinical research study. Local
doctors are conducting a clinical trial to measure
the safety and effectiveness of an investigational
formulation of a naturally occurring molecule when
added to your current antidepressant medication.
Study medication will be provided at no cost. You
do not need health insurance to participate.

**DOES YOUR CHILD
SUFFER FROM
ADHD**

If they are:

- 12 -17 years of age
- Having daytime functional impairment
- Forgetful/ distracted

Your child may be eligible to participate
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Participants will receive at no cost:

1. study related exams
2. investigational medication

Compensation for travel will be available for those
who qualify

Compensation and transportation
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join thousands of others in their Santa suits and beards as you walk, jog, or boogie through this festive 5K run. The event features milk and cookies along the course, holiday music, falling snow, Santa dances, photo opportunities, a toy drive, and more. Bring a personalized tree ornament to hang on the tree. Saturday, December 13, 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

— ELIZABETH SALAAM

Give blood instead

3636 Gateway Center Avenue, suite 100

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Even if you're feeling bah-humbug about the commercialism of the holidays, you can still give. This year, why not give blood instead of stuff? It's red, right? And it costs you no green. (Sorry.) The holidays are a great time

to give blood because regular donors tend to drop off while hospitals remain busy. The San Diego Blood Bank operates six local blood banks and ten bloodmobiles, and one donation can save up to three lives. If that ain't merry, then nothing is.

— ELIZABETH SALAAM

Well-traveled stuffers

346 S Cedros Avenue

SOLANA BEACH

This shop is a bargain-hunter's paradise amid the fun (but pricey) shops of the Cedros Avenue Design District in Solana Beach. Stocking stuffers galore, and all with a touch of thoughtfulness and timelessness. Whimsical salt and pepper shakers. Fabric letter pendants. There is something to fill everyone's stockings this



Holiday Pops

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID HARTIG

holiday season. On the higher end are vivid pattern fabrics and Kantha quilts — made from old saris — from India. The owner stocks her store with items she picks up from her world travels. Eve here walked out with an antique-ish monument map of Paris, a hand-

made Turkish platter in deep reds and blues, a tin letter E.

— EVE KELLY

Irish approved

Copley Hall, 750 B Street

DOWNTOWN

My Irish Nana would like you to bring a bit of the Emerald Isle into

your holiday festivities this season. Eileen Ivers, a nine-time all-Ireland fiddle champion will be performing with the San Diego Symphony, San Diego Master Chorale, and San Diego Children's Choir at four concerts this December at Copley Symphony Hall. A con-

cert on Friday, December 19 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 20 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m., and a Sunday, December 21 concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets run from \$20 to \$72. Nana approves.

— EVE KELLY

Toddler train

750 Depot Street

CAMPO

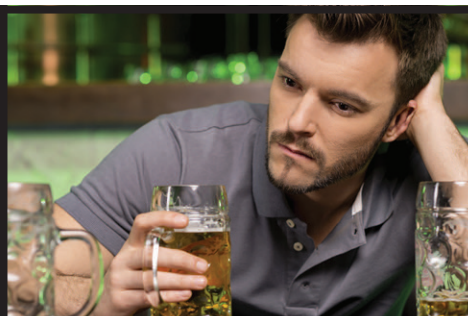
Hop aboard at the Campo train depot — the drive out there is a fun excursion in itself — and enjoy some holiday caroling. Santa, of course, will be on the train with you. The train leaves at 1:00 p.m. on December 14th and returns in 1.5–2 hours, depending on how long it takes Santa to visit with all the kids. Reservations required. Cookies and juice will be served to all toddlers aboard. Adult tickets for those age 13

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HEAVY DRINKERS

Volunteers Wanted



DRINKING TOO MUCH?

We want to help



SMOKE TOO MUCH POT?

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ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA

We want to help

Researchers at The Pearson Center for Alcoholism & Addiction Research are working to develop treatments for alcohol and marijuana dependence

Do you consider yourself a heavy drinker with no desire for treatment? You may be eligible to participate in our clinical research study. 4 visits over 5 weeks.

If you drink heavily and want to quit, you may be eligible to participate in our 12-week clinical research study.

If you use marijuana frequently and want to cut back or quit, you may be eligible to participate in our 12-week clinical research study.

If you use both alcohol and marijuana heavily and want to receive treatment, you may be eligible to participate in our 12-week clinical research study.

All information is confidential. Participation involves taking study medication or placebo. Compensation provided for time and travel.



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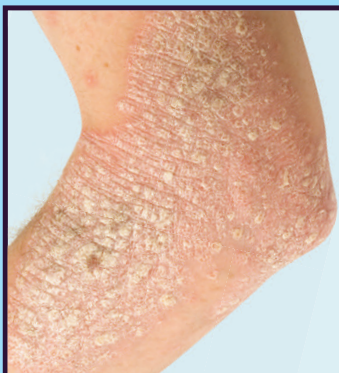
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HAVE PSORIASIS?

An 8-10 week clinical study for psoriasis, allows eligible participants to receive an investigational topical cream. If your psoriasis involves less than 20% of your body surface, you may be eligible. The topical cream contains a Vitamin D analog.

TO POSSIBLY QUALIFY:

- 1) Must be male or female 18 years or older
- 2) 20% Or less of body involvement with plaque psoriasis
- 3) Must have no allergies to Vitamin D or derivatives
- 4) No photo therapy, steroids, or methotrexate for at least 30 days

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MAY RECEIVE STUDY-RELATED:

- 1) Exam and consultation with a board-certified dermatologist
- 2) Labs, EKG, and all study-related medication at no cost and requires no insurance
- 3) Compensation for time and travel



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LIFE AFTER MENOPAUSE LEAVE YOU..... DRY AND IRRITATED? INTIMACY..... ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE?

MANY POST MENOPAUSAL WOMEN ARE LEFT WITH VAGINAL DRYNESS, IRRITATION, AND DISCOMFORT, WITH SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS. THIS UP TO 7 WEEK RESEARCH STUDY LOOKS AT A PRESENTLY-MARKETED ESTROGEN CREAM (ESTRACE) AND AN INVESTIGATIONAL HORMONAL VAGINAL CREAM IN WOMEN EITHER SURGICALLY OR NATURALLY POST MENOPAUSAL

TO POSSIBLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY:

- 1) Healthy females, 40-70 years of age, naturally or surgically post menopausal
- 2) Complaint of vaginal irritation, dryness, itching, or discomfort with intercourse
- 3) Presently off or willing to go off menopause hormones

PARTICIPANTS MAY RECEIVE STUDY-RELATED:

- 1) Exam and consultation with a board-certified gynecologist
- 2) Study-related labs and hormonal testing, pap smears, pelvic ultrasound, and all study-related investigational medication
- 3) Compensation to \$225.00 for your time and travel



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!!DIARRHEA!!AGAIN AND AGAIN?BLOATED, PAINFUL, AND UNCOMFORTABLE?

Loose stools with bloating, pain and discomfort, become a way of life for you? You may be having symptoms of **Irritable bowel (IBS)**. A 52-week research study is underway to evaluate an investigational medication for **Diarrhea-predominant IBS**. This study is for females only, over 18 years of age. If you are tired of the embarrassment of running to the restroom bloated and uncomfortable you may want to look into this study.

TO POSSIBLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY:

- 1) healthy females, 18 years or older
- 2) 3-Months or more, history of loose or watery stool, abdominal pain or bloating (IBS-diarrhea)
- 3) Patients over 50 years of age have colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy in the last 5 years

PARTICIPANTS MAY RECEIVE AT NO COST ALL STUDY-RELATED:

- 1) Exam and consultation with a board-certified physician
- 2) Study medication, labs, ekg
- 3) Compensation to \$1100.00, For time and travel



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GOT FIBROIDS... GOT HEAVY, HEAVY PERIODS...

A 12-week clinical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational oral medication for women with **fibroid tumors** of the uterus with heavy periods.

TO POSSIBLY QUALIFY FOR THE STUDY:

- 1) Women, 18-50 years of age
- 2) Must have a history of fibroid tumors of the uterus
- 3) Periods must be heavy

PARTICIPANTS MAY RECEIVE AT NO COST:

- 1) Exam Study-related exam and consultation with a board-certified OB-GYN
- 2) Study-related labs, pap smear, ultrasound, and study medication
- 3) Compensation up to \$700.00 for time and travel



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and up are \$40. Children age 2 to 12 cost \$30. Toddlers age 2 and under are \$5.

— EVE KELLY

Christmas in Poway Park

Old Poway Park,
14134 Midland Road

POWAY

Come enjoy the holiday spirit on Saturday, December 13, at the Old Poway Park. The tree is lit at 5:15 p.m. There'll be horse-drawn hayrides, live holiday entertainment, face-painting, pony rides, a petting zoo, and steam locomotive rides — something to chase away the Scrooge in everyone. Santa and his Mrs. arrive at 5:30 p.m. to greet visitors and take photos with revelers. Bundle up. It's not Minnesota, but Poway nights are still cold this time of year.

— EVE KELLY



Nocturnal bazaar

Proven Christmas showcase

Don Powell Theatre, 5500
Campanile Drive

SAN DIEGO STATE

For 21 years, the Christian Youth Theatre production of *Traditions of Christmas* delivered the Christmas spirit to San Diego audiences. The biggest Christmas show in San Diego with 250,000 patrons, the event show-

cases Christmas songs, world traditions, tap dancing in the style of the Rockettes, elves and toy soldiers, culminating with a Nativity play. The show runs December 19th through December 23rd. Friday, December 19th, has a 7:00 p.m. show. All other days have two shows: at 2:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 online, \$45 at the

door, \$20 for children age 12 and under.

— EVE KELLY


Get into the gourd

40635 De Luz Road

FALLBROOK

Painting and carving gourds has to be the most fun gift-making hobby in, well, actually, 15,000 years. That's how long our ancestors have

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Living with diabetes is complicated

What would you do with FREE time away from some of the daily worries and burden of treating diabetes?

FREEDOM-CVO is a clinical research study investigating an innovative approach to delivering treatment for type 2 diabetes that doesn't require needles or even pills. This study is now enrolling. You may be able to take part if you:

- have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes for more than 3 months
- are at least 40 years of age and have been diagnosed with a condition related to your heart or blood vessels, or
- are at least 60 years of age with a risk factor for developing problems with your heart or blood vessels, in addition to your diabetes.


The study of this investigational new drug is expected to last for up to 65 months (5 years and 5 months), and you will receive care from a dedicated team of medical staff. There will be up to 14 visits to the study center. Investigational product, examinations, and medical care relating to the study will be provided at no cost to you.

If you would like to help us in our research to develop a diabetes treatment that has the potential to be simpler and more convenient, please contact:

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FREEDOM-CVO

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Are you one of the millions who have been stopped by constipation?

Local study doctors need your help with The CIC3 Study evaluating an investigational study drug for chronic constipation.

To pre-qualify for this research study, you must:

- Be between 18 and 80 years of age
- Have experienced constipation for at least 3 months prior to the study
- Have a history of fewer than 3 bowel movements per week.

All study-related visits, tests, and study drugs will be provided to participants at no cost. Reimbursement for travel may also be provided.



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DREAD YOUR NEXT MIGRAINE HEADACHE?

A research study is enrolling now.

Local doctors are studying
an investigational medication

A local research study needs volunteers
who suffer from migraine headaches.
You may qualify if you:

- Are 18 to 65 years of age
- Suffer from migraine headaches

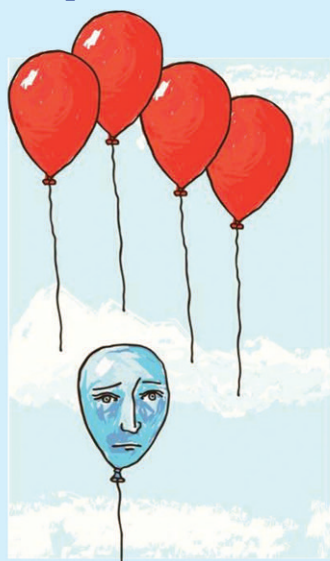
Qualified volunteers may receive at no cost:

- Study medication
- Study-related care from a local doctor
- Possible compensation for time and travel

Health insurance and referrals aren't
required to participate.



Depression still bringing you down?



If you or a loved one is taking
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like your symptoms are not under
control you may qualify for a
research study of an investigational
medication for depression.

**Qualified participants
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- No-cost study related medication
and study related medical care

To learn more about this study, please visit or
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Your anxiety grows
when the bathroom is **iris**

OCCUPIED

If you've been diagnosed with **Irritable Bowel
Syndrome with Diarrhea** (IBS-D), you can
help local doctors evaluate an investigational
medication as part of the IRIS study.

To be pre-qualified for this study, you must be:

- A female at least 18 years of age
- Have a diagnosis of IBS-D, with:
 - Onset of symptoms of IBS-D at least 6 months ago
 - Recurrent abdominal pain or discomfort for at least 3 days per month in the last 3 months
 - Loose or watery stools sometimes or most of the time / always in the last 3 months
 - More than 3 bowel movements per day sometimes or most of the time / always in the last 3 months

All study-related visits, tests, and medications will be provided at no cost.
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— BILL MANSON

Yalda Persian Solstice celebration

9265 Dowdy Drive
MIRA MESA

If you're into poetry and also want to witness one of the most ancient celebrations of the winter solstice, this December 21st Zoroastrian evening will zip you back 4000 years. Friends and family gather on the longest night of the year and stay up to witness life restarting with dawn. To keep awake, people dance, bring fruits like the pomegran-

ate and watermelon, and read poetry. This Persian Cultural Center evening will include dinner, folkloric dance, DJ, and poem recitals, including for sure Hafez, the 14th-century Persian poet who wrote of love, wine, and religious hypocrisy. Not cheap: \$60. Call 858-552-9355.

— BILL MANSON

Santa hits Santee

9310 Fanita Parkway
SANTEE

Sled the Santee slopes this year. The "Santa at the Lakes" celebration high-

lights one of San Diego's less appreciated wonders: Santee has seven lakes filled with recycled water. They form a regional park where you can camp, fish, picnic, bird-watch, boat, and, on Sunday, December 7th, meet up with Santa. There'll be a pile of snow to sled down, a petting zoo, pony rides, carnival rides, and food. It's just simple fun, but in this setting, right above where the San Diego River heads down into Mission Valley, it has a kind of Shangri-La feel.

— BILL MANSON

Chili this time of year

Thorn Street and 32nd Street
NORTH PARK

It's winter, so bring the heat. Cook your own chili and take it down to compete in the chili cook-off in North Park at Thorn and 32nd Street on December 7th. The professional chefs are there, including all the local eateries from the two "Parks." But in "Chili Alley" right next to the SD Ceramic Connection, anybody can set up with their steaming

crocpot and compete. Public votes best chilis and cornbread. You buy a ceramic bowl for \$20, sample all the chilis, vote, keep the bowl.

— BILL MANSON

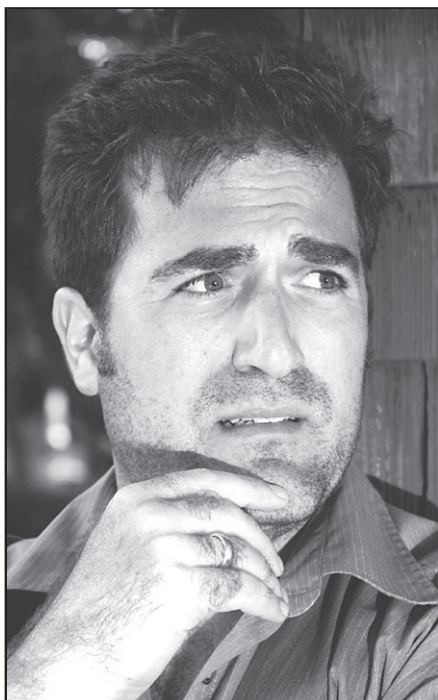
Get metaphysical

Skyline Truck Trail

JAMUL

Sit on top of a mountain in a hot tub, watch the shooting stars, get metaphysical as the old year becomes new. Ten-acre mountain-top rental house is ultimate retreat, makes you feel as if you're on top of the world.

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Breakfast with Santa

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Breakfast is the most important meal of the day when you're getting ready to spend eight straight hours listening to kids ask for an iPhone 6 Plus. It's also important if you're getting ready to stand in line for eight hours to ask for an iPhone 6 Plus. So yes, Santa eats breakfast, and on December 13th and 14th from 9:00–10:30 a.m., you and the kids can join him at the Harbor House restaurant. After you eat, stick around for pictures with the jolly old man in red, face-painting, balloon artists, a show, and a little something for the kids.

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Winter ziplining

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Yes, it's out of town — 140 miles out of town. But Navitat Ziplining Canopy Adventures offers the highest and fastest ziplines in Southern California: up to 55 miles per hour over the (possibly snow-covered) treetops of the San Gabriel Mountains. Two winter tours are available: the Canopy tour, which runs three and a half hours and involves eight ziplines, four bridges, and a rappel; and the Quest tour, which runs 90 minutes and includes four ziplines and a "free-fall" rappel. Participants must be at least 10 years old and between 90 and 250 pounds. Safety training is included!

— MATTHEW LICKONA

Las Posadas

4002 Wallace Street

OLD TOWN

Midway through its journey from Chinese agricultural totem to American birthday stable, the piñata became a symbol of the faithful Christian's struggle against temptation. (We swing by faith and not by sight...) In Mexico, piñatas got broken at the end of Las Posadas, a re-

enactment of Mary and Joseph's journey through Bethlehem in search of lodging. The Old Town State Historic Park will hold its 63rd annual Posadas on Sunday, December 14, beginning at 2:30 p.m. with carolers and a children's choir in the park. The re-enactment procession begins at 5:00 p.m. with a piñata party to follow at 6:00.

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Question for our resident Hipster DJ Stevens: is it possible to attend a parade ironically? No matter: "San Diego's most joyful parade" was around long before North Park's hipsterfication. It runs down University between Utah and Iowa, and carrying with it Santa Claus on a fire engine, antique cars, beauty queens, marching bands, dancers, floats, performers, and all the rest of it. (Why should the July 4 get all the fun?) The parade runs from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., but it's sandwiched by the neighborhood's Toyland Festival, which starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. All-day parking is available at the North Park parking garage for \$1. ■

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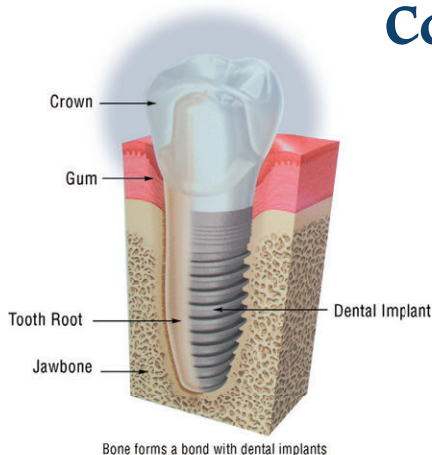


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Terry's board

I first met Terry Hendricks showering off by the lifeguard tower after a morning surf in Ocean Beach around 1970 or '71. At the time I was unaware he was a noted scientist and held a doctorate in physics. He was just a surfer with the most unique surfboard I'd ever seen. He was a kneeboarder, and at that time kneeboarders were the most progressive surfers around. They rode the shortest boards and consistently got into more radical places on waves than anyone ever had.

Terry's board was a flexible "spoon," a board with a full hull design constructed so that it will bend and absorb and release the wave's energy as it is being ridden, which was a trip for sure, but the thing that blew my mind was its construction. Most spoons have

foam rails on the sides with several layers of fiberglass in between. The shape of the foam rails determines how the board bends under the influence of the wave you are riding. Terry's board was the same but instead of foam in the rails they were hollow. So he had this light-blue transparent glass board. With the sunlight shining through, it was like a piece of blown-glass art. So I had to talk to him to learn how he made it.

In that era, the short-board revolution was in full swing. If you didn't design, build, and ride your own boards you were, let's say, less than cool. As Terry started to explain his theory and process for the board, I suddenly realized I had no idea what he was talking about. I picked up on a few bits but was mostly lost between hydrodynam-

ics and technical properties of surfboard materials and his construction techniques. So I said, "Right on, bro. It's a cool-looking stick. See you around," and I went across the street to my job fixing dings. Several years later our paths crossed again.

My friend Stanley was invited by Terry Hendricks

to go surf the Ranch (a pretty much off-limits section of coast north of Santa Barbara) and he could bring a friend. So, of course Stanley invited the best surfer he knew. He invited Zigz to go. I wanted to go but really Zigz was a way better surfer than I was. Also, the Ranch in the winter

is mostly rights and I am a goofy-footer. Backside on fast powerful waves was way more difficult in the single-fin era. Well, it turned out Zigz couldn't go, so I squeaked into the trip. Stoked, or what?

November 1977. I surf 8- to 12-foot Ranch with two top board designer/

innovators, Stan and Terry. Terry's boards were stranger than ever — flexible, floating island, kneeboards completely unique. So strange I didn't know what to think. Stan's board was more conventional, and I was riding an 8-foot gun with a single fin I had modeled after a thrasher

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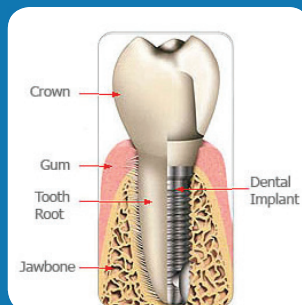
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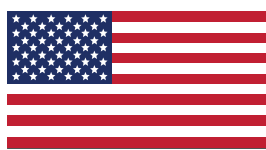
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Cayman Islands

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estate business and knew what the two of them were doing.

The Jenningses appealed. In September, United States district judge Roger Benitez affirmed Judge Adler's decision, noting that both J. Douglass and Peggy Jennings committed larceny and embezzlement and J. Douglass cheated his client. Adler was correct in detecting "telltale badges of larcenous intent," wrote Benitez, who also noted that in a deposition, Peggy Jennings "did not know or could not recall the answer to counsel's questions approximately 111 times."

Now J. Douglass and Peggy Jennings have appealed again — this time to the Ninth Circuit appeals court.

Adler has sent a letter

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about the Jennings cases to both the U.S. attorney's office and the U.S. trustee's office, but the contents have not been revealed publicly.

Don't expect to learn about all this on the Jennings website or the Roger Hedgecock Show. ■

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NEWS TICKER

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in a public space and, after a few hours, begin giving the food away to anyone wanting to take it.

Greenfield says only about a third of the region's grocers work with an organization to redistribute their wasted product.

"We could be feeding another 10,000 people," Greenfield said, noting that San Diego has one of the largest homeless populations in the country.

Dave Rice

No, the war on drugs didn't end

DEA on the lookout for a San Diego HQ

The Drug Enforcement Administration is looking for a home in San Diego. On November 24 the General Services Administration released a pre-solicitation notice to building owners, making them aware of the plans.

According to the notice, Drug Enforcement Administration officials hope to find an office building less than 91,855 square feet north of Mission Valley, somewhere in between Interstates 5 and 15.

Open-government advocates have criticized the Drug Enforcement Administration for adopting many of the same tactics used by the Central Intelligence Agency. In an August 2013 report by Reuters, Drug-enforcement officials were criticized over its use of wiretaps, anonymous informants, and telephone records to investigate American citizens.

Dorian Hargrove

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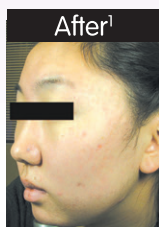
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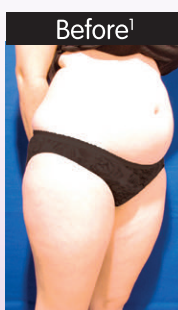
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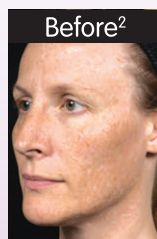


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International Disgrace

Re: Neighborhood News: "Meanwhile, in San Ysidro's Pedestrian Line," November 27.

A good article, but more detail is needed to describe this situation to those who have never crossed the border at San Ysidro.

I have personally seen pedestrian wait times of over six hours in December 2013, and it could be worse this year.

The combination of only 15 Customs booths, some of which are not staffed, and the chaotic nature of the pedestrian lanes in Mexico leading to the gates, causes massive

delays. There are four lanes of traffic (General, Ready, SENTRI, and Permit Office) in an area barely wide enough for two.

These are fixable problems. Opening the gate at Virginia Avenue to the El Chaparral facility immediately would stop the collision of northbound and southbound foot traffic. Google Maps has been updated this year, and clearly shows the proximity of a U.S. entry point to the virtually unused and modern El Chaparral pedestrian facility.

Restoring the bus lane into U.S. Customs would make public transportation practical again for northbound pedestrians, as it was in years past.

A photo essay of the area is the only way to really grasp the impact of thousands of pedestrians bottlenecked by poor infrastructure, lack of

planning, and unnecessary obstructions.

A comparison to the Otay Mesa pedestrian crossing, which works fairly well, would show a better way to structure a pedestrian crossing. The San Ysidro port is a national disgrace for both countries, especially so because a few inexpensive and easily implemented alterations could make it work well.

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More Density

Regarding Dorian Hargrove's article, "Musical Cars," (City Lights, November 13) and with all sympathy for the residents of Kearny Mesa (and San Diegans at large) with their parking problems. They need to understand, not only the City policy, but the national policy on parking, which is simply anti-automobile.

Urban planners have been taught for decades that automobiles are bad, and that government-owned and -run buses, trolleys, and light or heavy rail systems are good. They never questioned the teaching or looked around them.

You are to live within walking distance of where you work and/or shop or, secondarily, within bicycling distance. Before buying anywhere in San Diego one

should read the city's land development code to see if one would be comfortable with its application where they intend to work and live. But who does that? Another option, of course, would be to change the land development code so it conforms to the reality of living and not some academic utopia.

When planning housing, the professionals should be looking to the future, 14 or 16 years down the road. A one-bedroom dwelling unit is usually inhabited by two people who — if they are contributing to society and not sucking off it — usually work in two different directions, and often work different hours. This implies two automobiles to get to work unless they are fortunate enough to find work and shopping within walking distance. Two automobiles equals two parking spaces (not tandem either). Each of these drivers will pay between two and five cents a mile in gasoline taxes to pay for the roadways they drive on (less the amount siphoned off for others to use the bus and trolley). Of course, if they can use a bicycle they can use the roadways for free. If they find they are on a usable government bus or trolley line they will only have to pay about half the cost of the ride, the rest being picked up by the com-

munity at large through the tax process.

So, each bedroom implies a need for two parking spaces, even if it is a free-standing single family house on a standard 50x100' lot in a neighborhood zoned specifically for only single family homes. Because in 14-16 years, mom and pop's offspring will become car drivers too. Or, perhaps the single home buyer has rented out the extra bedroom(s) to meet the mortgage, insurance, and property tax payments. The occupiers of the bedroom (a couple, perhaps) are — that's right — driving to work.

In short, smart urban planning requires two off-street parking spaces per bedroom, regardless of income level or projected age of the presumed occupants. Read San Diego's land development code and see what it requires (and weep).

From a developer's point of view, parking spaces cost money and take up land space that could be turned into another dwelling unit. So do cross streets. That is one reason our blocks are so long.

The parking problems created by the land development code and college-trained professional planners are symptomatic of the "smart growth" concept which is not very smart. Especially in a county that has only

enough water for a population of 50,000 people, more or less. The promotion of smart growth is just another way to dress up density and more density — North Park six-packs everywhere. Tear down the Craftsmen homes and squeeze in more density.

If those contacted in the article have found this to be the case, I suggest selling to the uninformed and moving into a more hospitable place. Once moved, become involved with the local planning committee one night a month so that the hospitable place is not destroyed too.

For an excellent source on parking policy, read Professor Donald C. Shoup's writings in Access magazine — a periodical of transportation research put out by University of California Transportation Center: uctc.net

Natty Bumpo
Paradise Hills

Nobody Cares About Tijuana

I'm calling about your food reviewer. Why doesn't he ever review any establishments in the North Coastal area — Oceanside on down to Del Mar? Also, why does he always go to the ghetto parts of town or to Tijuana?

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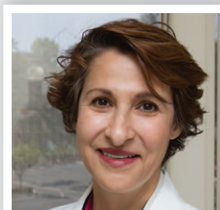
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Del Sol. “But after I showed them the Blue Tag it was all good, even after they mentioned that they could crush a car for tampering with the VIN [vehicle identification number].”

Manongdo is calm when explaining that he has been pulled over more than ten times



Manongdo's trophy ride (pictured with a model in the right-hand-side driver's seat)

in the past year by both the CHP and SDPD. He's been cited for his car being too low; too loud; front window obstructions (decals); Japanese front license plate (which reads “OMG”); and the latest of his law-breakin': taking rear-view-mirror selfies with the police car in the background (while the vehicle was still moving).

“I got the best Honda at the last Autofest in Anaheim [in May 2014],” he says, pointing

toward a four-foot-tall trophy, “and you know how hard it is to win in the Honda class!”

Manongdo invested about \$10,000 in this purple 250-horsepower daily-driver; and then he received \$10,000 in sponsorship swag; hence, the montage of company decals plastered in the middle of his windshield.

MIKE MADRIAGA

CHULA VISTA

It would have been prudent...

Sweetwater board advances plan for townhomes on district property

At the regular November 20 Sweetwater Union High School district meeting, lame-duck trustees authorized the district to proceed with entitling 1130 Fifth Avenue in Chula Vista for 135 townhomes.

The project, which is called the Cove, is scheduled to replace the current district office; however, trustees had agreed to halt all real estate projects until an independent third-party review could be conducted of the district's asset utilization/real estate plan.

The plan seeks to ready three properties for high-density development and flip them to a developer; the plan also consists of acquiring new district office space in eastern

Chula Vista.

Tom Calhoun, Sweetwater's chief facilities officer, originated the action. The starting date for the agreement was November 7 — 13 days before the trustees ratified the action.

Community advocate Maty Adato opposed the \$93,000 expenditure. She asked the trustees, “Why are you not letting the new board do this? If they want to have that property rezoned, let them do it. I don't get why you're not even discussing it.”

There was no discussion, just unanimous approval by board president John McCann and four interim trustees.

SUSAN LUZZARO

ALPINE

Is this fair?

Hope lives to overturn Cal Fire's semi-rural “Fire Prevention Fee”

This month, property owners in the county's semi-rural areas are receiving their annual \$150 bill for the state's “Fire Prevention Fee.” Since the per-parcel fee was enacted in 2011, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association has been in litigation over what they call an illegal tax.

The lawsuit alleges that after Cal Fire's loss of \$80 million in funding due to 2011's lingering budget crisis, then-assemblyman Robert Blumenfeld (D-Van Nuys) pushed

through as an emergency, carefully worded ABX1 29, stating the \$150 fee was needed for “benefit services.” By not labeling it as a tax, a two-thirds vote of the legislature was not required. Fellow Democratic legislators quickly passed the bill, and Governor Brown signed it.

Municipalities, counties, and fire districts up and down the state have opposed the fee. Property owners in the semi-rural communities of Alpine, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Rancho Santa Fe, and Valley Center point out they already pay property taxes to support their fully equipped local fire departments.

However, Cal Fire claims that in wildfire crises in those semi-rural areas they usually become the lead firefighting agency.

Opponents continue to point out that of the millions of dollars already collected, not one penny is used for firefighting. The funds are earmarked for fire prevention — brochures, public service announcements, and additional staff to advise property owners of brush-clearance requirements.

Should a judge eventually rule in favor of the plaintiffs and label the legislation as a tax, funds collected could be returned to property owners. One may receive a refund only if the fee was challenged through filing of an appeal, each year, when they paid their \$150 fee.

KEN HARRISON

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Thursday | 4

BAGHDAD TO BEIJING: REFLECTIONS OF A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Foreign correspondent Evan Osnos will discuss his 2014 National Book Award winner *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China* — based on eight years of living in Beijing — and reflect on the pitfalls and challenges of being a foreign correspondent.

WHEN: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: UCSD's Great Hall, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 858-534-2230; china.ucsd.edu

Saturday | 6

SOUTH PARK HOLIDAY WALKABOUT



An evening festival showcasing independent businesses in South Park. Enjoy complimentary treats, live entertainment, special offers and discounts, roaming carolers, and the custom-made eco-friendly South Park Holiday Tree.

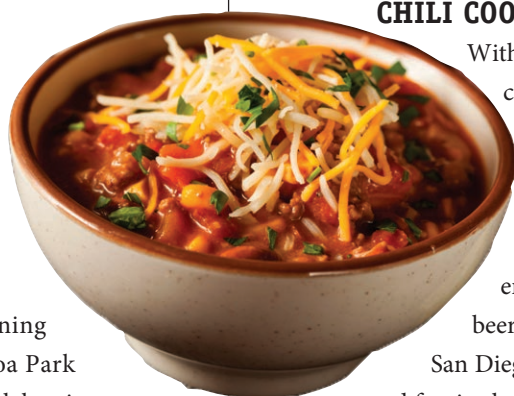
WHEN: 6 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: South Park, Kalmia to

Beech Streets. southparkscene.com/walkabout.html

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CERAMIC BOWL CHILI COOK-OFF



With 40 restaurants competing for chili bragging rights, 30 local artisan pottery crafters, kegs in the beer garden from San Diego breweries, and fun in the kids' zone.

If you're not a chili fan, several food trucks will be on hand. The event is free, and chili tastings are available in a hand-crafted ceramic bowl for \$20.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Ceramic Connection, 3216 Thorn Street, North Park. 619-281-2529; sdceramic.com

Friday | 5

BALBOA PARK DECEMBER NIGHTS

Museum galleries will be closed during the day on December 5 and 6 and open in the evening for the annual Balboa Park December Nights celebration. View current exhibitions, listen to concerts in the Hibben Gallery, and grab a drink or dinner at Panama 66.

WHEN: 3 to 11 p.m.

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



BALBOA PARK WILL STAY UP LATE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Monday | 8

FILM FORUM: DAYS OF GLORY

A chronicle of Algerian soldiers recruited to fight for France in WWII and their subsequent betrayal. Best Actors Award (ensemble), Cannes Film Festival. A discussion follows the film.

WHEN: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Avenue, Coronado. 619-437-6087; leroyskitchenandlounge.com

Wednesday | 10

A NAKED LOOK AT THE NUDE

Join Ann Hoehn, curator of adult education, in a lecture on the history of the nude form, an inspiration to artists throughout time. The shapes and forms provide a creative stimulus for those who wish to capture the body's sensuality and beauty. Today, nude art takes us where it has never been before, with a wide array of nude genres from contemporary to classical. \$10.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to noon

WHERE: Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-435-3720; oma-online.org

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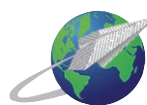
TIM KOLANKO'S COOKING WITH FRIENDS

Chef Tim Kolanko of Blue Bridge Hospitality (the Coronado-based restaurant collective) launches a new dinner series. This five-course prix fixe wine-paired dinner is a collaborative effort between Carmine Lopez of Great Maple, Kermit Lynch of Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant, and Leroy's Tim Kolanko and Ronnie Schwandt. \$75.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Leroy's Kitchen + Lounge, 1015 Orange





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The 18th-century Fort Charlotte is an imposing backdrop for the Rum Bahamas Fest.

I drank my fill in the Bahamas

By Tamar Fleishman

The Caribbean and Atlantic islands weren't the origin of rum — that was created in New England — but they were part of the trade triangle that included African slaves and island molasses. Any thought of the history of one of America's favorite spirits has to be in the context of brutality, piracy, and loss of liberty. So, it's great to see the Bahamas taking hold of their own history and turning it around into a celebratory, tasty heritage!

I learned quite a bit and thoroughly enjoyed myself at the first annual Rum Bahamas Fest, a culinary and cultural festival.

The festival spans a weekend, with a different atmosphere during the day — more like an ethnic fest — than at night. It's held at the historic Fort Charlotte. Crowds were thinner in the high heat of the day. They had craft vendors from across the Caribbean, as well as fusion cuisine: food booths from many different islands, including Filipino dishes. Fresh shrimp was fine-dining level. "Macaroni" (mac and cheese) was addictive and

unexpected for festival fare.

The festival is in February, so the warm rays of the sun were quite inviting during what is brutal weather in most of the U.S. At night, the live music, fire dancers, and adult atmosphere encourages even more drinking of rum.

I learned about a term with which I was unfamiliar: *rhum agricole*. It's the French term for sugar-cane-juice rum, as opposed to molasses rum. Then I came upon the Rhum Clément booth. Not only are they a *rhum agricole*, but they are also an *appellation d'origine contrôlée* (AOC), meaning their location of origin is controlled, just like champagne and certain cheeses. They sure know how to run a booth: staffing it with their model-handsome bilingual relative who mixes sample drinks and sells bottles by the boatload.

Though rum has been produced in the islands since the 17th Century, today the Bahamas produces just one rum, John Watling's, and they had a prominent stand at the Rum Fest, whipping up cocktails, frozen drinks, mixed drinks, straight shots. Their distillery in Nassau has been in production for only a few years. They now have five-year-old rum available. The Bahamas is said to have an advantage, weather-wise, in aging: rum here is said to age twice as fast as elsewhere. Their public tasting and gathering space has been open to the public since April 2013. All of their production is done by hand.

The British Colonial Hilton is the nearest major hotel to the fest — the only major hotel and the only downtown hotel with a private beach. Decks on each

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Other Adventures



emilyoarias: La Paz, Baja California Sur



jansevilla: The lake that stretches from Annecy and goes around several villages, including Talliores, where it narrows into a cul-de-sac forming a hidden part of the lake

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ROAM-O-RAMA

San Diego Outdoors with the Museum Canyoneers

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Distance from downtown San Diego: about 108 miles. Allow 2 hours (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park). From CA-163N take I-8E, exiting on the Imperial Hwy at Ocotillo, after 88 miles. Turn north on SR-2 (Imperial Hwy) and drive 18.8 miles to milepost 46.1, where you will find a dirt road heading west, signed "Indian Gorge." The well-marked Torote Canyon trailhead and parking area is 1.8 miles ahead on your right. **Hiking length:** 6.7 miles either out-and-back or a loop of the same distance. **Difficulty:** The out-and-back is moderately strenuous while the loop is strenuous. Elevation gain/loss over 1000 feet. Trekking poles are recommended for the short descent from the end of Torote Canyon to Indian Valley on the loop hike. Boulder-hopping is occasionally necessary, but there are long stretches of easy walking on soft sand. There are no facilities and no source of drinking water. Do not attempt this hike without at least two liters of water per person. The best time to go is winter or early spring, when wildflowers are blooming. No mountain bikes or dogs are allowed.



With an elevation gain/loss of over 1000 feet, the trail can be strenuous.

Torote" is the Spanish name for a large shrub or small tree common in the Sonoran Desert, but relatively rare here in California. The Spanish name means "twisted," and indeed the short, stubby branches of this hardy tree are contorted. Also, the light tan lower branches are thick, suggesting the legs of an elephant and giving rise to their English name, "elephant trees." Torote Canyon is one of only a few places in the Anza-Borrego Desert where torote are found. However, don't come here expecting a torote forest. Although there are at least several hundred in the canyon, the individual trees are quite scattered and are commonly found higher up on the canyon slopes. A pair of binoculars would come in handy here.

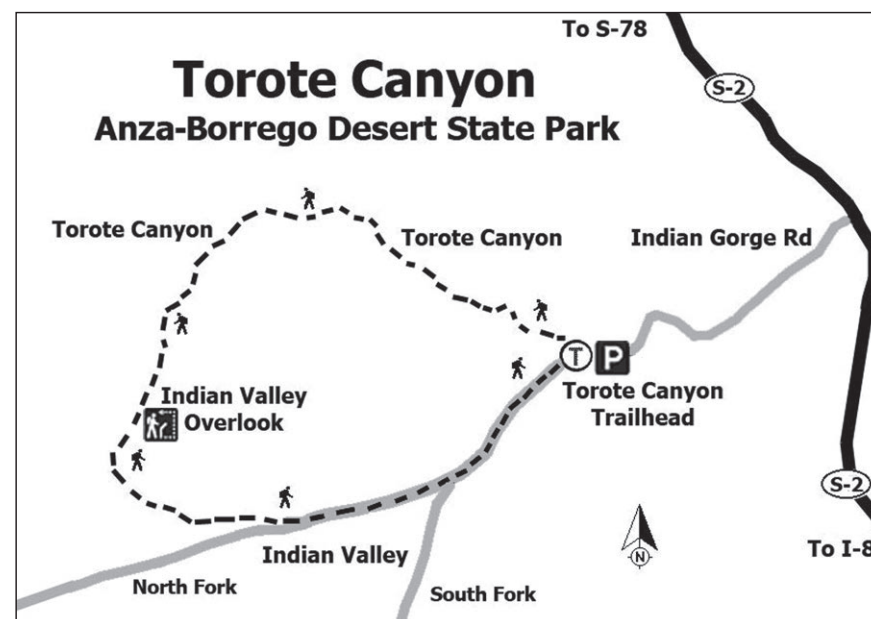
Although there is no official or maintained trail, begin by following the footsteps of numerous hikers who have preceded you into this well-trod

canyon. After covering about a quarter of a mile, there will be a pile of boulders and small dry falls that appear to block this narrow canyon. However, these are easily surmounted and the canyon begins to widen as the boulders give way to a broad sandy wash.

The west-facing canyon wall is cloaked with a forest of teddybear cholla, with scattered ocotillo and torote. In February the air will be scented with desert lavender. Also to be noted are California copperleaf, matchweed, wishbone bush, giant milkweed, and chuparosa in bloom, as well as annual wildflowers. Later in the spring, expect blooming catclaw and many cacti, but by April most of the annuals are gone.

The canyon forks about 1.20 miles from the trailhead at the entrance to the canyon with Torote

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Find maps for the hikes and more Roam-O-Rama columns online at SDReader.com/roam

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ART

Art Exhibition Food, music, and wine will be provided along with paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics, and glass artistry. Carlsbad artist Donald Pallia will be in attendance with two of his acrylic paintings entitled "Let Peace Fly" and "Home From Afghanistan." Saturday, December 6, 5pm; **free**. Del Mar Art Center Gallery, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Suite 112. (DEL MAR)

First Friday: Oceanside Art Walk Over 60 artists and events at 20 downtown Oceanside venues along Pier View Way, Mission Ave., and Coast Highway. Enjoy live performances, music, and food in this monthly on-going Art Walk that highlights organizations that are part of the Oceanside Arts and Culture District. Admission to all venues is free and open to the public. Start at any Art Walk location throughout Downtown Oceanside. Info: 760-435-3721. Friday, December 5, 6pm; **free**. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Five Concurrent Exhibitions: Opening Reception OMA's Fall 2014 exhibition block will present a museum-wide focus on artwork concerning figurative and portraiture themes. Join us in celebrating the opening of five concurrent exhibitions: My Sister's Voice, Neil Shigley: Invisible People, Omar Lopex: Relámpago, Naked: 20th Century Nudes from the Dijkstra Collection, and California Dreaming: An International

Portrait of Southern California. Saturday, December 6, 6pm; **free**-\$10. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Lina Abi-Samra Neo-fauvist Lina Abi-Samra, a decorative artist, displays her newest works. With wine and appetizers. Saturday, December 6, 6pm; Dolphin and Hawk Fine Art Gallery, 7742-M Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Member & Faculty Holiday Show and Sale An opportunity to buy original, handmade art for your holiday shopping. Jewelry, paintings, mosaic, textiles and more in conjunction with NTC Arts and Culture District at Liberty Station's Friday Night Liberty, a monthly first Friday evening of open artist studios, galleries, museums, and performances. Friday, December 5, 5pm; **free**. Bravo School of Art at Liberty Station, 2690 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 19, Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Museum and Garden Tour Enjoy a docent-led tour of the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum's permanent collection and featured exhibit. Museum tours are held the first Saturday of every month. Please RSVP by 3:30pm on the Friday prior to the tour at 619-338-9888. The tour is included with museum admission. Info: info@sdchm.org. Saturday, December 6, 11am; **free**-\$2. San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Outside the Lens: Holiday Exhibition Stop by Outside the Lens to see what our students have been working on this semester and take home a print from our holiday photo booth. OTL will be exhibiting student work including Elements of Design, iPhoneography, and Here I Am: Portraiture & Poetry. Friday, December 5, 5pm; **free**. NTC at Liberty Station, Barracks 15, Studio 103, 2750 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Sunny Winter: Opening Reception The Brokers Building Artists' Holiday Art Show, Decem-

ber 5-28. Opening Reception/Black and White Party with exhibiting artists Keys, Sanchez, Adeyemi, Jimenez, Wiedner, Sherry, Gengelbach, CaliSunshineSoapery, Camp, Soto, Engel, Chobolits, and Fleury. Friday, December 5, 7pm; **free**. 21 and up. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Urban Art Holiday Bash Disconnected Salon's eight-year anniversary celebration, with curated art by Thumbprint Gallery. Music by CARLO, plus food and drinks. Thursday, December 4, 7pm; **free**. Disconnected Salon, 3830 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

BEER

Benchmark Hop Chunks Double IPA A Double IPA from Benchmark Brewery, served fresh from the cask. Thursday, December 4, 12pm; Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Complete Guide to San Diego Breweries Book signing event. Thursday, December 4, 6pm; O'Brien's Pub, 4646 Convo Street. (KEARNY MESA)

Firkin Friday with Monkey Paw On cask: Holiday Brown. This is sweet Georgia brown with vanilla, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Friday, December 5, 3pm; Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Gaslamp Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl Pacific Magazine invites you to join us in your finest ugly sweater for an event with over 1000 ugly sweaters and a bar crawl of Barleymash, Tin Roof, Whiskey Girl, McFadden's, Topsy Crow, and Lucky Bastard Saloon. Lucky Bastard Saloon will also host the official after-party and a beerpong tournament with giveaways and raffle prizes, karaoke, DJ beats, flip-cup tournaments, drink and food specials, seasonal beer, and ugly sweater contests. RSVP is required for free admission. The first 100 ugly sweaters at each stop

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

will receive a free beer on PacificSD. Saturday, December 6, 12pm; **free**. 21 and up. Barleymash, 600 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Rare Bourbon & Beer Pairing Dinner You've heard of beer-pairing dinners. You may have heard of whiskey-pairing dinners, but you've likely never come across a dinner where beer and bourbon are paired with multiple courses. Correct that at a four-course soiree held at Craft & Commerce and presided over by noted booze expert and bon vivant, Dr. Bill Sysak. Thursday, December 4, 6pm; Craft and Commerce, 675 W. Beech Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ACA Assistance Have a one-on-one session with an advisor from the non-profit San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage, and learn how you may be eligible for Medical or subsidized private insurance under the Affordable Care Act. It's not too late to take advantage of government subsidies, and they cover more people than you might think. Saturday, December 6, 11am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Menorah Painted Tray: Replace the Tin Foil Used for

generations to capture dripping wax, it's time to free yourself from the binds of aluminum foil. Using special paint, design and paint colorful symbolic imagery on a glass tray on which to place your Menorah. Ideas of imagery, patterns, borders, and color provided. Sunday, December 7, 2pm; \$62-\$68. Bravo School of Art at Liberty Station, 2690 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 19, Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Soap Making 101 Learn how to create your own bar soap. Kit includes one small wooden soap mold, two types of essential oils, a container of organic olive oil and organic coconut oil, mason jar of lye, and mason jar of distilled water. Friday, December 5, 6pm; \$40. 18 and up. Harlequin Boutique, 127 West University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

COMEDY

Anniversary Party Join Finest City Improv as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of our North Park Theatre. Tonight's lineup includes comedy teams The Hinges, Minor Suspension, Galapagos, and a special performance featuring the ensemble of FCI. Saturday, December 6, 8pm; \$10. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Bobby Lee Bobby Lee was spotted by Frank Burns, the legendary manager of La Jolla's Comedy Store. He appeared in the big screen comedy *Harold & Kumar*

Rhyme & Verse Advice from a Caterpillar A poem by Amy Gerstler

Chew your way into a new world. Munch leaves. Molt. Rest. Molt again. Self-reinvention is everything. Spin many nests. Cultivate stinging bristles. Don't get sentimental about your discarded skins. Grow quickly. Develop a yen for nettles. Alternate crumpling and climbing. Rely on your antennae. Sequester poisons in your body for use at a later date. When threatened, emit foul odors in self-defense. Behave cryptically to confuse predators: change colors, spit, or feign death. If all else fails, taste terrible.



Amy Gerstler is the author of more than 14 collections of poetry. Her poetry collection *Bitter Angel*, published by North Point Press, won the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1991. Her most recent book of poems is *Dearest Creature* (Penguin). In June 2015, Penguin will publish a new book of her poems entitled *Scattered at Sea*. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Paris Review*, *Poetry*, *American Poetry Review*, and elsewhere. She teaches at the University of California at Irvine. "Advice from a Caterpillar" is from her 2009 collection *Dearest Creature* and is used by permission of Penguin, a division of Penguin Group (USA) LLC.

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Go to *White Castle*, and in 2007 he appeared in *Kickin It Old Skool*. Lee was a regular on *MADtv* and has garnered millions of fans through his comedy, film, and television appearances. Thursday, December 4, 8pm; Friday, December 5, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 6, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$22. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Brian Regan Saturday, December 6, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$55-\$85. Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway. (TEMECULA)

Jesse Egan Hosted by Dustin Nickerson. Friday, December 5,

7pm; \$15-\$22. 21 and up. Artbeat on Main St., 330 Main Street. (VISTA)

Rhinestone Grannies The Rhinestone Grannies present: Put a Little Holiday in Your Heart. These grandmothers use their gifts for song, dance, and comedy to entertain and enrich in this holiday concert. Saturday, December 6, 1pm; **free**. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette Learn Tango now! Take a first free class Monday, December 8 at 7pm or Wednesday, Decem-

ber 10 at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter). No need for a partner. We will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango. Visit tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio #106. (POINT LOMA)

Contradancing No partners needed, and no experience necessary. Calling by Susan Michaels, with live music by The Old Twine String Band. Teaching from 7:30-8pm. Dance starts at 8pm, with a break for refreshments at 9:30pm. Please wear soft-soled shoes to protect the dance floor and comfortable clothing, as dancing is quite aerobic. Discount price for

students, full-time college students, and active duty military with current ID. Friday, December 5, 7:30pm; \$12. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

More Holiday Tales Grand Façade Theatre Productions, in partnership with the Congregational Church of La Jolla, presents stories and music for the holiday season. Geoffrey A. Cox directs and Candace L. Carbajal choreographs. Saturday, December 6, 7pm; \$10-\$12. Congregational Church of La Jolla (LA JOLLA)

The Nutcracker Experience Scripps Performing Arts Academy's production of *The Nutcracker*



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Sunday, December 7

Regal Family Fun Day
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Rio 2 [G]	10:30	1:10	3:55	6:40	9:20
Mr. Peabody and Sherman [PG]	10:45	1:15	3:45	6:20	9:00
Planes: Fire & Rescue [PG]	11:20	1:45	4:05	6:30	8:45
Despicable Me 2 3D [PG]	11:00	1:40	4:15	6:55	9:30

Tuesday, December 9

Take a Pet Home for the Holidays
benefiting San Diego Humane
Society & SPCA

The Polar Express 3D [G]				
10:45	1:55	4:35	7:20	
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas [PG]				
10:30	1:15	4:00	6:45	9:30
Christmas Story [PG]				
11:00	2:10	4:30	6:50	9:05
Christmas Vacation [PG-13]				
12:00	2:40	5:20	8:00	

Monday, December 8

Regal's Recipe for Hope
benefiting San Diego Food Bank

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 [PG]				
11:10	1:55	4:35	7:05	9:30
Julie and Julia [PG-13]				
	11:55	3:00	6:05	9:10
Chef [R]				
	11:00	2:00	5:00	8:00
The Hundred-Foot Journey [PG]				
	10:30	1:30	4:45	7:45

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benefiting the same charities

Maleficent [PG]					
10:50	1:30	4:10	6:55	9:30	
When the Game Stands Tall [PG]					
	10:35	1:55	4:55	8:20	
22 Jump Street [R]					
	11:20	3:15	6:35	9:25	
The Boxtrolls [PG]					
11:05	1:45	4:25	7:05	9:30	
X-Men: Days of Future Past [PG-13]					
	11:30	2:40	5:50	9:15	
Divergent [PG-13]					
	10:55	2:30	6:00	9:25	
Guardians of the Galaxy [PG-13]					
	11:45	2:45	5:45	8:45	
The Equalizer [R]					
	11:15	2:55	6:05	9:20	



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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

featuring dancers aged 3-1/2 to 19 years old. Info: 858-586-7834 or 858-509-2624. Saturday, December 6, 1:30pm; Sunday, December 7, 2pm; Scripps Ranch High School, 10410 Treena Street. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Woman in the Mirror, A Dancer's Journey Professional dancer and Michael Jackson impersonator Devra Gregory shares her life's journey. Throughout the show, Gregory performs variations of dance she's experienced: ballet, jazz, burlesque, kids' shows, exotic dance, and Michael Jackson. Adult themes, parental discretion advised. Jessica Bird, who co-wrote, directs. devasmj.com. Ongoing until Sunday, December 21, 2014. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 8pm; Sundays, 2pm. Horton Grand Theatre, 444 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Vinyl Junkies Record Swap DJs will include Bart Mendoza of Manual Scan, who is promoting the release of the box set *Millions Like Us; The Story of the Mod Revival*, from UK label, Cherry Red which includes Manual Scan's "Nothing You Can Do." Other DJs include

Mario Escovedo (the Dragons), Matt Molarius (Transfer, the Midnight Pine), Thaddeus Robles (Heartaches, Cave Punk Records), Brian Carver (Teenage Burritos), DJ Pokkey, and Robinson Wigfall with MPC. Saturday, December 6, 11am; \$3. 21 and up. Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

FOOD & DRINK

Ceramic Bowl Chili Cook-Off With more than 40 restaurants competing for chili bragging rights, more than 30 local artisan pottery craft vendors, kegs in the beer garden from San Diego breweries, and fun in the kid zone. Featuring live music sponsored by Bar Pink and The Casbah. If you're not a chili fan, several food trucks will be on hand. The event is free, and chili tastings are available in a hand-crafted ceramic bowl for \$20. Sunday, December 7, 11am; **free**. San Diego Ceramic Connection, 3216 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Piano Concert & Recipe Exchange The event features music, refreshments, and a cookie recipe exchange with pianist Drew Massicot playing songs of Broadway, movies, and requests. Home-made cookies will be available while supplies last, along with the recipe to make them for yourself. Saturday, December 6, 12pm; **free**. Oak Park Branch Library, 2802 54th Street. (OAK PARK)

Strong Ale Festival 18th annual Strong Ale festival with 80 taps of craft beer over 8% ABV and bottles of specialty beer. Admission includes a commemorative glass and eight 4 oz. tastes. Friday, December 5, 1pm; Pizza Port & Bottle Shop, 571 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

FOR KIDS

First 5 First Friday: Nightingale Music Nightingale Music will visit NCM to introduce children to a variety of music types. From traditional nursery songs to rock-n-roll with percussion instruments, the experience is designed to enhance learning and share the magical world of music with children. Friday, December 5, 10:30am; \$10. New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Reading with the Ranger Ranger Heidi invites 5-7 year-olds to join her for a nature story embellished by an activity and arts-and-crafts project based on the story theme. Meet her in the Visitor Center Library. RSVP: 619-668-3279. Saturday, December 6, 10am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Santa Claus in Emerald Hills Santa Claus will be at the Market-place to talk to children about their Christmas wishes, and they will all go home with a treat. Parents are free to take their own photo, but

there will be a photographer on hand to take a photo for a reasonable price. With no shopping mall nearby, we are hoping this gives those in the community an opportunity to take their kids to see Santa in their own neighborhood. Info: 619-866-4026 or sandiegomp@gmail.com. Saturday, December 6, 11am; **free**. San Diego Marketplace, 1755 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

Toddler Story Time A story time designed for toddlers featuring songs, rhymes, and finger plays. Fridays, 10:30am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Weekend with Santa Children can enjoy a Santa kids breakfast meal, hosted by Sea & Smoke from 8:30am-11:30am, followed by holiday activities including DIY crafts, holiday treats, and photos with Old St. Nick. During the children's activity time, parents can indulge in a little treat of their own, with

complimentary chair massages provided by Spa Blue. Saturday, December 6, 8:30am; Sunday, December 7, 8:30am; Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

LECTURES

Baghdad to Beijing: Reflections of a Foreign Correspondent Foreign correspondent Evan Osnos is widely considered one of the most incisive and productive journalists of his generation. Osnos will discuss his 2014 National Book Award winner *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China* — based on eight years of living in Beijing — and reflect on the pitfalls and challenges of being a foreign correspondent. In the Great Hall, UC San Diego. Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm;

free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Adopt-a-Plot in Balboa Park We are tending the flower garden in front of the Lily Pond. We do a little volunteer work in the scenic spot every Saturday at 9am. All welcome. We like to have fun while learning about plants. Meet at the flower garden in front of the Lily Pond. Info: 619-223-5229. Saturdays, 9am; **free**. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Be a Naturalist A Mission Trails Regional Park trail guide-led walk. Meet inside Visitor Center. Saturday, December 6, 9:30am; Sunday, December 7, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

ROAM-○-RAMA

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Canyon going northwest, off to the left. The first significant dry falls are encountered at mile 1.54. It is about 20 feet high, but it can be relatively easily, and safely, overcome. Thereafter there are a few smaller dry falls, followed by a long stretch of easy walking up the sandy canyon bottom. After 2.22 miles the canyon widens significantly as tributaries join the main canyon. Torote Canyon continues as the middle branch, which takes you in a southwesterly direction.

The easy stroll along the sandy canyon floor ends with a pile of boulders that must be climbed, 2.65 miles from your vehicle. After this hurdle, the easy walking resumes until, after hiking 3.35 miles,

you arrive at the Indian Valley Overlook. This is a major decision point: you can return to your vehicle the way you came or you can make this a loop hike. The total distance is the same either way, but for the loop hike, there is a steep descent, 0.4-mile long, boulder-and-cholla-cactus-choked canyon leading down to the North Fork of Indian Valley. Once you reach the dry creek bed on the canyon floor, follow it east until it joins the North Fork 4WD road, which you will follow back to your vehicle.

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

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floor's hallways have gorgeous views, as do the cabanas by the pool and the beach.

Island eating is generally three things: unfussy, fresh, and pricey. A culturally authentic experience at a bargain is "coconut sky juice." The drink probably originated as a simple British cocktail, plausibly Brit sailor's gin poured into a young coconut. Nowadays, it can have gin but also, or instead, rum. It can be coconut rum and condensed, sweetened milk. Condensed, sweetened milk has long been an appreciated creamer in the tropics (think: Key lime pie and Vietnamese coffee). It's not perishable until opened. In town, the cocktail can run up to \$16 or maybe even more at the private clubs. But at a little stand next to Ft. Montagu, you can get sky juice freshly made on the spot for \$5.

When you picture yourself enjoying lunch at a tropical paradise, what does it look like? No doubt, you envision a view of crystal blue waters. You might picture a cold beer, fresh seafood, and maybe even enjoying an exotic, forbidden-in-

the-USA Cuban cigar. You can have all of this and more at Arawak Cay's Anchorage Haven.

Don't let the Poop Deck's casual ambiance and dress fool you: they serve seafood caught that day and they're a favorite of the jet set. In the past, patrons such as John Kennedy, Jr., and Brook Shields patronized the restaurant. The open deck windows allow diners a view of boats docked in East Bay and yachts passing by.

A delicacy to start: fresh Andros stone-crab claws. You can order them in any amount, but they're huge; three make a generous appetizer. Andros is an archipelago set of islands in the Bahamas well known for their seafood.

If you're a fish person, you can pick from sometimes four different snapper types and other fish caught that day. However, I was intrigued by a recipe that's quite popular there: "cracked" lobster. Lobster — or things like conch — that are "cracked" are marinated in lime juice and island spices, then breaded and fried tender/crisp.

Go Skydiving This Weekend

Free video of your Tandem Skydive this Sunday for people who read *The San Diego Reader*. Just tear out our half page ad in this week's issue and bring it with you. Skydive San Diego is San Diego's largest and oldest operation. Scenic views of the ocean, downtown skyline, the mountains, and more. Gift certificates are available and make great presents — assuming they want the experience of a lifetime! Must be 18-years of age and weigh less than 230 pounds. Visit skydivesandiego.com for details or call 888-391-0251. Sunday, December 7, 8am; Skydive San Diego, 13531 Otay Lakes Road. (JAMUL)

Lake Poway Trout Season Opening Day

Lake Poway will be freshly stocked with 3000 pounds of Chaulk Mound Trout Farm's finest "Nebraska Tailwalkers." Thursday, December 4, 6am; \$3-\$6. Lake Poway Recreation Area, 14644 Lake Poway Road. (POWAY)

Star Party Marvels Mission Trails Regional Park resident star gazer George Varga says one night past full moon we can expect good views of Andromeda Galaxy (M31) and companion M32. We'll also target Pleiades, Double Cluster in Perseus, and numerous open clusters. Rain or fog cancels. Meet far end of the Campground Day Use Parking Lot. Saturday, December 6, 7pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Trek with the Trackers Discover and identify tracks, scat, bedlows, and other evidence of critters that live in local underbrush and trees. Join a Mission Trails Regional Park tracking-team guide for two hours

of dirt-time fun — wear long pants! Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Saturday, December 6, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Balboa Park December Nights

Museum galleries will be closed during the day on December 5 and 6 and open from 5pm-9pm for the annual Balboa Park December Nights celebration. View current exhibitions, listen to concerts in the Hibben Gallery, and grab a drink or dinner at Panama 66. Friday, December 5, 3pm; Saturday, December 6, 12pm; **free**. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Big Book Sale Hundreds of donated books for sale. Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, children and teen books, history, textbooks, psychology/self help, arts and crafts, and cookbooks, etc. Most books priced \$.25 to \$1. Special deals announced at the sale. Thursday, December 4, 1pm; Friday, December 5, 9:30am; Saturday, December 6, 9:30am; **free**. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

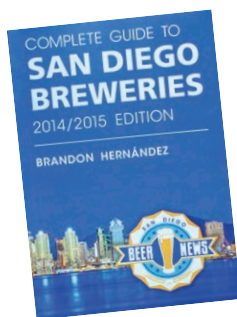
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- Nickel Hopster Douchebag Double IPA
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- Rip Current Hop Wine Quadruple IPA
- Stone Passion Project Wine Barrel-Aged Sour Ale w/ Stone Farms Passion Fruit
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Rammohun Roy
Before “A Christian” indulged in a tirade about persons being “degraded by Asiatic effeminacy,” he should have recollected that almost all the ancient prophets and patriarchs venerated by Christians, nay even Jesus Christ himself, a Divine Incarna-

tion and the founder of the Christian Faith, were Asiatics. So that if a Christian thinks it degrading to be born or to reside in Asia he directly reflects upon them.... It is unjust in the Christian to quarrel with Hindoos because (he says) they cannot comprehend the sublime mystery of his

religion; since he is equally unable to comprehend the sublime mysteries of ours, and since both these mysteries equally transcend the human understanding, one cannot be preferred to the other.
— from *The English Works of Raja Rammohun Roy*

Rammohun Roy (1772–1833) was an Indian educator and reformer who sought to modernize Hinduism by challenging some of its starker and austere practices, such as “Sati” killing of a man’s widow, and mapped out a course of progress for India under British rule.

Considered the father of modern India, Roy worked with other prominent Bengalis to engender social and political reforms that even today benefit India.



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31, 9pm-2:30am. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Chula Vista Starlight Parade
Chula Vista Deputy Mayor Pat Aguilar, Councilman Rudy Ramirez, and the City of Chula Vista announce the return of the Starlight Parade, which will run down historic Third Avenue in Chula Vista beginning at H Street and finishing at E Street. The parade will follow the Third Avenue Village Association’s Holiday in the Village event which starts at

noon; the Starlight Parade kicks off at 6pm, joined by our Grand Marshal Ron Cohn of Sprouts Farmers Market. A variety of floats, carolers, drill teams, dancers, marching bands, and nostalgic classic cars will usher in the holiday season at San Diego County’s largest nighttime parade. Before finding your place to view the parade, make your way to Memorial Park and take a ride down the SDG&E Frosty’s Snow Hill. The snow hill is free frosty fun from 1pm-5pm prior to the parade. Info: 619-233-5008

or leanne@mcfarlanepromotions.com. Saturday, December 6, 6pm; **free**. Third Avenue from H Street to E Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Encinitas Holiday Parade
Our hometown tradition! Thousands of people will be on floats and in bands with tens of thousands more cheering them on as the 2014 Encinitas Holiday Parade rolls along Coast Highway 101. This year’s theme is “Droppin’ In for the Holidays,” celebrating Encinitas’ reputation as the mecca for Action Sports. Expect to see plenty

of big-name surfers, skateboarders, snowboarders, and more and representations of the action sports lifestyle on the many floats and entries in the parade. The parade begins at 5:30pm. It is preceded by a 5pm tree lighting ceremony at the Lumberyard (near Starbucks coffee). Info: nbuck@encinitasca.gov or 760-633-2760. Saturday, December 6, 5:30pm; **free**. Along S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Festive Farmhouse
Experience Christmas like the San Pasqual Valley pioneers. Make traditional

holiday decorations to decorate the 1880’s farmhouse and take home, enjoy cookies and hot drinks, sing Christmas songs around the 1884 organette, relax in the Victorian parlor, and tour the farmhouse. Info: anne@sdrp.org or 760-432-8318. Sunday, December 7, 11am; **free**-\$5. Sikes Adobe Farmhouse, 12655 Sunset Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Garden of Lights
After the sun goes down in December, the San Diego Botanic Garden is transformed into a winter wonderland. Over 100,000 sparkling lights light

up the Garden for a magical holiday experience. The fun includes horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday crafts, marshmallow roasting, visits with Santa, live music, refreshments, and hot mulled wine (on select evenings). Snow also “falls” on select nights. The Garden of Lights is presented by the County of San Diego. Saturday, December 6, 5pm; Sunday, December 7, 5pm; \$8-\$14. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO The Center Chorale: A Choral Yuletide
Songs of the holiday season will be sung by the Center Chorale and Center Children’s Chorus. The concert will feature favorite tunes with adults and children singing together, a beautiful beginning to this happy time of the year. Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. ESCONDIDO 340 N. Escondido Boulevard (760) 839-4138

FAITH CHAPEL Bethlehem Story
Travel back in time and visit Bethlehem the night Jesus was born. Meet storytellers, bakers, brick makers, and tanners while playing games, petting animals, and getting to know the Bethlehem residents. See Joseph and Mary travel into town, experience the angels proclaiming Jesus’ birth, and visit Baby Jesus in the stable. This free interactive walk-through experience is outside and will take you some time to experience everything in Bethlehem. Thursday, December 4, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Additional date(s): Friday, December 5, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, December 6, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, December 7, 6-9 p.m. SPRING VALLEY 9400 Campo Road (619) 461-7451

CARLSBAD COMMUNITY CHURCH Meals-on-Wheels Holiday Concert
The award-winning Coastal Communities Concert Band will donate all concert proceeds from their 20th Annual Holiday Concert to Meals-on-Wheels of Greater San Diego. This year’s concert will include old favorites, new holiday arrangements, and an annual tribute to our nation’s service men and women. Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m. CARLSBAD 3175 Harding Street (760) 729-2331

SANTA FE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Santa Fe Christian Schools Visit Day
Santa Fe Christian Schools invites 5th to 7th graders to Group Visit Day. Explore our school grounds and see firsthand SFC’s learning environment. Friday, January 16, 2015, 8 a.m. to noon SOLANA BEACH 838 Academy Drive (858) 755-8900

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA More Holiday Tales
Grand Fa Bade Theatre Productions, in partnership with the Congregational Church of La Jolla, presents stories and music for the holiday season. Geoffrey A. Cox directs and Candace L. Carbalaj choreographs. Saturday, December 6, 7p.m. LA JOLLA 1216 Cave St

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Morning Worship
Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is a progressive and inclusive community of believer in Christ, growing in faith, love and service to God, the community, and the world. Rev. J. Lee Hill, Jr., Senior Pastor. EMERALD HILLS 1601 Kelton Road


Dulzura Community Church: Not Just for Locals
Enjoy a Sunday drive to the scenic backcountry. Join us 10 AM Sunday mornings for non-denominational worship service. Unhappy with your church - try ours! We think you’ll be glad you did. We’re open to all, not just local residents. 94 East to Dulzura, go south on Community Building Road about 2 blocks. More information at https://www.facebook.com/dulzurachurch. See you there? Ongoing until Sunday, December 27, 2015. Sundays, 10 am-11:15 am Dulzura Community Building

LA JOLLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Christmas Concert: How Great Our Joy
The annual Christmas Concert will be presented by the Chancel and Dorian Bell Choirs, accompanied by piano, strings, woodwinds, and percussion. The program features familiar carols and inspiring anthems by a variety of composers and arrangers, including Craig Courtney, Howard Helvey, and Dan Forrest. Refreshment will be served following the concert. Complimentary admission, freewill offering. Sunday, December 14, 4 -5:30 p.m. LA JOLLA 6063 La Jolla Boulevard (858) 454-7108

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH Gethsemane
Small in size, grounded in grace. Outdoor labyrinth 24/7. Creatively traditional liturgy. Good music. Spiritual depth. Prayerful. Preschool with daycare. Sunday: 8am Contemplative Communion; 9:30am Spirited traditional. www.gethsemanesd.org (858) 277-6572 SERRA MESA 2696 Melbourne Drive (858) 277-6572

ST. LUKE’S LUTHERAN CHURCH Celebrate Christmas
Services every Sunday at 9am. Special Events include: Christmas Cantata. “ONE SMALL CHILD”with combined choirs and orchestra, Sunday-December 14 - 9 am. German Carol Service-Ledungen und Lieder zu Weihnachten, Sunday-December 21st - 7 pm. Candlelight Services, Wednesday -December 24th - 6 pm & 8 pm. LA MESA 5150 Wilson Street (619) 463-6633

CHULA VISTA CHURCH OF CHRIST Celebrate Recovery
Christ centered recovery from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30 pm. CHULA VISTA 470 L Street (619) 422-7747

ST. JOHN BOSCO MISSION SSPX Catholic Traditional Latin Mass

St. John Bosco Mission SSPX. Fr. Thomas Hufford Sunday Mass: 4pm, Confessions: 3:30pm. (858) 433-0353 (call for proper attire) stjohnboscomission@hotmail.com, www.sspx.org. Instaurare Omnia in Christo. To the greater glory of God! POINT LOMA 2881 Roosevelt Road

MILES CHRISTI RELIGIOUS ORDER Men’s Evening of Recollection
Holy Rosary, a spiritual talk, Adoration and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions. Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. SORRENTO VALLEY 5677 Oberlin Drive, Ste 200 (858) 768-0872

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Worship Service Schedule Advent Worship - Wed. Dec. 3, 10. Christmas Eve Worship - 6 pm. Christmas Day Worship - 10am. New Year’s Eve Service - 7pm ALLIED GARDEN 6801 Easton Court, 619-583-1436

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO Expressive Arts-Based Adult Grief-Support Group
This bereavement support group offers opportunities to explore grief and human loss through discussion, expressive arts experiences, grief education, and the comfort and community of others. With members of the Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care Team. Pre-registration required. At-will donation. Parking validated. Ongoing until Monday, December 15, 2014. HILLCREST 4190 Front Street (619) 298-9978

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LA MESA The Music of Christmas
The Chancel Choir of the Table will perform, conducted by Joanne Skinner and accompanied by Valerie Victor, Joan Knoernschild, and the Grossmont Symphony String Quartet. Composer Joseph Martin’s cantata , Tapestry of Light, will be narrated by Sam Buchenau and Rick Harby and will feature soloists Andrea Clare, Shelby Krug, and Zachary Krug. Sunday, December 14, 10-11 a.m. LA MESA 5940 Kelton Avenue (619) 464-1519

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 9 Lessons & Christmas Caroling
Join the choirs of Grace Episcopal Church, San Marcos and St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Oceanside, to celebrate the holidays with traditional Christmas lessons and Christmas caroling. Saturday, December 13, 7-9 p.m. SAN MARCOS 1020 Rose Ranch Road (760) 744-7667

ROCK CHURCH Puppet Show
Christmas is not the most wonderful time of the year for everyone. Ms. J rediscovers the reason for the Christmas season. Saturday, December 20, 11:30 a.m. to noon POINT LOMA 2277 Rosecrans Street (619) 226-7625

MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA Candlelight Musical
The Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá’ Choir will present the 38th annual Christmas Candlelight Meditation. Music is set around scripture readings of the season, featuring the Mission Basilica Choir accompanied by Organist Howard McCullough, the Classic Brass, percussion ensembles, soloists, and readers.Saturday, December 20, 7:30 p.m. MISSION VALLEY 10818 San Diego Mission Rd (619) 283-7319

GLAM Crafter/Seller Market & Showcase GLAM Crafter/Seller Market & Showcase for Women's Empowerment. Featuring local artisans, direct sellers, and unique female inspired items (Origami Owl, Di Baskets, Bellus Beauty Academy, Pure Romance, GFash). Saturday, December 6, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. Vision Pulse Creative Event and Meeting Center, 5945 Pacific Center Boulevard #510. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Gingerbread House Competition Gingerbread houses will be on display in Omni La Costa's lobby beginning December 4 for the community to view. A panel of judges composed of Omni La Costa's culinary team, Southern California food writers and bloggers, and Omni La Costa's Managing Director Larry Magor will determine the top entries. Winners will be announced at the resort's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5. Thursday, December 4, 8am; **free**. 18 and up. Omni La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

Golden Hill Community Garden Open House Enjoy a garden tour, coffee provided by local Ladies and Gentlemen Roasters, and purchase handmade baked goods, organic plants, and seeds to grow your own garden. Sunday, December 7, 9am; **free**. Golden Hill community garden, 2450 Russ Boulevard. (GOLDEN HILL)

Holiday Bookstore at the Athenaeum From Saturday, December 6 through Saturday, December 27, anyone visiting during the Athenaeum's library hours can choose from among hundreds of modestly priced art books, novels, histories, biographies, cookbooks, poetry books, and vintage books — spiced with a miscellany of sheet music, CDs, and jazzy vinyl. The sale will be sprinkled with small paintings, handmade cards, jewelry, and other trinkets from local artisans. Come to the grand opening on December 6, from 10am to 5pm (extended hours from the

usual quarterly book sale). We hope to spread some holiday cheer, so expect some live music and a few other treats. Saturday, December 6, 10am; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday House: Join our Holiday Drive Help the local Realtor community fill a home with donations for the Ambassadors Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that benefits local women and children, military families, veterans, and seniors. This event will feature food, drinks, and live music. Free event; suggested donation \$25 or a gift. Donations accepted until event date: Wednesday, December 3, 5pm-8pm. Event held at a Realtor listing; see sdar.com/holidayhouse for updates. Register at sdarholidayhouse.eventbrite.com. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Lemon Grove Christmas Open House & Bonfire The Lemon Grove Historical Society presents its 17th Annual Christmas Open House & Tour in the historic Parsonage Museum and H. Lee House, both decorated for the holidays. Includes Santa Claus in residence at the Lee House, live music, the Elves' Gift Shop packed with treasures, the Civic Center Park full of pony rides, the giant "Light Up the Grove" bonfire, and free hot chocolate and cookies. Info: 619-460-4353. Friday, December 5, 5pm; **free**. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

Little Italy Tree Lighting & Christmas Village Annual Little Italy Tree Lighting & Christmas Village 4pm to 8pm. Jolly Ole Saint Nick will arrive at 4:30pm on Little Italy Fire Engine 3 while attendees are serenaded to the musical talents of various musical and dancing groups. The Little Italy Association will be giving out free Italian cookies, cider, and coffee; Little Italy Mercato vendors will sell holiday gifts. Saturday, December 6, 4pm; **free**. W. Fir between India and Kettner. (LITTLE ITALY)

Marche de Noel: Holiday Market and Fair This year's Marche de Noel (or holiday market and fair) showcases vendors from across San Diego County with everything from food to decorations to beauty supplies. Children will enjoy crafts tables, petting zoo, and bouncy houses. Friday, December 5, 2pm; San Diego French-American School, 6550 Soledad Mountain Road. (LA JOLLA)

OB Holiday Parade For some, it's the excitement of seeing the Point Loma Marching Band strut their way down the street or the SD Roller Derby Dolls in their eye-catching costumes. For others, it's watching the VW Beetle club and classic Woodies roll down Newport Avenue. Some prefer the motorcycles, brightly lit floats, and many bands. OB has it all, in our rendition of the Christmas March. And the big man himself, Santa Claus, will be making his appearance. Saturday, December 6, 5:05pm; **free**. Along Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

San Diego Made Holiday Market The event will include local food trucks, holiday drinks, music, open galleries, and roughly 40 local vendors showcasing an array of unique, handmade items for sale. The first 25 people to arrive each day will receive a free gift bag. There will also be a raffle held for one large-ticket item to be given out at the end of the weekend. Vendors will include local creative companies such as De Palma Leather Goods and SPEXWAX Recycled Vinyl Eyewear as well as San Diego-based fashion designers, furniture/woodworking designers, jewelry designers, handmade candles, aromatherapy, ceramics, paintings, custom framing, paper goods/cards, on-site tintype photography, and more. Info: umetinfo@gmail.com. Saturday, December 6, 11am; Sunday, December 7, 11am; **free**. Union Art Space, 2191 Main Street. (BARRIO LOGAN)

SoCal Etsy Guild Market Southern California Etsy artisans

will create a pop-up market featuring handmade and vintage items in the open-air courtyard, with items ranging from handmade jewelry to fine art to locally crafted paper goods. Saturday, December 6, 10am; **free**. The Headquarters, 789 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar Over 50 vendors from all over Southern California will be bringing handmade decor, treats, rustic signs, wreaths, candles, jewelry, scarves, holiday decor, vintage finds, and more. Free admission, free parking, raffles all day, kids' craft tables, and you can get your picture taken at our hot cocoa stand photo booth. Saturday, December 6, 10am; **free**. St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, 515 Wisconsin Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Tree Lighting & Winter Wonderland Festival During this annual community festival, the California Center for the Arts brings the North Pole to the heart of Escondido. Children will have the chance to frolic in real snow, decorate their own Christmas cookies, and create hand-made gifts. The highlight for kids is, of course, Santa Claus, but there will also be a number of holiday-themed entertainers — from carolers to stilt walkers to hula dancers. Food and drink will be available, and a number of local businesses will display their wares. At dusk, our Winter Wonderland Forest will come alive with twinkling lights. Saturday, December 6, 3pm; **free**. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Becky Stuart Memorial Race 2014 This race features a calm Harbor launch area, open ocean course, and a Harbor finish. Enjoy a day on the water, a Stuart Family Baked Potato Lunch, and awards.

Two races: Short Course (four miles) and the Long Course (eight miles). Hosted by Oceanside Outrigger. All levels welcome. Saturday, December 6, 7am; \$25-\$35. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

NCAA Men's Water Polo Championship UC San Diego will host one of the biggest water polo events of the year, the 2014 NCAA Men's Water Polo Championships. The competition takes place at the Canyonview Aquatic Center on the eastern end of the UCSD campus. Saturday, December 6, 1pm and 3pm; Sunday, December 7, 1pm and 3pm; **free**-\$20. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)


Outrigger Canoeing Open House Try the sport of six-man outrigger canoeing. Everyone is welcome at this weekly Saturday morning open house organized by the San Diego Outrigger Canoe Club. We'll show you the basics, and then we'll head out for a paddle across Mission Bay. Paddles supplied. Meet at our canoes on the beach at the Marina in Campland on the Bay. Our club also offers aloha spirit and the opportunity to participate in ocean-going races. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, March 7, **free**. 18 and up. Campland on the Bay, 2211 Pacific Beach Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Reindeer Games Proving Grounds Competitions announces

The 2014 Reindeer Games, a competition of functional fitness. 364 athletes are confirmed to compete for their share of cash and prizes. Competitors will be challenged in three events involving combinations of throwing, weightlifting, and gymnastics. Spectators are welcome. Admission is an unwrapped gift or small cash donation to Toys for Tots. Saturday, December 6, 8am; \$5. CrossFit East County, 1810 John Towers Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Tai Chi for 55+ This class is designed for adults 55+ and will teach students strategies for implementing physical exercise and relaxation techniques in addition to tai chi forms. Thursdays, 2pm; through Thursday, December 18, **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Sunday December 7, Noon
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2141 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego's North Park

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Youth Choir Youth Choir of SD Christmas Concert

The Youth Choir of San Diego will be presenting The Gift of Christmas, with Christmas carols, live band, snow, Santa Claus, and musical guest Adisa Browning. Sunday, December 21, 5-7:15 p.m. EL CAJON
1500 East Lexington Avenue (619) 440-4452

SAN DIEGUITO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Handel's Messiah

Soloists Kelley Hart, Janelle DeStefano, Kyle Malone, and Michael Blinco join Chancel Choir and Orchestra under direction of William Hatcher. Sunday, December 21, 4 p.m. ENCINITAS
170 Calle Magdalena

ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lupe Rios: Songs of Advent & Christmas



Join Lupe Rios as he presents a collection of songs to celebrate the season, with an intimate concert of traditional carols and unusual classics in both English and Spanish. Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m. OCEANSIDE
701 West Street (760) 966-2950

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM Celebrate Chanukah

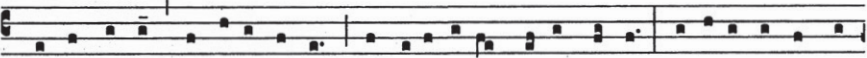
Celebrate Chanukah at Temple Beth Shalom of Chula Vista. Delicious latkes. Bring your menorahs as we light the candles together. Also, Jazz Group, Django Gypsies playing your favorite dance tunes and Jewish melodies. Children's games, a Chanukah play, and for adults, a wine tasting table. Fun starts at 4:00 p.m., admission \$10, children under 8 free. www.bethshalomtemple.com. or call Arlene (858) 344-5632 Ongoing until Sunday, December 21, 2014. Sundays, 4 pm-7:30 pm CHULA VISTA
208 Madrona Street (619) 420-6040

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO Harlem Gospel Choir



The Harlem Gospel Choir's dynamic vocals, infectious enthusiasm, and glorious harmonies will inspire audiences to tap their feet and clap their hands throughout this high-energy celebration of American gospel. Master Class available, call the ticket office for more details at (800) 988-4253. Sunday, February 15, 2015, 7:30 p.m. ESCONDIDO
340 N. Escondido Boulevard (760) 839-4138

Gregorian Chant Mass



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



**4 pm on the second Sunday
of every month**

▪ **Sunday, December 14, 4:00 pm.**

Choir and congregational singing of Gregorian Chant, sacred polyphony, and hymns.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

State and Date Streets (Little Italy), Downtown San Diego

WATER FRONT

EVENTS

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Morning Workout Paddle Every Wednesday throughout the year Aqua Adventures hosts the San Diego Kayak Club for their morning-workout paddle. This is a good way to keep your core healthy on a regular basis while getting to know some other paddlers. Wednesdays, 07:00, **free**. Aqua Adventures, 1548 Quivira Way. (MISSION BEACH)

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Tides

	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	HT.	PM	HT.	AM	HT.	PM	HT.
THU, DEC 4	2:14	-1.03'	1:38	-1.43'	7:17	6.99'	8:30	4.53'
FRI, DEC 5	2:38	1.43'	2:54	-1.20'	7:54	7.07'	9:14	4.5'
SAT, DEC 6	2:16	1.52'	3:32	-1.18'	8:29	6.99'	9:55	4.42'
SUN, DEC 7	2:52	1.82'	4:09	-1.01'	9:03	6.77'	8:36	4.30'

For daily updates to waves, water conditions, and fish reports, go to **SDReader.com/waterfront**

Parade of Lights The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is a time-honored holiday tradition brought to San Diego by the boating community. Join us this December for our annual Parade of Lights Dinner and Parade viewing. 619-234-9153 x106. Sunday, December 14, 17:00; \$25-\$50. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Tecolote 5000 Stand-Up Paddle Race The third stop on the SoCal Ocean Racing Series. All paddlers welcome, including those not participating in the SoCal Ocean Racing Series. Estimated start times: 7am: On-site registration. 8am: 6000m OC1, Kayak, K1, C1, surf ski (age 15 and over). 9:15am: 1000m Lightning (age 14 and under beginners). 9:45am: 3000m Prone Paddle Boards and SUP (age 15 and over). 11am: 1000m SUP (age 14 and under beginners). 11:30am: 100m Prone Board (all ages). Noon: Lunch, raffle, and awards. In the San Diego Canoe Kayak Team Headquarters. Info: sdckt.net or 858-273-0063. Saturday, December 13, 07:00; \$25-\$35. BSA Youth Aquatic Center, 1750 Fiesta Island Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

WON Chief Charter Join Western Outdoor News aboard the Chief with Capt. Chris Randle for a 2-1/2 day Baja Coast charter. It'll be a freezer-filled event with reds, rockcod, lingcod, and possibly yellowtail. Departs H&M Landing 8pm Friday, December 5 and returns about 6am Monday, December 8. \$450 per person includes meals and permits. Limited to 30 passengers. Info 949-366-0921 or connor@wonews.com. Friday, December 5, 20:00; \$450. H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson Street. (POINT LOMA)

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Whale & Dolphin Watching Adventure We'll pass barking sea lions and pods of leaping dolphins as we search for gray whales, known for migrating the longest distance of any mammal on Earth. A 3.5-hour tour with live narration by the captain and an on-board naturalist from the San Diego Natural History Museum. Saturdays, 09:30. \$39-\$44. Hornblower Cruises, 970 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)



PHOTO FROM IHS PHANFAR.COM/RAY VELUNGA

Terry Hendricks with one of his foil designs

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shark dorsal fin under Stan's direction. Being the gunman on the trip, I figured I'd be catching the biggest and deepest waves.

The waves were big and the offshore wind was very strong. As we paddled for waves we were blind from the spray until halfway down the face. As I was stroking into one, in the corner of my eye I saw Terry already in and driving from 20 yards deeper and definitely going Mach 90. He burned by me so fast it was inconceivable. I saw Stanley get air off the top on a bigger set wave — doing it years before the mainstream caught up. It was a memorable trip. Those guys were ripping on truly advanced boards.

I continued surfing and working in the surfboard business. I started out sweeping floors and years later ran a surfboard factory on Oahu. I'm mostly a hobbyist now, building boards that interest me in some way. A while back I was visiting my friend Mark. In his backyard he had this old spoon layup. I asked him about it and he said that Terry had laid it up in one of his molds with him. He had wanted to finish it but had some setbacks due to poor

Waves (MOONLIGHT BEACH)

Height	Direction	Interval
3.5'-2.5'	W	11-9 seconds
2'-1'	W/WNW	9-14 seconds
1.5'-0.5'	WNW/W	7-13 seconds
0.5'-1.5'	W/WNW	7-12 seconds



PHOTOGRAPH BY STEPHEN SCATOLINI

Revived Hendricks board (deck)

construction techniques. He asked if I could save it, but as I surveyed it I thought it a lost cause. But to make Mark feel better I took it home and put it in the backyard. It sat for a couple years.

Every time I saw the board I'd think it looked cool but there was a lot wrong with it. Mark had used the wrong kind of resin and it was in a very crude state. One day, after sanding some dings on my board I ran the sander over the spoon. Then I peeled off two layers of glass to get down to the layers that Terry had done. I got down to where I thought I could make something happen with the board. Then it sat for another year while I mulled it over. I had a set of glass-on keel fins made of tiger wood from an old board. Tiger wood is light with a nice grain but has a lot of oils that come out from the heat generated while glassing them. This shows up as bubbles in the glass and looks bad. So I stripped them down and

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Water Conditions

SURFACE TEMPERATURE:
LOW
65°F
HIGH
67°F
VISIBILITY
5'-15'

With rough conditions mid-week tapering to mild offshore winds and light swell energy by the weekend, the tide swing will be the main factor concerning visibility and safety. Look for slower flow for clearer conditions. With lobster season now open, boaters should keep an extra eye out for divers near the reefs and channel edges and divers always mark yourselves and area appropriately.

Visibility based on existing conditions and NOAA predicted swell and weather conditions at press time. Check up-to-date daily visibility/conditions at the San Diego County Lifeguard info line: 619-221-8824







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Moon Calendar

				
	THUR	SAT	MON	WED
DECEMBER	4	6	8	10
SUNRISE	7:03	7:05	7:07	7:09
SUNSET	16:29	16:29	16:28	16:29
LENGTH OF DAY	9H 26M	9H 24M	9H 21M	9H 20M

Bottom of the revived Hendricks board

re-glassed them to use them on the spoon. I finally came up with a plan that I believed would make the spoon work. I applied three layers of glass with epoxy resin. I glassed on the fins, hot coated, and sanded the board.

During this time, news spread that Terry had passed away (June 13, 2013). I got all these ideas of making it a tribute board with artwork depicting Terry. So Mark and I thought about that for a while and even worked out some design ideas. But in the end we said screw it. It's a surfboard, it's for surfing. I applied a soft foam layer over the deck for comfort and to add flotation and left the bottom as it was, not pretty but fully functional. I gave Mark a paint pen and he wrote "In memory of Terry Hendricks" on the bottom and we went surfing. We came home smiling.

— Stephen Scatolini

Midget Smith Memorial Pier Rat Challenge

Jeffrey "Midget" Smith passed away on Satur-

day, August 23, 2008. His legacy of promoting surfing to "groms" continues in his name.

Born in Michigan in 1952, Smith moved to San Clemente at age ten and was surfing by 1964. San Clemente High carried him through graduation in '69 and onto the pro circuit, then in its infancy. He was named San Clemente's top pro surfer of the 1970s. For over a decade he was pro surfing's head judge in North America, then the head judge for professional longboarding. For over 35 years he shaped surfboards — first with Hobie, then for his own brand. In 1978, he opened his first surf shop in San Clemente.

In 2008, adrenal cancer took his life seven months after a surf contest dubbed the Pier Rat Challenge was held to raise funds for his medical bills. Six years later, the Midget Smith Memorial Pier Rat Challenge draws top young surfers to compete at San Clemente Pier. (December 6 and 7.)

Surfing Saturday are the boys under

Rats wanted

16, boys under 18, girls under 18, all long-board divisions, all 18 and older, and open divisions.

Sunday's surfing will feature all girls under 16, girls under 14, girls under 12, Boys/girls under 10, girls under 10 push-in, boys under 14, boys under 12, boys under 9 push-in. Register at surfwsa.org.

— Daniel Powell

No money wasted on paint

I know the skipper of the garbage boat pretty well. His boat is the *Abraham Lincoln*, and each morning he goes from destroyer to destroyer collecting the ships' garbage off the port aft deck.

The garbage is all piled up there waiting for him. There are crates, cartons, orange peelings, grapefruit peelings, all things like that.

The deck hands help push the stuff over the side into the little craft. The aft is rigged

out with high side boards, and the stuff is shot down inside through a chute of canvas.

The skipper is Gus Valentino. He signs a contract with the Navy to do this sort of



Max Miller

thing. The contract is obtained by bidding, and he is always the lowest bidder, for the *Abraham Lincoln* is not elaborate. No money is ever wasted on paint, and the motor long ago abandoned any notion about speed.

Once the load is aboard, the craft has till daybreak next morning to return. Nobody in port cares once the load is aboard and safely out of the harbor.

The sea gulls on each trip are so thick around that they blind the rickety craft in a pageant of white feathers.

From I Cover the Waterfront (1932), by Max Miller, a reporter for the San Diego Sun.

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H&M Landing 505 Anglers, 22 Boats, 326 Yellowtail, 9 Lingcod, 60 Bonito, 8 Calico Bass, 30 Sand Bass, 632 Rockfish, 6 Bocaccio, 43 Sheephead, 65 Halfmoon, 24 Whitefish, 1 Halibut, 3 Cabezon, 4 Red Rock Crab, 57 California Spiny Lobster

Point Loma Sportfishing 300 Anglers, 11 Boats, 413 Yellowtail, 4 Whitefish, 26 Sheephead, 375 Rockfish, 13 Calico Bass, 44 Bonito, 8 Sand Bass, 11 Lingcod, 1 White Seabass, 5 Halibut

Seaforth Sportfishing 613 Anglers, 21 Boats, 510 Yellowtail, 520 Rockfish, 230 Yellowfin Tuna, 32 Bonito, 45 Skipjack Tuna, 27 Whitefish, 13 Calico Bass, 56 Bonito, 751 Rockfish, 14 Lingcod, 2 Sand Bass, 35 Sheephead, 8 White Seabass, 2 Halibut

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“You don’t know how proud this makes us in National City.”

At night, that long walk up from the 8th Street trolley stop to National City Boulevard can get a little spooky. Especially when you’re walking the echoey stretch under the I-5.

But then you cross the northbound on-ramp and you get up to, like, civilization. The Clarion Hotel, others. Desolate, but clean.

Then another block or two, and you’re in National City’s Old Town. McDini’s, one of the oldest bars in ’Diego (since 1890). Niederfrank’s (1948), oldest ice cream shop in the county. Bunch of old Victorian houses and brick Philadelphia-style row houses that Santa Fe built for railroad executives back in 1887. That’s when the big transcontinental railroad was gonna end here, not L.A.

Problem, charmwise, has always been the area surrounding it. But things could be changing. Because right now I’m standing in full jaw-drop. Can’t believe it. What used to be a parking lot by a dreary veggie market has been, well, transmogrified.

A big terrazza juts out over that old lot. It’s airy, glowing with varnished tables and cushioned metal chairs. Canvas sign reads, “Happy Hour 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 99 cent tacos daily.”

Permanent sign above it reads “Grill House at Big Ben.” Big Ben? Oh, yeah. I remember this place. Used to be a big stucco barn with signs. “Check Cashing.” “Groceries.” “Liquor.” “Meats.” “Produce.” “EBT Accepted Here.”

And, yes, they were known for their prices. Also their carnitas.

Then they had a fire. Middle of last year. Now, tonight, ka-bam! This totally new building: “Big Ben Specialty Market” and its awesome deck.

Of course, this is Monday night, eight, so not exactly buzzing. There’s a family filling two tables, and a counter. Except the counter says “Please order inside.”

So I hike back out onto the sidewalk and turn in to the store proper. Wow. Looks like Whole Foods. Produce, meats, wines, olive

bar. And on the right, prepared foods and a kitchen. Chafing dishes. Rotisserie chicken, ribs, crumbed fish, stews. Meats, chickens, carnitas, chicken adobo. Oh, yeah, that figures. After all, we are on the brink of Little Manila here.

I see they promise meals made from scratch, using hormone-free meats, food free of preservatives, fresh catch from local fishermen, and local produce, all served out on what the menu says is “reclaimed wood tables salvaged from the fire that engulfed the 65-year-old structure” of the old Big Ben Market that stood here.

That famous carnitas, the pork, you can get in a taco (3 for \$4.99, or 99 cents each during happy hour), in a burrito (\$6.99), by the pound (\$6.99), or as a half-pound plate including two sides for \$7.95; or, for \$11.99, a whole pound of meat plus two large sides, enough to feed up to four, the sign says, or two pounds and sides, enough for up to eight hungry eaters, for \$16.99. Not bad. That’s just over two bucks each. And they toss in 12 hot tortillas and a 16-ounce salsa with that.

And that’s before we get to the main menu overhead.

Martin, the guy standing behind the counter, isn’t getting twitchy, even though it is that time of night when the crew is starting to stack chairs, take away chafing dishes.

Man. Menu starts with Chinese and Filipino standards like kung pao chicken or chicken adobo at \$7.95 a plate, then plates of, like, BBQ ribs (\$9.95 for half rack, \$18.95 for full rack) or a rotisserie chicken plate (\$5.95 for a quarter chicken, \$6.95 for a half), \$6.99 for a bacon burger, \$7.95 for Big Ben Pulled Pork sandwich. Or Mediterranean salad for \$5.95.

But what catches my eye is they have skillet. Looks like a whole lot of veggies under



My sizzling beef steak skillet



Table planks are survivors of the big fire

a slab of chicken (\$7.95), beef (\$8.95), or fish (\$8.95).

“Can you still do one?” I ask Martin.

“Of course,” he says. “We’re open till nine.”

“Do they come sizzling?”

“Of course.”

So I ask for the beef one. Plus a soda (\$1.79) from the fountain. But what impresses me in the preparation is that Martin actually goes to the butcher’s shop on the floor and gets the guy to cut a slab of New York steak. Then to the vegetable section for some fresh veggies, onions, red and green peppers, kale, and takes them back to chop them up and cook them for my skillet dinner.

I head out to the deck and one of those shiny-varnish reclaimed tables. Ten minutes later, out comes Martin with that sucker steaming and sizzling and practically crackling. A crisscross-carved steak sits on top of a moun-



Martin with my beef skillet

tain of quick-sautéed green and red veggies.

I could have had rice with it but forgot to ask.

Only problem is with the drink. I pressed the lemonade tab and out came water. Only realized later, when I started drinking. No biggie for \$1.79. But here’s what says it all for me: Benny (no relation to Big Ben) goes straight to a cooler, hauls out a huge 23-ounce can of Jack Nicklaus Golden Bear Lemonade with ginseng and honey, and hands it to me.

No extra cost. Classy. And this meal? It is so-o fresh and flavorful. I add some soy, which makes it super-delish. I sit looking out at the street, at the Union Bank across A, and on west to the coast.

“How is it when the sun blasts in?” I ask Benny.

“Oh, no problem,” he says, and sticks his arm around the wall. Shades come down. He points up above the hanging heaters. The louvered ceiling opens and closes automatically. “Nick [Salem] the owner spent \$4 million on this,” he says.

They almost have a wine-and-beer license. Then they’ll have a real terrazza. “You don’t know how proud this makes us in National City,” says a gal who’s passing. “Before, you had to go to North Park to feel like this.” ■

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Mexican mainstays vegetized

Blvd. Independencia #1721 local C, Zona Rio, Tijuana. On the far end of the spectrum from modern grub-hubs such as Food Garden and Colectivo 9 lies Flor de la Vida — a classic Tijuana veggie kitchen, bakery, and health-food store that stocks everything from Bragg's Liquid Aminos to agave and stevia sugar substitutes to fresh stacks of *tortillas de nopal*.

In lieu of "hip," this place appeals to "healthy." Serene, New Age pan flute music plays from overhead while a couple and their baby eat in the cozy dining room.

The menu is a rotating special of soup, salad, side, main dish, drink, and dessert at 75 pesos, or about \$5.50, served from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Today's fare includes a cream of carrot soup, brown rice, *tortitas de quinoa horneadas*, a cup of unsweetened horchata, and flan to finish it off.

The main dish of oven-baked quinoa patties are hand-pressed with shredded carrot, cilantro, and topped in mild tomato sauce. Eat 'em quick, as the baked shell hardens rapidly, giving a chewy crunch to the otherwise pleasant, falafel-like discs.

Other daily meals include meatballs made of pepitas, sunflower seeds, and a cereal blend; mock shrimp burritos; veggie sushi with miso; mock orange chicken; cheese-stuffed cactus paddles topped with avocado; baked eggplant and tofu *milanesa*; and veggie chili with soy and gluten meat substitutes made by Alternativa Vegetariana, an Ensenada producer of mock carnitas, adobada,

chicharrón, and other Mexican mainstays (available at Flor de la Vida for 89 pesos/half kilo).

Located just west of the scissors monument (aka *Monumento a Las Dos Culturas*), Flor de la Vida seats about 20 and, replete with small considerations such as vegetable salt at the table and high-grade olive oil for dressing, offers a tasteful reprieve from the city's omnipresent street meats.

by Chad Deal

FEAST!

Gone full hipster in P.B.

1520 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. Are those... Edison bulbs I see hanging from the exposed rafters at Iron Pig Alehouse?

The beer and barbecue spot opened in Pacific Beach last month, with decidedly hipster trappings throughout. The wood appears suspiciously "reclaimed," and the signage proudly bears the tagline, "est. 2014," as if banking on someday being a good ol' neighborhood institution. Consulting the

beer menu, we find no Miller, no Bud, no High Life; no Fireball shots or Jaeger Bombs; just hoppy beers on draft.

Yup. Iron Pig went full hipster in P.B.

The menu even has apothecary-esque pen-and-ink caricatures of delicious little animals awaiting the barbecue!

But, maybe that's not

so bad? After all, the menu boldly proclaims the meats are cooked "low and slow" over hickory. It's more or less East Texas style 'cue, with brisket, baby backs, beef ribs, and pulled pork filling out the plates. Slaw, beans, greens, and potato salad on the side, if you want. And the dead giveaway: thick slices of toast.

Too early to say whether the 'cue is good or bad, but it does look like the kitchen has an actual smoker of some capacity, so there's hope! Color me optimistic, but if this place ends up selling



Racks of apple cider vinegar, soy milk, vegetable salt, and lentils.



Pulled pork at Iron Pig

legit barbecue, it could be quite the coup for P.B.'s food scene.

I'll check back when they've had a little time to complete the menu and sort out any kinks.

by Ian Pike

Fish taco competition (pt. 1)

2816 Historic Decatur Road #116, Liberty Station. It sounded like a great idea — attend the annual fish-taco contest put on by the San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival. Not only do a dozen or so local restaurants hand out fish tacos, but each one's paired with a selection of craft beer. It sounded like a three-hour vacation. Right until I tried to eat 12 tacos and drink as many beers. This wasn't a vacation, it was an endurance trial of gluttony.

The whole thing went down on the patio of Stone Liberty Station — a huge paean to dining, drinking, and landscaping, complete with full bar, footbridges, koi ponds, and open flames. Guests paid 45 bucks for a plastic punch card on a lanyard, entitling them to tacos and drinks. For the better part of three hours we all hustled from food station to station, feeding in constant motion, like sharks.

We also voted. Each guest received two wooden tokens to serve as votes — drop your tokens at the booth of your favorite taco makers, and their total would be tallied at the end of the night to determine a victor.

The winner, for the second year in a row, was Mission Beach's Sandbar Sports Bar & Grill, serving grilled dorado (aka mahi mahi) on a cotija-crust flour tortilla with beer-brined escabeche slaw, lime crema, spicy guacamole, tobacco onions, and fried

cilantro.

I happened to eat this one first, as it held a key position right next to the entrance. I can't know whether this proved an advantage overall, but I can say I devoured this one in its entirety and truly relished every hungry bite. Had it been my 12th taco of the night I cannot be certain I'd have attacked it with the same zeal. That said, there's no

faulting Sandbar's victory — this has twice proven an excellent taco, beautifully served on a corn husk.

Second-place winner Tower 13 out of Cardiff battered and fried its mahi in a taco, served on a tiny corn tortilla with mango salsa. This decidedly simpler taco riffed on the beloved Baja style, and though I bit into it assuming the mango would turn me off, it proved one of my favorites of the night, despite the fact I was nine tacos deep at that point and taking steps to ration.

Butterfish, monk fish, rock fish, albacore, shark, seabass, and swordfish were all on hand, and I didn't even try the shrimp ceviche offered by Oceanaire, because shrimp is a disgusting bottom feeder (and because I'm allergic).

Admittedly, there were a few tacos I ditched after a bite or two, as I realized early on I wouldn't otherwise make it to the end. One other one I did finish was the smoked albacore beauty offered by Tequila Bar, out of the Marina District Marriott. Served on a corn tortilla with habanero cream, the smokiness distinguished it from all the other tacos of the night, earning it enough votes to finish in third.

I gotta say, though, many other tacos would have been worthy winners, so I'll go ahead and name some worthy contenders.

by Ian Anderson

Fish taco competition (pt. 2)

2816 Historic Decatur Road #116, Liberty Station. A day later, I'm still reeling from the number of fish tacos I attempted to eat at the San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival's Fish Taco

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TKO Competition. Thirteen restaurants participated, some well known, some seeking to make a name for themselves. Three went home winners, with Sandbar, Tower 13 and Tequila Bar voted one, two, and three, respectively, by the esteemed judges (as detailed in part 1).

Of course, the judges were all of those of us lucky enough to attend. Everybody got a vote — two, actually — and diligently spent a beautiful evening sucking down tacos. So you have to believe the results were more accurate than the national mid-terms. At worst, some restaurants did a better job convincing their customer bases to show up.

However, Stone Brewing hosted the thing, and their fish taco didn't even place, although I believe it could have. Featuring grilled monkfish on corn tortillas with poblano bacon jam and pickled nopales (cactus), this taco exists mostly in the spirit of competition, throwing a bunch of creative ingredients into it with gusto. The monkfish grilled really well, tasting great with a steak-like consistency. The jam may've come off a little sweet, though if anything kept people from voting for it, it could be that some people are turned off by the texture of nopales. Not me — I dug it.

A few other tacos failed

POUR OVER

BY IAN ANDERSON

East Village continues to attract specialty coffee shops. On November 12, North Park's third-wave torchbearer **Coffee & Tea Collective** announced it would be opening a second location in early 2015, at 631 Ninth Ave. Technically, C&T will only occupy half the space — it will be shared with **Juice Saves**, the recently opened cold-pressed juice bar by restaurant group Consortium Holdings.

Coffee & Tea Collective began small-batch roasting in 2010, initially serving their product at art and cultural events. Co-founders Daniel Holcomb and Michael Spear had been classmates at Point Loma Nazarene.

Their interest in coffee grew post-college in part due to visits to shops in San Francisco, where roasters such as **Blue Bottle** and **Four Barrel** were busy garnering national reputations for their approach to coffee sourcing and preparation.

At that time, according to Spear, the two felt "There wasn't a conversation about specialty coffee in San Diego." So they bought a five-pound sample roaster and got to work, he jokes, "spreading the good news of the coffee gospel." In 2012 they secured a small storefront on North Park's El Cajon Boulevard, at 30th. They got a bigger roaster — a 25-pound San Franciscan — and brought in Stephen Freese to serve as head roaster.

Freese honed his roasting skills in a small town outside Topeka, Kansas. He keeps detailed notes throughout the roasting process to ensure quality and continuity, roasting in 16- to 18-pound batches — below the San Franciscan's capacity — to maintain greater control over the variances in heat applied to roast the beans precisely.

C&T serves between six and nine single-origin varieties at a time, roasting twice per week to ensure their in-stock beans never age past a week to ten days.



Coffee & Tea Collective teams with a juicer

The Boulevard shop occupies a blank white space, interrupted by occasional decorative accents, rotating artwork, and small shelves displaying coffee products for sale. There's no overhead menu, which Spear understands can be "a little offputting" to the casual coffee drinker who comes through their doors. This is by design, he says, a prompt "to make customers engage."

He hopes customers will ask questions, so their baristas can talk about the coffee, maybe convince someone to approach coffee a different way. Say, to taste a latte without sweetening it first. The tricky thing, he adds, is to do this "without seeming condescending."

They will maintain the same approach with the new East Village shop. The shared space will be conceptually split down the middle: juice to the right, coffee to the left. Separate staff, separate registers, even separate design elements.

Consortium Holdings will continue to enlist the design of Paul Basile, responsible for the distinctive look of CH restaurants, including Ironside and Polite Provisions.

Coffee & Tea Collective will stick with Shawn Benson's **SIDEYARD** projects, who set up their first shop. Spear suggests the result may be reminiscent of the Batman villain Two-Face, but figures East Village residents will benefit from the unlikely pairing. "When you start off your day there are two beverages you go straight to," he says. It may be interesting to see which has longer lines in the morning. ■

to place that I think deserve notice. La Jolla's **Puesto** showed up with its trademark crispy melted cheese to go with braised rockfish al pastor on a corn tortilla. Presentation played a role, as each taco was delicately assembled with avocado slices and pineapple habanero pico, anchored by savory chipotle hibiscus sauce. It came off a little wet, but looked and tasted fantastic, and complementary to the whole Puesto menu.

Romescio Mexiterranean Bistro, from Bonita, brought shark on a corn tortilla, topped by cabbage, bayo beans, carrot

confit, the Mexican sour cream jocoque, escabeche onions, and pork-skin chicharrones. As you might gather, there was a lot going on with this one. My first bite into this taco, a rather big chicharrone dominated, but once I got past that the shark and other fixings got into the mix — tough to define, but unquestionably tasty.

Finally, one of my votes went to Blind Burro. They presented a grilled chipotle butterfish served with habanero slaw and pumpkin seeds within a crispy corn tortilla dusted with what they referred to as tajin guajillo ash. I'm not sure what they do to the guajillo pepper to acquire ash, but it coated the shell with a smoky, savory flavor that I could only compare to a Dorito Loco taco. Okay, much better

than that.

I'd actually like to be dismissive of a crispy taco shell altogether. That's what you use to make gringo tacos, and should have no place in a SoCal taco competition. I'd also call the inclusion of pumpkin seeds as a seasonal ploy meant to impress the hordes of latte drinkers who blather on about pumpkin spice every autumn. But I did eat this taco. The crispiness worked with the soft, meaty texture of the fish, and the seeds added an unexpected and pleasant crunch, with a nuttiness that offset the taco's mild heat. This was a strange brand of taco, for sure, but it stuck with me, which says something, considering a dozen other tacos tried to do just that.

by Ian Anderson

After-hours slice

435 University Avenue, Hillcrest. Cardiff-based East Coast Pizza's Hillcrest location is up and running regular hours now, including moderately late-night service (till 2:30 a.m.) on Fridays and Saturdays. ECP closes before midnight other days, but being able to get an after-hours slice (\$2.50-\$3) on the weekend is a good thing no matter what, especially from such a convenient spot.

The middling character of East Coast's pizza is both its greatest strength and chief weakness. The crust, neither crispy cracker nor chewy bread, holds up just fine beneath the weight of minimal toppings. The sauce — not sweet and jammy, but also not zesty — is

a kind of neutral background under a thin layer of cheese.

There's nothing to hate there, but it's also hard to find anything to really love. Even the decor — an artsy mockup of a beloved neighborhood pizza joint in fabled, far-off Brooklyn somewhere—neither offends nor endears.

Friendly, enthusiastic cooks and cashiers behind the counter inject a little character into the operation. Clearly, they want to make the place a neighborhood staple. Maybe ten years from now, with a little more grime and a few war stories to color the place up. Now, it's just kind of beige.

by Ian Pike

Poke salad trumps intentions

7110 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad. For a quarter century, Pelly's Fish Market & Café has been serving fresh seafood out of a shopping center in Carlsbad. I've known about it for about three days. Figuring I had a lot to catch up on, I dropped by for lunch with a couple of friends and tried what I could. Long story short, I doubt it'll be 25 years before I go back.

I took a long look inside the glass counter and thought the halibut and Chilean sea bass looked especially good. For 12 or 13 bucks, my plan was to try one or the other in a grilled sandwich, by way of comparison to similar shops around town. Problem is, I have a number of weaknesses when it comes to seafood. One of them is poke salad.



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Take away the sunshine, waves, and rainbows, and poke might be the only reason left to visit Hawaii, and I would still do so. I've searched in vain for good poke on this side of the Pacific and have usually wound up shrugging my way through boring imitations of the raw fish, scallion, ginger and sesame oil dish.

The Pelly's poke gets it pretty right. I spotted it in that case and it changed the course of my lunch. They don't skimp on the sesame or the ginger, mixed with tender cubes of ahi just large enough to handle the strong flavor combination. A little more spice would've really won me over, but I'm still a little miffed that I live too far from Pelly's to make it a regular treat.

At about \$24 per pound, I went for six bucks' worth and supplemented my lunch with another weakness: a fish taco. Again, I wanted badly to try that halibut. However, their tacos this day were shark by default at five bucks. An extra 50 cents gets your choice of fish, but I can dig a good shark taco, and sticking to the chef's choice seemed like a good way to make up for not trying a sandwich.

As with most seafood counters, I found the fish to be better

than the taco. It wasn't that I found too much fault with the cabbage or tortilla, or that the salsa fresca lacked heat, but these minor flaws altogether didn't serve the concept of a taco so much as provide a vessel for the shark. To that end, I doused it with plenty of Cholula and the tender yet meaty flesh went down pretty nice, though it might have tasted better eaten before the poke than after.

One of my friends got the \$18 sashimi platter, and my eyes just about popped out of my head when I saw how big it was — ten pieces each of yellowtail and ahi tuna. I tried a bit of the hamachi and it tasted right, though it did make me appreciate the skill-

ful knifework of a good sushi chef. Then again, that knifework never sells so generously as an under-a-buck-per-piece of quality fish.

Last up, I did get my halibut, in a way. My other friend took a chance on a smoked halibut dip — basically a seasoned cream cheese and fish spread, which we smeared on sourdough bread and savored mightily, ruining our palates for the afternoon. There's something to this Pelly's place, and apparently has been for a long time. I'm told their crab cakes routinely sell out, which means I'll need to spend another long lunch continuing to catch up on their menu.

by Ian Anderson



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Bad publicity. Brandon “Tiny Doo” Duncan raps about gang life, but he had never been to jail until June 19.

“I just got out of the shower and was headed to work,” Duncan, 34, tells the *Reader* by phone from the George Bailey Detention Center. “Then I saw

or Snoop Dogg,” says Watkins. *No Safety* has a gun and bullets for its artwork.

Watkins says there are 453 documented Lincoln Park gang members and that police can tag you as “documented” by association with other gang members.

der of the late Junior Seau’s cousin Rusty Seau. Turner’s attorney claimed prosecutors wanted to introduce a 2003 *Reader* article into the trial that quoted Turner’s lyrics. (“Fuck police, I can’t stand ‘em/ Shoot ‘em in the back of the head and throw ‘em in the Grand Canyon”). The attorney claimed police tried but failed to tie Turner’s fictional lyrics to bad intent, and the Tiny Bamm case was dismissed.

But Deanne Arthur, another attorney representing Duncan, says Duncan’s case is different.

“In the case of Tiny Bamm, they believed he committed those crimes. Brandon’s case has to do with unsolved shootings that the DA’s offices believes are gang shootings. And while they openly admit that Brandon Duncan had no involvement or knowledge of these shootings, they claim his rap album, without citing specific lyrics, promoted the shootings and that Brandon Duncan benefitted by stature and reputation. They claim that the very act of creating the album was a crime.”

Up to now the most famous Lincoln Park Bloods member has been former local Mitchy Slick. “Yeah, we worked together,” says Duncan. “He took me under his wing and I was on his label when I started about seven years ago. I left when we had

creative differences.”

Duncan’s imprisonment has gotten him national TV coverage. Is this a publicity stunt? “I didn’t ask for this,” Duncan says in outrage. “Nobody in their right mind would submit themselves to 25-years-to-life in prison in order to achieve any kind of fame. I’ve been sitting in this godforsaken place for five months. My fiancée is seven months’ pregnant. My grandfather just died of dementia while I’m here, and I couldn’t be there to help my grandfather who raised me.”

The next hearing for Duncan is December 4 in Superior Court. District attorney spokeswoman Tanya Sierra said she could not comment on specifics of the case because it was still being prosecuted.

— Ken Leighton

A question of safety... and the address. UCSD pulled the trigger but misfired. The school went to court November 19 to file a writ of possession for the Ché Café, to evict the collective that has operated the café and venue for 34 years. But, UCSD’s administration provided the wrong address of the Ché Café on the five-day notice to vacate, and it never got served. If it had been served, today the Ché collective would be out on the street.

It is assumed that the mistake will be corrected and that

the five-day “writ of possession” will be executed any day.

In spite of a 14,000-signature petition turned in to chancellor Pradeep Khosla

“safety” of the building.

Monty Kroopkin, a spokesman for the Ché Café Collective, says the Ché is fully insured, has never been red-



The Ché faced its last gasp in November, but the collective remains resolute in getting the university back to the negotiation table.

urging him to negotiate in good faith about keeping the Ché open, and in the midst of unsubstantiated concerns about the safety of the building, it appears the university administration is proceeding with the eviction.

“This is the only sober and safe space on campus that provides for marginalized groups that don’t have a place to go elsewhere on campus,” says Josh Kenchel, who as an undergraduate student sat on the Associate Students (AS) council and now, as a UC graduate student, still supports the Ché.

A press release from the Ché Café Cooperative outlines how the new vice chancellor of student affairs, Juan Gonzalez, told the AS on November 12 that the eviction would go forward because of concern over

tagged for a safety concern, that UCSD’s facility director John Payne wrote after an April 17 inspection, “[the facility] is looking good in terms of safety,” and that there was only “one minor item [of concern]” in a space adjacent to the Ché.

Kenchel believes there is no threat to safety. “They are giving that reason because public safety is the one way they can scare people into thinking there is an imminent need. There is no evidence that there is any imminent safety threat.”

Kenchel says that at an AS meeting October 29, the council voted to resolve that the administration meet in good faith to work out any problems without executing the eviction. But after that meeting, Kenchel says

the inside track blurt

a thousand police out front of my house.”

Duncan was arrested, says his attorney Brian Watkins, because of his alleged connection to the Lincoln Park



From San Diego’s Lincoln Park neighborhood, rapper Brandon “Tiny Doo” Duncan made national news with his “confessional” record.

Bloods, and the lyrics on his *No Safety* album connected him to nine murders between late 2012 and early 2014.

“There is nothing different on his album than what you might find on a song by Tupac

but of course I know some. I went to school with those guys.”

Oceanside rapper Joseph “Tiny Bamm” Turner was arrested in 2007 due to his alleged connection to the mur-

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AS president Robby Boparai was called to a meeting with UCSD assistant vice chancellor for student life, Gary Ratcliff, who convinced Boparai to advocate for a different resolution at the next AS meeting, November 12. At that meeting the council

UC professor Charles Thorpe stated a concern that violence could erupt if UC police enforce the Ché Café eviction.

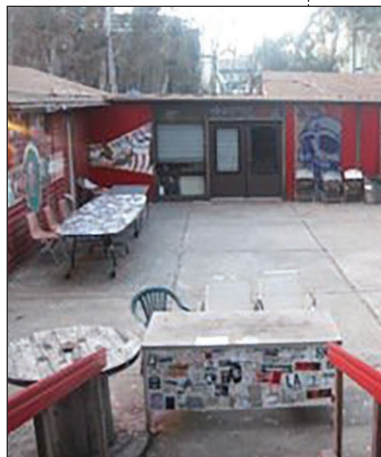
“What I’m worried about is if the administration does go forward, there are people who are devoted enough and refuse

to evacuate in an act of civil disobedience,” Kenchel tells the *Reader*. “We’ve seen administrations react with violence, including using pepper spray at UC Davis.”

A request for comment from AS president Boparai was not returned.

Kroopkin says those interested in getting involved should visit *checafe.ucsd.edu*.

— Ken Leighton



UCSD cited questions of safety for the closure, though none have been reported.

voted 17–11 to accept the new resolution, which said ongoing talks between the Ché collective and the school should continue *after* the Ché surrendered the building.

“We couldn’t get the AS council to see that this compromise was not a compromise at all, that all it was doing was giving the administration exactly what it wanted,” says Kenchel. He says that vote seemingly gave the administration the nod to execute the eviction.

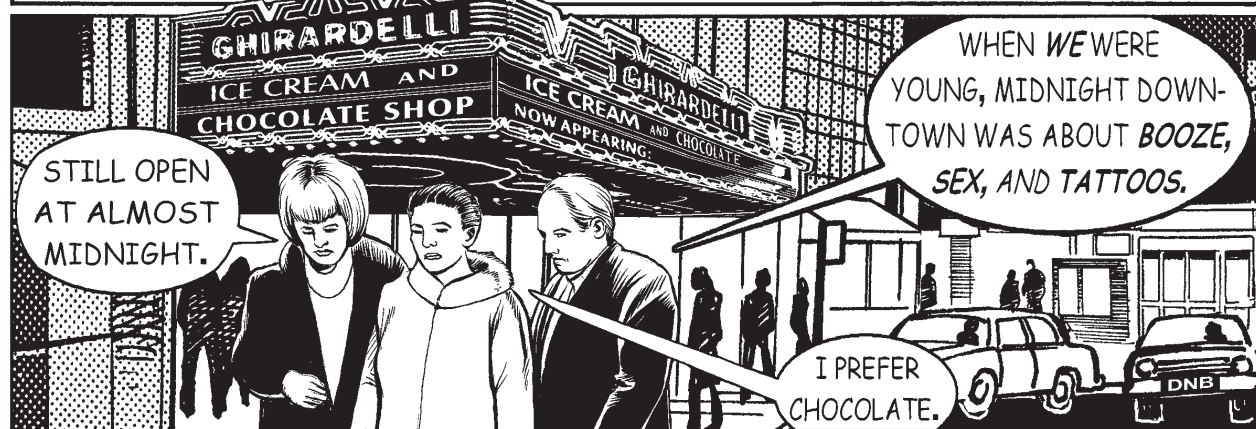
It is unclear whether sheriff’s deputies or UCSD police would execute the eviction.

MP3s, please. Over 1100 MP3 songs currently grace the 3900-plus band pages in the *Reader*’s Local Music Database, playable from the performer pages as well as on their upcoming event pages and via the website playlist at *sandiegoreader.com/songs*. We listen to every song submitted, with the following mini-reviews representing several of the most recently posted tracks.

Zack David, “Not Scared Anymore”: Originally from Minneapolis, this Encinitas folkie opens on a vaguely

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Celtic lilt with guitar and violin, as he laments, “Oh how I’ve strayed, how I’ve pushed you away.” The tempo picks up with increasingly operatic vocal flourishes, though it does take over six minutes to pull up to a quiet finale.

David Brauner, “Feed My Sheep”: Brauner, who sings in the choir and with the praise band Awakening at Westminster Presbyterian in Point Loma, has a pleasant voice for acoustic gospel that doesn’t wear out its welcome, despite the repetitive lyrics.

Gayle Skidmore, “Whisky and Cigarettes”: My favorite of the week, this cynical number shuffles in on a funky keyboard riff, bookended by deceptively upbeat doo-wop backup trills, as the recent SDMA Best Pop Album winner croons engagingly of “The strange taste of my regret, mixed with whisky and cigarettes.”

Mani Dollaz, “Motivation”: The bespectacled rapper is (consciously or not) building on the market for urban nerdiness pioneered by the Beastie Boys, with anti-bling confessions/aggressions like “I don’t

not particularly memorable, number.

Sight Unscene, “Manic”: From their fourth studio album, *The Noise We Don’t Hear*, released in August, “Manic” lives up to its name,



SDMA winner Gayle Skidmore’s track “Whisky and Cigarettes” is a recent standout in the *Reader*’s growing music database.

have a car, but I’m still shining like a superstar.”

3 By Design, “Under the Surface”: Bluesy singer/guitarist Jon Goodhue (Thrillrazr) dresses up this melodic hard rocker with lots of layered harmonies, for a catchy, if

from the frenetic intro through its screaming march toward the final four-minute mark.

Jesse Daniel Edwards, “Walking in the Rain”: A Carlsbad native, the mandolinist/guitarist from the Smart

Brothers supersedes this jumpy cut with surprisingly psychedelic flair that evokes the best of World Party and Tears for Fears, before it goes all Robert Fripp about two minutes in.

Other new MP3s on the website include “Zombie Apocalypse,” by Zappa-esque studio outfit Max Maharaja; “Imagine,” by Kid Circle Empire vet Markos Tegui; “All the Creatures,” by Marcelo Radulovich’s experimental noise band Nice World; and the hysterical sendup “Shut Up, Ted Nugent Is Talking,” by madcap married punk-comedy duo Pony Death Ride.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 4

San Diego's Acoustic Alliance will celebrate ten years of plucking your heart strings at Brick by Brick Thursday night. The list of locals showing off their coffee-shop chops is prodigious, so I'll just mention the pretty ones, 'cuz that's how I roll: **Steph Johnson!** **Nena Anderson**, y'all! **Lindsay White!** **Suzanne Harper!** **Josh Damigo!** (Just bustin' your nuggage, Josh. Though, truth be told, you are a looker).... Else: Soda Bar sets up Santa Cruz altronica dudes **Wild Wild** (ex-Benjamin Dunn and the Animal Orchestra) with the vowel-challenged joy-pop gypsies **Fmlybnd** for a night of indie-kid dance jams...blues-rock slinger **Johnny Stachela** and his combo will rock-roll your soul at Seven Grand...while South L.A. rapper **Nipsey Hussle** has the mic at UCSD's hip-hop headquarters, Porter's Pub.

Friday 5

Eddie Spaghetti and **Supersuckers** released another fatty slab of raunch rock with this year's *Get the Hell*. We've got the title track off that stream-



SUPERSUCKERS AT THE CASBAH

ing on this week's Crawler pod for your approval. The self-anointed "greatest rock and roll band in the world" will headline sets at Casbah after L.A. punk-rawk revivalists the **Streetwalkin' Cheetahs** and our own country punks the **Screamin' Yeehaws**.... Hillcrest hideaway the Merrow will see if they can break San Diego's own music-making Energizer Bunny, **Al Howard**, as they book all of Al's current bands — **Black Sands**, **Midnight Pine**, **Heavy Guilt**, and **Rebecca Jade & the Cold Fact**. With **Birdy Bardot** (New Kinetics, Rosalyns), the gang's all in. Good luck, Al!... Best of the rest finds space-y pop-rock combo **Burning of Rome** taking the stage at Soda Bar after **Gods of Science** and **Shady Francos**...while punka-



billy band **Hard Fall Hearts** headline sets by barroom rockers **Showcash**, Esco punks **Taken by Tomorrow**, and pop-punk supplements **Riboflavin** at Bay Park bar Brick by Brick.

Saturday 6

From the borough of Queens in the city of New York, Asian-American hip-hop comic **Awkwafina** (known to the IRS as Nora Lum) raps raucous at the Loft at UCSD. 'Fina is touring in support of her meaty, beaty, and absolutely filthy *Yellow Ranger* record, which spawned the viral hits "My Vag," "NYC Bitch\$," and "Giant Margaritas." The latter was inspired by New York City's ban on large sodas — "Mayor Bloomberg help me understand/ are giant margaritas also gonna get banned?"... There will be a **Vinyl Junkies**

record swap at Casbah from 11a till 5p, with a room full of crate diggers and drink swiggers, bopping their noggins to DJ sets by the likes of Teenage Burrito Brain Carver, the Dragons' Mario Escovedo, and Manual Scanner Bart Mendoza. After the swap folds up shop, Portland's hokey chamber-pop folkies **Horse Feathers**, out to tout this year's *So It Is with Us*, take the stage at the Middletown mainstay. I couldn't push play fast enough to hear digital track "Violently Wild." It isn't. Though *Pitchfork* called the cut "a joyful noise: Horse Feathers perform the song like they've just discovered a new superpower." Hm. Anywhey, Portland-based piano songstress **Sara-Jackson Holman** will open the show.... If you're looking for something more upbeat: Blake Miller and his L.A.-based dance-punk band **Moving Units** will stack 'em at Brick by Brick after like-minded locals **All Leather**, **Qui**, and **Secret Fun Club**... "Billy Bones" Fortuna of hardcore group the Skulls brings his new **Billybones** thing, *The Complexity of Stupidity* ("1970s-style tuneful and punchy punk rock with a modern facelift, to keep it from sounding too dated or retro") to the Tower Bar with **Dead on the Wire** and **Kids in Heat**...while Soda Bar



HORSE FEATHERS AT THE CASBAH

fills a doom-metal bill with Little Rock act **Pallbearer**, Icelandic band **Sólstafir**, and Brooklyn's she-shredders **Mortals**.

Sunday 7

Weed-centric metal heads **Cannabis Corpse** light up Soda Bar Sunday night. An obvious spoof on the band name of metal brethren Cannibal Corpse, Cannabis Corpse features members of Municipal Waste, GWAR, and Antietam 1862, playing original music with a bongload of satirical lyrics. One need look no further than the title of this year's LP, *From Wisdom to Baked*, to know what one is in for. **Mammoth Grinder** and **Witchaven** open the show.... Other Sunday mentionables: still rolling over the ten-year anniversary of their pop-punk big seller, *So Long*, Astoria, Indiana band the **Ataris** jack in at Casbah after **Teenage Kicks** and **Floodlove**...touring in support of her debut record, *Life Is a Dog* ("spaced-out rap beats and chiming indie rock...a chocolate-in-my-peanut-butter situation that should please rap-loving indie rockers, or the other way around"),

Bay Area hip-hopper **K. Flay** will be rocking a freebie up in the Voodoo Room at House of Blues — in case you need a break from the heaviness that is **Tristan Prettyman** down on the club's mainstage.... and s'more Bay Area booya, as **Grouch & Eligh** are touring their annual *How the Grouch Stole Christmas* rap-spectacular and will drop down the chimney at Porter's Pub Sunday night.

Monday 8

The controversial Mexican rap-metal band **Molotov** goes off at Porter's Pub on Monday. The multiple Latin Grammy-winning band is touring in support of their seventh studio record (and first in seven years), *Agua Maldita*. (Damned water?) I can't stop listening to lead-off track "Oleré y oleré y oleré el UHU." I have no idea what they're talking about, but the yawps and grunts give my inner primate pause. You can check it out on the podcast if you're curious.... Otherwise: post-punk Canada band **Underpass** and "cholo-goth" duo **Prayers** split a bill at the Hideout...while right



MOLOTOV AT PORTER'S PUB

up the road from that show, from "Hollywouldn't, California, dustbowl-soul" duo **Smoke Season** wafts into the Soda Bar with **Yoya** and **Citrus**.

Tuesday 9

Dave Good's notable show this week is the Latin-pop singer with bossa nova in her genes, **Bebel Gilberto**, who takes the stage at Belly Up. Flip or click to this week's Of Note for Dave's always-informative breakdown of what will go down at that one.... Meanwhile, wrapping up their "Combining the Desert Southwest" tour, power-trio **Plane Without a Pilot** land at the Merrow in Hillcrest with '60s-style pop-rock act the **Lower 48**.

Wednesday 10



BLACK COBRA AT BRICK BY BRICK

Shout! Shout! Tears for Fears has sold out! Yup, that Belly Up bill is filled (*booooo*), but for you unfortunates, **Creepers** are playing the Hideout (yayyyy). Creepers features Dan Tracy and Shiv Mehra, two-fifths of wicked-pissah post-metal gazers Deafheaven, and they're touring in support of their debut *Lush* ("a swirling mix of shoegaze,

grunge, psychedelia, and prog rock that is as ethereal as it is hookladen"), out now via Deafheaven frontman George Clarke's All Black Recording Company. Like-minded Canada band **Shmu** will set it up.... And also: San Francisco's doom duo **Black Cobra** slithers into Brick by Brick with heavy Miniapple act **Wolvhammer** for your RDA of black metal.

— Barnaby Monk

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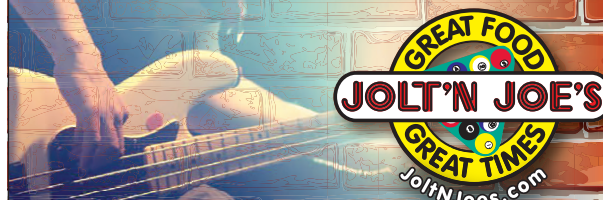
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BY DAVE GOOD

Bebel Gilberto was born in New York in 1966, two years after a jazz record titled *Getz/Gilberto* made a style of music called bossa nova wildly popular in America. At the Grammy Awards in 1965, the album took awards for Album of the Year, Best Jazz Instrumental, and Record of the Year for “Girl from Ipanema.” I’m listening to *Getz/Gilberto* as I write this, enthralled by the simplicity of Stan Getz’s tenor sax, the easygoing yet percussive guitar of João Gilberto, the muted piano of Antonio Carlos Jobim, and Astrud Gilberto’s icy-hotness. A sexy, lithe German, Astrud would become the face (and one of the most intoxicating voices) of bossa nova. But one also wonders how much of *Getz/*

Gilberto served to document the drama that was going on behind the scenes.

By then, Astrud and the wildly eccentric João had split; she and Stan Getz were now the First Couple of Modern Jazz. Soon after, João Gilberto, considered by many to be the actual creator of bossa nova, married a singer named Heloísa Maria Buarque de Hollanda (her stage name is Miucha), and together they begat Isabel, nicknamed “Bebel.” And that pedigree resides in every note that Bebel sings.

Astrud Gilberto is a hard act to follow. She had that little accent, and she was slightly off-pitch and off the beat; she’d never sung before marrying João. But Bebel was onstage at Carnegie Hall when she was nine. The benefit of growing up in a musical family has lent her a singing style that is playful, aloof, at times barely above a whisper. Her take on “So Nice (Summer Samba),” a song that has possibly been covered 7000 times, is stand-



BEBEL GILBERTO

alone and effortless. Album sales reaching 2.5 million and 113,926 Facebook likes say two things: that Bebel owes nothing to her famous progenitors, and that bossa nova is not dead.

BEBEL GILBERTO: Belly Up, Tuesday, December 9, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$36-\$63

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Sunday, 8pm — The Ataris, Floodlove, Teenage Kicks.
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1/1 Anuhea	1/25 Los Lobos	2/19 Taj Mahal Trio
1/2 Pato Banton	1/27 The Wailers	2/22 Zap Mama & Antibalas
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1/10 Wayward Sons	1/31 Wale @ North Park Theatre	3/10 Joshua Radin
1/11 The Jayhawks	2/3 Lettuce	3/12 Martin Sexton
1/13 The Wood Brothers	2/5 Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	3/13 Twin Shadow
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Monday, 7:30pm — Augustana and Scars on 45. \$20-\$60.
Tuesday, 7pm — Songwriters' Holiday Mixer & Showcase. **Free.**
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Lindsey Stirling and Mat Kearney.
Wednesday, 8pm — RDGLDGRN, Kaneholler, the Young Wild.

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Friday, 5pm — Y3K. **Free.**

Java Joe's:
Thursday, 8pm — Gregory Page.
Saturday, 8pm — Peggy Watson and David Beldock.
Wednesday, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band. \$5.

Jumping Turtle:
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Junipero Serra Museum:
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Thursday, 8pm — Dennis McNeil: Jingle All the Way. \$20.
Tuesday, 8pm — Sacha Boutros & Jonathan Karrant. \$25-\$35.

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EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Cheek to Cheek
Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga
By Andrew Perez

In a smoky, darkened nightclub, the stage is bare save for two figures singing in the gloom. A woman sits playfully at a piano as her partner sips a scotch on the rocks and smiles at his muse. A single spotlight illuminates the two as they steal each other's hearts.

This is the image that Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett's new album of jazz standards evokes. It may seem like an odd pairing, having smooth-voiced Bennett and shock-popper Gaga duetting on an album, but once the horns kick in on the opening

track, Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," all doubts are washed away, as Gaga's surprisingly sultry voice weaves its hypnotic spell.

Bennett remains as lovable as ever, merrily swinging his way through each tune, giving Gaga plenty of room to play. She shows the impressive range of her voice on tracks such as "Cheek to Cheek" and "Firefly," harkening back to the days of Ella Fitzgerald, when a vocalist's pipes, not their looks, garnered chart hits.

Gaga and Bennett work well off of each other, turning in one of the finest, if not most reverent, performances of Nat King Cole's "Nature Boy" ever recorded. On the hilarious "Goody Goody," the two trade barbs and quips over a story of heartbreak and deceit. This odd couple is anything but odd, showing that opposites do indeed attract.

Back in that dingy nightclub, the show is long over. Only the piano remains on the hardwood stage, alone and inviting, waiting to be played again. Here's to hoping that the duo returns to the stage, ready to meter out another encore of sweet melodies.



These opposites do indeed attract.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Kasabian rattles the rafters at House of Blues
By Kendra Finn

(1) Kasabian likes their drums really loud. (2) Kasabian likes their bass even louder. That being said, people really got into Kasabian's set as they moved to the hard beats that this British six-piece can lay down.

At this, the last show of their North American tour, Kasabian seemed to walk out onstage a little bit tired and ready to go home. But the response from the crowd was overwhelming, and soon the band was warmed up, creating a fervor that made

for a show that was both entertaining and memorable.

With bass lines shaking down leftover bits

of last New Years' confetti from the rafters above the floor, the band seemed to really enjoy playing in San Diego (lead singer Tom Meighan intoned our town's name at least a dozen times). Meighan also revealed that he doesn't take himself as seriously as his stage persona suggests, often joking and gaffing with songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Sergio Pizzorno.

The crowd was full of happy attendees who bounced and sang along to every song, showing their approval by hurling cups of beer toward the stage showering everyone in eau de lager.

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Seats: General admission



Booming Brits shook down bits of last New Years' confetti!

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Saturday, noon — Robin Henkel. **Free.**

New Children's Museum:
Friday, 10:30am — First 5 First Friday: Nightingale Music. \$10.

Nicky Rottens Bar & Burger Joint:
Friday, 8pm — West of 5. **Free.**

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Wednesday, 8pm — Dub Dynamite.

Pacific Beach Shore Club:
Wednesday, 9pm — DJ Mike Czech.

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:
Tuesday, 8pm — Walter's Chicken Jam.

Porter's Pub at UCSD:
Friday, 8pm — Tony Ferrari.
Saturday, 8pm — Equipto, I.L.A.M, Dirtbag Dan. \$12.
Sunday, 8pm — How The Grouch Stole Christmas. \$20.
Monday, 8pm — Molotov.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts:
Saturday, 8pm — David Benoit: Charlie Brown Christmas. \$14-\$49.

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada:
Sunday, 6pm — Weekly Jazz Jam.

Wednesday, 6:30pm — Weekly Blues Jam.

Qualcomm Stadium:
Sunday, 10:30am — Tribal Theory.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:
Saturday, 12:30pm — Stand Tall by BodyBoca.
Sunday, 8pm — Open Salsa Dance with DJ.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Friday, 8pm — Burning Rain.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Ace Frehley and Taz Taylor Band.

Rimac Arena:
Friday, 7:30pm — Phillip Phillips. \$20-\$45.

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Friday, 8pm — Rip Carson.
Saturday, 8pm — Baja Bugs.

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Sunday, 3:30pm — Science & Music: Kudo and Davis. \$45.

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Sunday, 5pm — Salvation Army Christmas Music. **Free.**

San Diego Botanic Garden:
Saturday, 6pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. \$8-\$14.

San Diego Civic Theatre:
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Celtic Woman: Home For Christmas.

San Diego Elks Lodge #168:
Saturday, 6pm — Brown Sugar Band. \$20.

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Sunday, 5pm — Carol Williams.

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Saturday, 5pm, Sunday, 5pm — Home Is Where the Heart Is.

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Saturday, 8pm — Hott Mess and DJ Miss Dust.

Sweetwater High School:
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Friday, 8pm — Yesterday: Beatles Tribute. \$20-\$30.

The Headquarters:
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Winstons Beach Club:
Sunday, 10pm — Jose Sinatra hosts O.B.-o-ke. \$1.

Women's Museum of California:
Wednesday, 6pm — Music & Drumming: Pathway of Healing. **Free.**

Wonderland Pub:
Saturday, 8pm — The Drinking Cowboy Band. **Free.**

Zel's Del Mar:
Saturday, 8pm — Robin Henkel. **Free.**

CLASSICAL MUSIC

A Joyful Holiday Music Celebration San Diego Festival Chorus and Orchestra will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Robert Shaw's "Many Moods of Christmas." *Sunday, December 7, 3pm; \$5-\$17.* College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Avenue.

Bach Christmas Oratorio The 160-voice Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale, solo-

ists, organ and orchestra, under the direction of Stanley M. Wicks, will perform J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio. *Sunday, December 7, 7pm; free.* First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South.

The Center Chorale: A Choral Yuletide Songs of the holiday season, both classic and contemporary, will be sung by the Center Chorale and Center Children's Chorus. The concert in the Center Theater will feature favorite tunes with adults and children singing together, a beautiful beginning to this happy time of the year. *Saturday, December 6, 7:30pm; \$17-\$20.* California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard.

Classical Melodies in Balboa Park All rehearsals for the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory students' 69th season are open to the public. The young musicians, ranging in age from 8 to 25 years, are led by talented and passionate conductors in rooms 205 and 207. During weekend rehearsals, all 10 ensembles strive to perfect a range of celebrated classical pieces from Beethoven's *First Symphony*, Sousa's *Semper Fidelis*, Handel's *Messiah*, and Debussy's *Petite Suite*, among many others. *Saturdays, 8:30am; Sundays, 1pm; through Sunday, May 31, free.* Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado.

David Benoit: Charlie Brown Christmas Classic Vince Guaraldi Christmas tunes performed by contemporary jazz

pianist David Benoit. *Saturday, December 6, 8pm; \$14-\$49.* Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road.

Edvin Marton & his 7 Million Dollar Violin Edvin Marton and his 1699 Stradivarius (valued at \$7 million) will perform a fusion of classical music and contemporary rhythms. Accompanied by his all-girl pop rock band, Marton will play the greatest hits from his albums. *Sunday, December 7, 6:30pm; \$45-\$75.* Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street.

Jacobs Masterworks Series Performers include conductor Jahja Ling, Philippe Quint, violin, and the San Diego Master Chorale. The program features Rimsky-Korsakov: *May Night Overture*; Khachaturian: *Violin Concerto*; and Haydn: *Mass in C Major*, *Paukenmesse*. *Friday, December 5, 8pm; Saturday, December 6, 8pm; Sunday, December 7, 8pm; Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street.*

La Jolla Symphony & Chorus' Messiah Choral Director David Chase leads the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus, guest soloists, and audience members in the annual sing-along of the Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*. Music scores available for rent or purchase onsite. *Sunday, December 7, 4pm; \$8-\$15.* St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel Street.

Les Miserables in Concert The San Diego State University School of Theatre, Television,

and Film presents "an epic-scale concert version of the classic tale." The performance features a 50-piece orchestra, 90-voice choir, and a cast of 30, including Broadway veteran Ivan Rutherford as Jean Valjean. Paula Kalustian directs, Robert Meffe conducts. *Thursday, December 4, 7:30pm; Friday, December 5, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 6, 7:30pm; Sunday, December 7, 2pm; Don Powell Theatre at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive.*

Michael Mizrahi Pianist Michael Mizrahi performs works by Beethoven as well as several newly composed works from the 21st century. *Friday, December 5, 8pm; free.* Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive.

Science & Music: Kudo and Davis The series combines jazz and classical music concerts with intriguing science talks. Each concert features performances by established and emerging classical and jazz musicians, along with talks about the latest discoveries by the Institute's scientists. This edition of the series features Rachel Kudo and Karen Joy Davis, with Professor Albright of the Vision Center Lab. *Sunday, December 7, 3:30pm; \$45.* Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 10010 North Torrey Pines Road.

Viva Vivaldi Baroque Fest Camarada's Viva Vivaldi weaves together a selection of Antonio Vivaldi Concertos, music of two of J.S. Bach's sons and Chaconne for viola by Tomaso Antonio Vitali. Vivaldi's *La Notte* (The Nightmare) takes the listener



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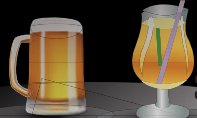
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Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
December 12 — Nemesis.
December 19 — Outta Line.

Moonshine Flats: 344 Seventh Ave., East Village, 619-501-4600.
December 12, December 19 — KSON Line Dancing Contest.

North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
December 31 — Mother Hips.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad: 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072.
December 12 — Ass Pocket Whiskey Fellas.

The Office: 3936 30th St., North Park, 619-450-6632.
December 11 — No Limits with DJ Myson King.
December 14 — Uptown Top Ranking.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-6699.
December 31 — New Year's Eve Extravaganza.

Pacific Beach Shore Club: 4343 Ocean Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-272-7873.
December 17 — DJ Mike Czech.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-582-6699.
December 12 — Teaser.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
December 19 — Brian Setzer Orchestra: Christmas Rocks.
January 9, January 10 — Fab Four.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-213-3890.
December 12 — J. Stalin and Philthy Rich.
December 13 — Nick Thomas, Geneva Pina, Waking in Sonata.
December 14 — Yung Lean & Gravity Boys.

PowPAC: 13250 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-679-8085.
December 19, December 20 — Front Porch Music Preservation Society.

Powerhouse Community Center: 1658 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1666.
December 13 — Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley.

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-0800.
December 14 — Weekly Jazz Jam.
December 17 — Weekly Blues Jam.
December 19 — Robin Henkel and Whitney Shay.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.
December 14 — Tribal Theory.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
December 12 — Josh Garrels.
December 13 — Maragold featuring Greg Howe.
December 20 — Gary Hoey's Rockin' Holiday Show.
January 10 — Pink Floyd.

Rancho Bernardo Inn: 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500.
December 13 — Joe Cardillo.

The Rook Bar: 7745 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-469-1840.
December 12, December 19 — Charlie Arbelaez Jazz Jam.
December 20 — Underworld: Industrial, Elektro, Darkwave.

The Salty Frog: 992 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1120.
December 11, December 18, December 25, January 1, January 8 — Thursday Night Karaoke.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.
December 31 — Straight No Chaser.

San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter: 660 K St., Downtown San Diego, 619-696-0234.
December 31 — Bottoms Up NYE 2015 Extravaganza.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.
December 21 — Handel's Messiah.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: 8364 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-1797.
December 12 — Fridays with Frank & Friends.
December 13 — The Shirthouse Band.

Sand Crab Tavern: 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722.
December 14 — Robin Henkel.

Seaport Village: 849 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-4014.
December 20 — Steven Ybarra.

Seaside Center for Spiritual Living: 1613 Lake Dr., Encinitas, 760-753-5786.
December 13 — Molly's Revenge.

Seven Grand: 3054 University Ave., North Park, 619-269-3819.
December 12 — Rob Bondurant album release.
December 22 — Makossa Mondays.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
December 11 — Jessica Hernandez & the Deltas.
December 12 — Icarus Line, Zig Zags, Zodiac Death Valley.
December 13 — Fenix TX, Reason 2 Rebel, Future Crooks.
December 14 — La Escalera Records Xmas Party.
December 15 — Scuffs, Causers, Ash Williams.

Somewhere Loud Event Center: 3489 Noell St., Midway District.
December 18 — Brillz, Snails, Convulsic.
December 31 — NYE 2015.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-702-8138.
December 14, December 21, December 28 — Carol Williams.

St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church: 743 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-459-3421.
January 11 — Tapestry: Song of Songs.

Star Theatre: 402 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, 760-721-9983.
December 20 — HoliDAZE Concert.

Sweetwater High School: 2900 Highland Ave., National City.
December 20 — Peter Asher.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.
December 13 — Sheila E.

Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey St., Pacific Beach, 858-794-9044.
December 26 — Dornob, Afrojazziaes, Jazmahalis.

The Tavern: 1310 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-0611.
December 18 — Velvet Cafe featuring Stacy Antonel.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-516-4746.
December 11 — Too Short and Blowfly.
December 19 — The Loons and the Schitzophonics.

Tin Roof: 401 G St., Downtown San Diego.
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December 15, December 22 — The Kracker Jax Industry Night.
December 31 — Random Radio.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
December 12 — Shake Before Us, Lumps, Kids in Heat.

True North Tavern: 3815 30th St., North Park, 619-291-3815.
December 11 — DJ Demon.

Typhoon Saloon: 1165 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-373-3474.

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United Church of Christ of La Mesa: 5940 Kelton Ave., La Mesa, 619-464-1519.
December 14 — The Music of Christmas.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
December 12 — 91X Wrex The Halls.

Vision Center for Spiritual Living: 6154 Mission Gorge Rd., Grantville, 619-303-6609.
December 18 — Berkley Hart's Christmas Monkey.

Westfield University Towne Centre: 4425 La Jolla Village Dr., La Jolla, 858-546-8858.
December 26 — Steven Ybarra.

Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyard: 35960 Rancho California Rd., Temecula, 951-699-9463.
December 20 — Billy Watson and Robin Henkel.

The Wine Pub: 2907 Shelter Island Drive #108, Point Loma, 619-758-9325.
December 13 — Stacy Antonel Duo.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-230-2657.
December 13, December 18 — Robin Henkel.

Winstons Beach Club: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
January 9 — GrooveSession and Sister Speak.

Zel's Del Mar: 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076.
December 20 — Robin Henkel.

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ALPINE

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

BALBOA PARK

The Prado Restaurant: *Tuesday-Thursday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3 Coronas; \$5 wells, lounge wine, Prado mule, house/strawberry margaritas; \$4-\$5 select appetizers. Lounge only. Friday-Saturday, 8-11pm: \$3 Coronas; \$5 wells, lounge wine, Prado mule, house/strawberry margaritas; \$4-\$5 select appetizers. ells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, selected appetizers. Lounge only.*

BANKERS HILL

Bertrand at Mister A's: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 2:30-6pm: Drink specials.*

The Tin Can: *Wednesday, 4pm-midnight: \$2 whiskey shots, \$1 off beer. \$5 burgers.*

BAY PARK

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

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BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

The hoppiest comeback ever

They say it's what's inside that counts and that's true of any business, including **Bolt Brewery** (8179 Center Street, La Mesa). After all, it's inside that soon-to-open operation's Quonset hut brewhouse where the beer is made, and that's what will ultimately be Bolt's calling card. But, it's what's on the outside that sets this brewing company apart. Unlike most San Diego beer-makers, Bolt boasts a wealth of outdoor space.

I had a chance to tour the space recently and, though the garden has yet to be completed,

it already makes for a cool place to kick back with a beer and comes across as a frontrunner to become one of the best spots to enjoy a brew in San Diego County. That's pretty impressive, considering this is the first brewery built within the La Mesa city limits. Ownership has gone all-in, converting a former junkyard into something special and grand enough that its closest comparable contemporary is outdoor beer-garden archetype, **Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens** (2816 Historic Decatur Road, #116, Liberty Station).

Bolt's outdoor area features industrial components and snaking concrete sidewalks leading from the brewhouse (which will remain open during business hours so visitors can watch brewing in action) to a soon-to-be-grassy patch that will feature a long communal table with a tasting bar installed in a converted shipping container. The bar includes 20 taps (including four nitro nozzles) and serves as a buffer between the lower garden area, which will be family-friendly, and the upper half, which will be adults-only.

The driving force behind Bolt is brewmaster Clint Stromberg, a cofounder of the original Bolt Brewery, which opened back in 1987 (two

years ahead of the oldest continuously operating brewery in San Diego, **Karl Strauss Brewing Company**). Back then, the business was based



Brewmaster Clint Stromberg mans the brewhouse at La Mesa's Bolt Brewery

in Fallbrook. It also operated out of a Quonset hut. That's why that same type of structure is part of the new property. It was important to Stromberg to bring along a feel of the original operation to his new digs.

If all went as planned, Bolt was scheduled to begin its soft-open period the Friday after Thanksgiving. A detest of beers were planned to be on tap, including a 75 IBU IPA brewed with Cascade, Chinook, and Columbus hops; as well as a pilsner (Stromberg's specialty) that may be the best being produced in San Diego County. The inaugural slate of beers will also include a Citra-based pale ale, brown and red ales, light wheat, and chocolate stout. The best place to find out whether Bolt is open is the company's Facebook page. The brewery is also in the midst of a Kickstarter campaign soliciting funds to help finish the garden area as

quickly as possible and complete what they're calling "the hoppiest comeback ever." ■

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

Chart House: *Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$4-7 drinks. \$4-7 appetizers.*

CARLSBAD

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Club-house: *Tuesday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$5 beer and wine, selected cocktail discounts. Discounted appetizers.*

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.*

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and wells. Wednesday, 10am-close: \$2.75 domestic drafts and wells.*

CARMEL VALLEY

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

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

CHULA VISTA

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: *Monday-Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$2 all beer.*

CITY HEIGHTS

The Hideout: *Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, \$3-\$5 drafts*

Nate's Garden Grill: *Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off cocktails and wine.*

CLAIREMONT

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

Fat Tony's Pizza: *Monday-Thursday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic beer. \$3-5 food specials.*

COLLEGE AREA

Bangkok Poco: *Daily, All day: \$2 for 12 oz beer, \$8.50 pitcher, \$18 4-liter draft beer tower.*

CORONADO

Costa Azul: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: Drink specials. Food specials. Sunday, All day: Drink specials. Food specials.*

Yummy Sushi: *Monday-Friday, 2:30-5pm: \$3 select draft beers, wine, small sake. All food menu items 25% off.*

DEL MAR

Brigantine: *Daily, 4-6pm: \$11 off wells, select wine and beer. \$1 off select appetizers.*

Zel's Del Mar: *Daily, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$2 off premium drinks, \$2 off all wines by the glass, \$4 wells. \$5 ceviche.*

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207 Nightclub: *Monday-Friday, 3pm-7pm: \$5 beers, \$7 well drinks, \$7 house wine, \$8 Belvedere martinis, \$8 specialty cocktails. 30%-off all food menu items.*

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La Gran Tapa: *Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cask wines & sangrias. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.*

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Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: *Monday-Thursday, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: \$4 domestic drafts, \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.75 well drinks \$5 call drinks, \$3.75 tall boys. Friday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$4 domestic drafts, \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.75 well drinks \$5 call drinks, \$3.75 tall boys. Sunday, 10am-8pm: 11pm-close: \$4 domestic drafts, \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.75 well drinks \$5 call drinks, \$3.75 tall boys.*

Sevilla: *Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-7pm: Half-price drinks and appetizers.*

The Shout House: *Monday, Doors at 7pm, Pianos at 8pm, NO COVER, \$4 Shock Top Drafts, \$4 Jameson, \$4 Fireball Tuesday, Doors at 7pm, Pianos at 8pm, NO COVER, \$3 Karl Strauss Bottled Beer, \$5 Smirnoff Drinks, \$3 Fish Tacos Wednesday, Doors at 7pm, Pianos at 8pm, NO COVER, \$3 Domestic Bottled Beer,*

\$5 Wings Thursday, Doors at 7pm, Pianos at 8pm, No Cover all night with current College or Military ID, \$3 Miller Lite Drafts, \$5 Red Bull Bomb Shots, \$12 Miller High Life Bucket (5 beers/ bucket) Doors at 5pm, Pianos at 6:30pm, NO Cover Before 7, \$10 Cover After 7 Friday, Doors at 5pm, Pianos at 6:30pm, NO Cover Before 7, \$10 Cover After 7 HAPPY HOUR 5-7pm, 1/2 OFF ALL APPS, 1/2 OFF ALL DRINKS Saturday, Doors at 6pm, Pianos at 6:30pm, \$5 Cover Before 7, \$10 Cover After 7, \$15 Hurricanes/\$12 Refills (& You Keep The Glass), \$8 Big Ass Beer/ \$6 Refills (& You Keep The Cup) Sunday, Doors at 7pm, Pianos at 8pm, NO COVER, \$3 Budweiser Drafts, \$4 Well Drinks, \$3 Shot Special, \$1 OFF Appetizers (Except fries)

Time Out Sports Tavern: *Monday, Sunday, 3-7pm: discounted appetizers, \$1 off all beers, \$4 wells, \$3.50 house wine, \$2 Jell-O shots. Tuesday, 3-7pm: discounted appetizers, \$1 off all beers, \$4 wells, \$3.50 house wine, \$2 Jell-O Shots, \$2 tacos, and \$5 margaritas. Wednesday-Friday, 3-7pm: discounted appetizers, \$1 off all beers, \$4 wells, \$3.50 house wine, \$2 Jell-O Shots. Saturday, 3-7pm: Discounted*

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Yard House: *Monday-Wednesday, Sunday*, 3-6pm and 10pm-close: \$2 off select drafts and house martinis. Half-off select appetizers and pizzas. *Thursday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off select drafts and house martinis. Half-off select appetizers and pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

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

EASTLAKE

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

EL CAJON

Hacienda Casa Blanca: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1-\$1.50 off drinks.

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

ENCINITAS

Encinitas Ale House: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off premium drafts, 1/2-off all starter appetizers. Bar and front house only.

Firenze: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off all wines by the glass, \$2 off all cocktails, \$1 off all beer.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 well cocktails and domestic draft beer. \$.75 turkey tacos, swordfish tacos, baby back ribs, wings.

ESCONDIDO

Sand Crab Tavern: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-6pm: Half-price appetizers.

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

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

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

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

HILLCREST

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

Thursday, 4-6:30pm: Drink specials. Live music.

Martinis Above Fourth: *Daily*, 4-7pm. \$3 bottled beer, house wine & wells, \$5 Stella drafts, \$6 Svedka Martinis, \$2 off all specialty martinis.

The Merrow: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$5 flight of craft beers, \$3 wells, \$1 off craft beer drafts.

IMPERIAL BEACH

The Salty Frog: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, \$2 domestic drafts, \$4 select premium drafts.

KEARNY MESA

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

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3.50 draft pints, \$5 appetizers, \$4.25 premium wells, \$2 bourbon slushy.

Sushi Deli 3: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off Sapporo and small sake combo.

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: *Wednesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$5 select drafts, \$2 off sample flights of beer and wine.

Kensington Vine: *Monday*, All night: \$5 glasses of wine. \$5 appetiz-

ers. *Tuesday*, 3-6pm: Buy glass of wine and get the second for \$2. *Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$3 for a sample of small bites.

LA JOLLA

Eddie V's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: All libations \$2 off. *Saturday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: All libations \$2 off.

The Hake Kitchen & Bar: *Daily*, 4-7pm and 9pm-close (at the bar): \$10 select wines; \$5 house wine, drafts, well, 20% off bar snacks.

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

LA MESA

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

Pete's Place: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$3 wells, calls, domestic drafts, bottles.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: *Friday*, all day: \$5 glass of sparkling wine.

LAKESIDE

The Bucking Delorian: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: \$3 house wine, 2-for-1 well drinks, \$3 Fireball, \$1 off domestic bottles. *Sunday*, All day: \$3 house wine, 2-for-1 well drinks, \$3 Fireball, \$1 off domestic bottles.

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3 wells.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less.

LIBERTY STATION

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm: \$5 tapas,

wells & wine. \$2 off craft cocktails & beers. *Sunday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$5 tapas, wells & wine. \$2 off craft cocktails & beers.

LINDA VISTA

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

LITTLE ITALY

Puerto la Boca: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers. *Sunday*, 1pm-8pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

La Villa: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2 off cocktails. Discounted select appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

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: \$3.50 select drafts, well drinks, wine. \$1 off appetizers.

Joe's 45: *Monday-Friday*, 12-6pm: \$2.00 domestic cup, \$3 import cup, \$2.75 domestic pints, \$3.75 import pints, \$2.50 domestic bottles, \$9 domestic pitcher, \$13 import pitcher. \$3 appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: *Monday*, 4-10pm: Buy one get one 1/2 off. *Tuesday*, 4-10pm: \$1 tacos, \$3 Corona & Dos Equis, \$5 Patron shots. *Wednesday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Vodka Rockstars. *Thursday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jack & Coke. *Friday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Fireball. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jager Bombs. *Sunday*, 4-10pm: \$1 off all beers.

The Filling Station: *Monday-Friday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$3.25 domestic beers, \$3.25 wells, \$8 domestic pitchers.

MISSION BEACH

Draft: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$4 Stone, Saint Archer, Modern Times & Coronado Brewing, \$5 wells, \$4 select red & white wines.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$3 bottle beer, \$5-6 draft beers, \$4 wells, \$5 calls.

Starlite: *Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, wells, \$1 off other drinks. *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 drafts, wells, \$1 off other drinks.

MISSION VALLEY

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

Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery Mission Valley: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 \$3 house wines, 14-ounce select domestic drafts, and TK Lager. \$3 shot of the month with purchase of a beer. \$4 wells & Deep Eddy Vodka. \$5 cocktails, calls, and 14-ounce craft beers. *Sunday*, 9pm-close: \$3 house wines, 14-ounce select domestic drafts,

and TK Lager. \$3 shot of the month with purchase of a beer. \$4 wells & Deep Eddy Vodka. \$5 cocktails, calls, and 14-ounce craft beers.

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.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster & Sushi Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$1.35 fish tacos. 3-6pm: two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Rosie O'Grady's: *Monday-Tuesday*, 11am-2am: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers. *Wednesday, Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers. *Thursday*, 11-2am: \$3-4 local drafts. *Saturday*, 9am-6pm: \$1 off all craft beer cans.

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.

HOPE 46: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 4-6pm: \$4 wells, \$4 drafts, \$2 off wine. All-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs. *Friday-Saturday*, 4-6pm, 10-12pm: \$4 wells, \$4 drafts, \$2 off wine.

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

Seven Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$5 house cocktails, \$4 beer specials.

OCEAN BEACH

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: *Monday-Saturday*, \$4 Irish and English Selected Premium Ales till 9pm, \$3 Beer of the month after 9pm, NFL Specials \$8 Domestic pitchers, \$4 Jager & Fireball Shots, \$4 Mimosas.

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. (Not during football season).

Ocean Beach Kabob: *Daily*, 2pm-6pm. 50% off all beers. \$2.99 Sapporo.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: Drink and food specials.

Breakwater Brewing Company: *Tuesday*, All day: \$3 featured drafts. *Wednesday*, 5-8pm: SD beer night \$3.50 select guest pints. *Thursday*, All day: 4 wings for \$2.00.

OLD TOWN

Barra Barra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: Drink and food specials.

Café Coyote: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6pm: \$3.95 draft beers, \$5.95 margaritas, \$2-3 tacos.

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.95 house margaritas, \$1 off beer and wine. Complimentary snack. Bar area only.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 draft beer, \$4.50 select cocktails, half-price on all wines by the glass. \$5 fish tacos, \$6 burger and fries, \$6 select appetizers and sides. *Tuesday*, 4-6pm: \$3 draft beer, \$4.50 select cocktails, half-price on all wines

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PACIFIC BEACH

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 drink specials. Half-off munchies.*

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.60 any draft beer, wine.*

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm \$3.25 select microbrews, \$8.50 select microbrew pitchers, drink specials.*

Costa Brava: *Daily, 4-6pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-off selected tapas.*

Dave's Tavern: *Daily, 10am-1pm, 4pm-7pm: \$2 pints, \$2.25 bottles.*

Fat Fish Cantinagrill: *Daily, 4-6pm: \$3 house margaritas. Daily food specials. \$3 Dos Equis, \$2 appetizers during football games.*

Good Time Charlie's: *Daily, 4-6pm : \$3.5 wells, domestic bottles, \$3 crushes. \$4 Red/White house wine. Draft selection discount price range.*

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint: *Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: Two slices & soda \$6.50, two slices & beer \$8.50; \$3 pints, \$10/\$12 pitchers. Friday-Sunday, 12-7pm: Two slices & soda \$6.50, two slices & beer \$8.50; \$3 pints, \$10/\$12 pitchers.*

JRDN: *Monday, 4-7pm: \$7 specialty cocktails.*

Moray's Lounge: *Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 drafts, \$5.50 wells, \$6 wine. \$10 appetizers.*

Pacific Beach AleHouse: *Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 house wines, wells, and food specials. \$3/\$5 house drafts.*

The Patio on Lamont Street: *Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm: 1/2-off wines by the glass, cocktails, draft beer. Appetizer specials. Saturday-Sunday, 3-6pm: 1/2-off wines by the glass, cocktails, draft beer. Appetizer specials.*

Sinbad Café: *Monday, Wednesday, All day/night: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 craft drafts, \$5.50 appetizers, \$12 hookahs/\$10 hookah refills. Tuesday, Friday-Sunday, 11am-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 craft drafts, \$5.50 appetizers, \$12 hookahs/\$10 hookah refills. Thursday, 11am-8pm: \$1.50 domestic drafts, \$2.50 craft drafts, \$4.50 appetizers, \$12 hookahs/\$10 hookah refills.*

Tony Roma's: *Daily, 3-6: \$3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, \$4 premium draft beer pints, \$3 well drinks & well wines, \$3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. \$10 Bud Light & Shock Top pitchers 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar/patio only)*

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

POINT LOMA

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

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: *Monday, 3-6pm: \$3 draft beer, well drinks & selected wines. \$3 off all appetizers. 3pm-close: Any burger & draft beer for \$12. Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 draft beer, well drinks & selected wines. \$3 off all appetizers. Sunday, 10am-3pm: Sunday brunch bottomless Champagne, \$10.*

POWAY

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3:30-6pm: \$1 off draft beers. Appetizer specials.*

RAMONA

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

RANCHO BERNARDO

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

RANCHO PENASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer.*

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, Sunday-Thursday 2-6pm, All Day Monday: \$2 Bud Light draft and domestic bottles. \$1 off all other drafts and bottles. \$4 select glasses of wine. \$3 Jack or Fireball shots. \$3.50 Jack and Coke. \$4 appetizers.*

RANCHO SANTA FE

Terrazzo Amore: *Friday, 4-7pm: Craft beer, local wines, mixed drinks. Kobe beef sliders, calamari, hummus and veggie platters. Say you saw this in the Reader and get your first drink or appetizer free.*

ROLANDO

Effin's Pub & Grill: *Monday, Noon-7pm: 2-for-1 cheesesteaks, 1/2-off pitchers, \$3 shot specials, \$3 Bud, Bud Light & Shocktop pints. Industry night 40% off for hospitality industry. Tuesday, Noon-7pm: Taco specials all day & night, \$10 margarita personal pitchers, \$3 Mexican drafts, \$5 margaritas. Wednesday, Noon-7pm: 50¢ boneless or regular wings with over 20 sauces, \$3 select drafts. Thursday, Noon-7pm: \$1 sliders, \$5 personal pitchers on select drafts, AMF's & Long Islands. \$1 Bud & Bud Light, \$2 Shocktop pints from 5-9pm. Friday, Noon-7pm: \$5 burger & beer combo, \$5 crafty cocktails, \$5 Jamesons all day.*

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Daily, All Day: Drink Specials.*

Dos Desperados Brewery: *Thursday, 7-9pm: \$1 off all pints during trivia!*

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La Bastide: *Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 beers and wells, \$7 select cocktails, \$6-10 select wines, \$8 appetizer specials.*

SERRA MESA

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

SHELTER ISLAND

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

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Monday, all night monday: \$2-off appetizers, draft beers, cocktails. \$2.50-off*

house wine, \$1-off bottle beer. *Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2-off appetizers, draft beers, cocktails. \$2.50-off house wine, \$1-off bottle beer.*

SORRENTO VALLEY

AJ's Cave: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: All drinks and beer on special.*

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$2 off menu drinks. Half-price bar snacks. Sunday, During NFL games: \$2 off menu drinks. Half-price bar snacks.*

Whistle Stop Bar: *Daily, 4-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, drafts.*

SPRING VALLEY

Shooters Cocktails: *Monday, 3-6pm \$2.25 domestic beer and wells. Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.25 domestic beer and wells.*

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Monday-Friday, 4pm-7pm \$5 Menu: \$1 off all beers on tap.*

UNIVERSITY CITY

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

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 3-7pm (bar only): Drink special of the week. Tuesday, 3-close (bar only): Drink special of the week.*

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$1 off margaritas, beers, wells.*

VISTA

Vista Entertainment Center: *Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm: \$2.50 draft and bottle domestic beers, \$3.50 draft and bottle import beers, \$3.50 wells, \$2 jungle shots, \$5 shot specials.*

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A Christmas Carol

Cygnnet Theatre presents Sean Murray's new adaptation of the Dickens classic. Set on a Victorian stage, the musical has an original score by Billy Thompson, puppetry, live Foley sound effects. Expect 19th-century tradition with a 21st-century twist. Murray directs. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

A Tuna Christmas

Point Loma Actors Theatre stages Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard's tribute to the yuletide season in Tuna, Texas, where "the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies," and the mysterious Christmas Phantom is vandalizing candidates for the annual Christmas Yard Display. David Sein directs. POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

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Absurd Person Singular

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Sir Alan Ayckbourn's "darkly comic holiday play," set on three consecutive Christmas Eves, at the homes of three couples. Brian Salmon directs.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 7.

Bell, Book, and Candle

OnStage Playhouse presents John van Druten's comedy about Gillian. She's smitten with her upstairs neighbor and casts a spell. Literally — she's a witch. But there's a catch. If she falls in love, she'll lose her magic powers. Bob Christiansen directs.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

Do Not Go Gentle

Carlsbad Playreaders present Susan Zeder's drama. When Lillian's son Windsor and granddaughter Kelly come from overseas to settle affairs, they find strange murals on the walls of her house that reveal "astonishing discoveries about Lillian's life." SCHULMAN AUDITORIUM AT CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY, 1775 DOVE LANE, CARLSBAD. 7:30PM MONDAY.

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Californians who remember the rolling blackouts of 2000-2001 can thank Enron, the Texas-based energy company, for the electricity crisis. And if 9/11 hadn't seared the

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nation's psyche, Americans would recall Enron's market manipulations, pipeline shutdowns, and havoc with deregulated energy much more. Laura Prebble's satirical, three-ring circus recounts the rise and plummet of the world's most innovative company. The owner, Ken Lay, looks the other way; Jeffrey Skilling, CEO and self-declared genius, rules with unbridled aggression, and Andy Fastow, finance wiz, creates the means to conceal 30 billion in debt. The play also includes sideshows — three

blind mice, three nasty raptors, song and dance — to sugar the pill. These are the weakest part of Moxie Theatre's in many ways fine production (they also reveal that about half the cast has little experience in musical theater). Max Macke's Skilling thinks he's King Lear but gains no wisdom from his fall. Eddie Yaroch captures the bubble mania of the times as Fastow, a mad scientist with his frizzled hair on fire. Tim Nottage's sleek, white-paneled set uses a turntable for quick changes of scene. By play's end it resembles Fortune's Wheel. *Worth a try.* MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 7.

Gypsy

Visionary Musical Theatre Company presents the great American musical, loosely based on the 1957 memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee. Her mother, Rose, the ultimate show business mother, wants her other daughter to be a star in an era when vaudeville is dying and burlesque is born. Jule Styne's music and Stephen Sondheim's lyrics include Let Me Entertain You, Some People, and Everything's Coming Up Roses. VISIONARY PERFORMANCE SPACE, 7202 EL CAJON BL., NORTH PARK. 619-758-8112. 8PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY.

Honky

In Greg Kalleres's button-pushing satire, a 14-year-old African-American boy was murdered for his Sky-Max sneakers. Peter wrote the ad for the shoes, and Thomas designed them. Both feel enormous guilt. Davis, a white man who runs the company, couldn't care less about the shooting or stereotyping (which he calls demographics). The murder sends them and others through a kind of racist looking glass where words become weapons. *Honky* has a kind of hit-and-run quality; don't give the audience time to reflect. Director Sam Woodhouse and the San Diego Rep let fly with a manic, often very funny staging. The cast performs as a tight ensemble with unrelenting energy on Sean Fanning's effective, video-rich set, and Kevin Anthenil's sound design includes variations on the theme from *Rocky* (feelin' strong now...), the jock anthem that drips with irony. The sketchy play uses racially offensive terminology so much it feels like fingernails on a chalkboard. But the Rep's show entertains throughout, and the real revelations could come in the post-performance discussions. *Worth a try.*

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 7.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

The Old Globe Theatre presents its 17th annual Christmas show, book and lyrics by Timothy Mason, music by Mel Marvin, starring the Green Meanie who, like Scrooge, learns the true meaning of the Yuletide season when he tries to erase it from Whoville. James Vasquez directs.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 11AM, 2PM, & 5PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 27.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Victor Hugo's great novel about star-crossed Parisians has been Disney-ized. In the book, there is no Love Connection: Esmeralda loathes Quasimodo, who's the only one who loves her for herself. The Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz, and Peter Parnell musical dulls the novel's edges. These are nice people hounded by a meanie Archdeacon. Promo says it's Disney's "darkest" musical yet, though it looks like broad daylight from here. The production is wall-to-wall spectacular. The performers, especially Ciara Renee (Esmeralda), Patrick Page (Frollo), and Michael Arden (cutie pie Quasimodo) sing up a storm, and you could probably feed the 5000 for what the set cost. The 1482 costumes and Howell Brinkley's hair-on-fire lighting effects are to die for. The surface is unforgettable. But the musical, trying its darndest to be the next *Les Miz*, is all surface as well.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 14.

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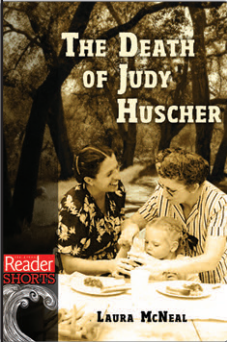
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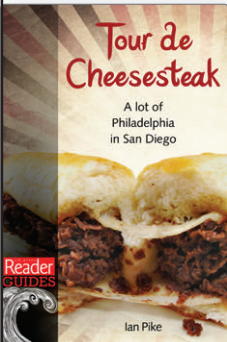
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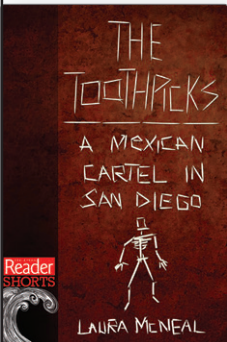
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Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol

The Oceanside Theatre Company stages the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge’s late business partner, Jacob Marley. “Isn’t it time he got a little recognition? To escape his own chains, Marley must first redeem Scrooge.” Not easily done in this piece about redemption and renewal, “during which Scrooge’s heart is opened — but not before Marley discovers his own.”
SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-433-8900. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

Lamb's Festival of Christmas: Northern Lights

Lamb’s Players Theatre’s popular holiday show, written by Kerry Meads, takes place in Minnesota in 1962. “Three generations adjust their traditional plans after the pipes burst and surprise guests arrive.” Deborah Gilmour Smyth directs. LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

More Holiday Tales

Grand Façade Theatre Productions, in partnership with the Congregational Church of La Jolla, presents stories and music for the holiday season. Geoffrey A. Cox directs and Candace L. Carbajal choreographs. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA 7PM SATURDAY.

Naughty or Nice

Circle Circle dot dot presents two collections of short plays by Nick Crosby, Paul Georgeades, Kristen Fogle, Katherine Harroff, Neil McDevitt, Soroya Rowley, and April Venture. *Nice*, an all-ages friendly collection, starts at 6:30pm; *Naughty*, which begins at 9pm (8pm on Sunday), is a late-night compilation for adults who like their seasonal selection on the dirty side. TENTH AVENUE ARTS THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 6:30PM & 9PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

Same Time, Next Year

Lamplighters inaugurates its new theater with Bernard Slade’s comedy about a man from New Jersey and a woman from California who have a yearly affair, and have for the last 26 years. How they change with the times becomes part of the comedy. Mark Loveless directs. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE,

5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-286-3685. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 14.

Second City's Nut-Cracking Holiday Revue

The La Jolla Playhouse hosts the legendary comedy troupe’s new holiday show, which salutes “the magic, mystery, and mayhem of the season with original songs, sketches, and improv.”
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 DECEMBER 21.

Seminar

San Diego Actors Theatre presents a staged reading of Theresa Rebeck’s “provocative comedy” about four aspiring young novelists who sign up for private writing classes with Leonard, an international literary figure. “The word-play isn’t the only thing that turns vicious.” Marcos Martinez directs. FRANCIS PARKER MIDDLE-UPPER SCHOOL, 6501 LINDA VISTA RD., LINDA VISTA. 858-569-7900. 7PM MONDAY.

This Wonderful Life

The North Coast Repertory Theatre presents James Leaming performing all the roles in *It’s a Wonderful Life*, which Steve Murray adapted for the stage. Leaming plays George Bailey, Clarence the Angel, Mary, Zuzu, and many residents of Bedford Falls who rely in George to save them from the greedy Henry Potter. Carmen Roman directs. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

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Diversionsary Theatre presents Jay Presson Allen’s Tony Award-winner that takes a deep look into the complex life of Truman Capote — his mischievous spirit, his lifelong search for love, and the downward spiral that began around Christmas, 1975, when the play takes place. Derek Livingston directs. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

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Annie



LAWRENCE FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
4126 Executive Dr., La Jolla
Young artists ages 7 to 18 may audition. Callbacks January 7, 6pm-8pm. Rehearsals begin January 19. Runs March 6 to 22, 2015. *Annie* tells the rags-to-riches Depression-era story of a spunky orphan.
Auditions: JAN. 5 & 6 6PM

God Committee

POWPAC
13250 Poway Rd., Poway
Runs March 6 to March 29, 2015. Drama by Mark St. Germain. Directed by Jay Mower. The play has four men and three women. The time is present day and the setting is St. Patrick’s Metropolitan Hospital Board Room.
Auditions: JAN. 12 & 13

Into the Woods

CARLTON OAKS SCHOOL
9353 Wethersfield Road
Seeking actors and singers who have experience in choral and part-singing. Callbacks Wednesday, December 10. Auditions and rehearsals at Carlton Oaks School; performances at Off Broadway Live, Santee, February 20 to March 1, 2015. Rehearsals begin immediately, weeknights 7-9:30pm (not Fridays), Saturdays noon-3pm. Auditions consist of 1-2 minutes of private singing. An accompanist and CD player will be provided (no a cappella). You are encouraged to sing a Sondheim piece.
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Pirates of Penzance

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340 E. Broadway, Vista
Bring two one-minute vocal selections, an upbeat comedic and a ballad that shows your vocal range. Submit resume and photo in advance to broadwayvista@gmail.com. Callbacks same day, 9am to 10:30pm. Callbacks consist of cold readings and singing from the script. Eight actors will play all the roles. Rehearsals begin January 21, three or four weeknights per week and one marathon weekend day every week. Runs March 6 to 29, Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 1pm and 7:30pm, Sundays at 1pm.
Auditions: JAN. 19 6PM

Putnam County Spelling Bee

STAR THEATRE
402 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside

Actors ages 18 and up. Come prepared with 16 bars or 1 minute of an audition song in the style of classic musical theater with CD accompaniment (no background vocals). Callbacks Tuesday, December 16 at 7pm. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 6. Show dates February 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7:30pm; February 15 and 22 at 2pm. Auditions: DEC. 15 6PM

Talley's Folly

POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE
3035 Talbot St., Point Loma
Casting one male actor to play Matt Friedmann. Matt is in his early 40s, large framed, with a trace of German-Jewish accent. Warm and unhurried, bookish, carries half of dialogue and action in two-person play. Prepare a two-minute contemporary monologue, either dramatic or comic, that breaks the fourth wall. The play starts with Matt speaking directly to the audience. Six-week rehearsal including production week on stage. Opens Friday February 13, runs two consecutive weekends, Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 7pm, through February 22. Stipend. Auditions by appointment: hritter@sdcdd.edu. Open auditions December 8. Callbacks December 10. Auditions: DEC. 8 7PM

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PATIO PLAYHOUSE
201 East Grand Ave., Escondido
Both days: 7pm-7:30pm, singing auditions for Marrell character only; 7:30pm-10pm, acting auditions for all parts. Callbacks: Wednesday, December 10, 7pm-10pm. Show runs February 6-March 1, Fridays and Saturdays 8pm, Sundays 2pm.
Auditions: DEC. 7 & 8 7PM

The Whale



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Winter Wonderettes

The Welk Resort Theatre offers Roger Bean’s yuletide show. When Santa turns up missing, the Won-

derettes must “use their talent and creative ingenuity” to entertain at the Harper’s Hardware Holiday Party. Songs include “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Run Rudolph Run,” and “Winter Wonderland.”

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM & 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM & 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.



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War is hell

Diplomacy employs a brave dramatic premise: as the Allies approach Nazi-occupied Paris, the German military governor of the city prepares to follow his orders and blow up the City of Lights. Notre Dame, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, all of it — plus the bridges. The Seine will flood the streets; hundreds of thousands will die. War is hell.

But the French resistance manages to sabotage the operation, and while the bad guys are fixing their bombs, the governor gets a surprise visit from the Swedish consul-general. (It's all the more surprising because he appears through a secret door in the hotel suite, already privy to all sorts of secrets.) Despite his job, Paris is his hometown, and he'd rather not see it destroyed. So he sets out on the tricky mission of convincing an old soldier to break rank.

The premise is brave because you probably know the ultimate outcome. And once destination is

determined, all that remains is the journey. Happily, director Volker Schlöndorff (working from Cyril Gély's play) knows his way around a (mostly) single set, and he is blessed with two sensitive actors in Niels Arestrup as the governor and André Dussollier as the consul. Over the course of their wee-hours conversation, the bullish (but never

brutish) Arestrup sags and softens, while the gentlemanly Dussollier gradually reveals

the cunning behind all his tender appeals.

I only wish Schlöndorff had made more of his cinematic opportunities outside the hotel. The film is only 84 minutes long; I would have liked to spend more time with the French saboteurs who bought the consul precious time, and with the German soldiers diligently preparing to destroy Hitler's favorite city. It's not that we don't meet them at all, it's just that they register as functionaries, fulfilling their obligations to the story. A little supporting personality

MOVIES



Diplomacy: Remember when old white men decided the fate of the world?

could have made the proceedings feel less like a smartly staged character study and more like a wartime drama. And a little viscerality might have helped me forget my French history for a moment.

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Awake: The Life of Yogananda — Co-directors Paola DiFlorio and Lisa Leeman take on the daunting task of telling the story of a spiritual man's material life. Paramahansa Yogananda is probably best known as the author of *The Autobiography of a Yogi*, and as the Indian Swami who introduced yoga and meditation to mainstream America in the 1920s. The two keep things lively by making good use of old film footage, and



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they have assembled an interesting mix of talking heads — physicists, theologians, brain specialists, etc. — to explicate and expound on the Master's thought. (We also hear from the man himself, both in recordings and voice-acted texts.) There's ample cultural context as well: excitement over a man preaching the science of religion in a science-minded age vs. resentment and suspicion toward a dark-skinned foreign type who preached universal love. It's not quite hagiography, but it's almost hard not to get caught up in the film's admiring tone. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (LA PALOMA; READING GASLAMP)

Beyond the Lights — It's an auspicious opening: a little girl — English, half-black, desperate to please — steps onto an obscure talent show stage and sings Nina Simone's "Blackbird": *Why you wanna fly, blackbird? You ain't ever gonna fly.* She comes in second, and her equally desperate mother (Minnie Driver) makes her trash the trophy: it's win or die. Fast-forward a decade or so, and the girl (the magnetic Gugu Mbatha-Raw) is a winner, a slinky pop tart grabbing a Billboard award for writhing in bondage gear and moaning about pleasing her man. When the blackbird decides to fly off a hotel balcony, a handsome cop (a tender and beefcakey Nate Parker) saves her life, and we're off to the romantic races. Pit stops include media frenzies, meetings with labels, and Mexican getaways. Unfortunately for a film about the importance of keeping it

real, the drama here is largely formulaic, and the finish line crosses into the realm of artistic fantasy. ("You like me! You really like me!") Still, as fairy tales go, it's solid enough, and the cast sells it hard. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Big Hero 6 — An exciting and sometimes funny commercial for what will surely be a delightful action figure, available in three iterations: original plushie, Samurai battle mode, and full robot warrior. Collect them all! Two directors and seven writers (not counting the authors of the original comic book) labored to cobble together this super-derivative superhero story of Baymax, an inflatable (and adorable) health-bot who sets out to help a cool young genius get over his dead brother by suiting up and kicking butt. That's a lot of cooks, and the broth shows it. (The "it's a kids' movie" defense doesn't hold up too well when even a kid can spot the plot holes under the slapstick and body armor.) Still, it's fun too look at, at least in long shot. Up close, the people tend to look like they're made of spongy plastic — an impressive achievement in computer-animated texture, but perhaps the wrong achievement. Unless, of course, the people aren't the point. 2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Birdman — Michael Keaton plays Riggan, a guy who used to be a box-office superstar, in part because he played Birdman in three films. (Art improving on life?) Now Riggan (like Keaton) is starring in much artier fare. Sadly, everything is going wrong, and he is routinely haunted by his feathery, famous alter-ego: rumbling about past glories and present humiliations, urging him to

become the superhero he once was and maybe could be again. The action covers the preview performances running up to the show's premiere, and its devotion to showbiz types and clichés is positively wondrous. Director Alejandro Innaritu (who also co-wrote) is having great fun as he winds his camera through the labyrinthine bowels of the theater, and he wants you to have fun, too. Besides, the clichéd action isn't the point. The point is the artist and the self he is forever attempting to express, his struggle to slip free of history's obliterating grip and soar toward heaven and immortality. It's a hoot. (Mostly, anyway. There are some draggy bits that even the thump-a-drum score cannot enliven.) 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Book of Life — The *Dia de Los Muertos* is a natural subject for a creepy-lite kiddie flick (alas, Tim Burton...). Sure, there are skulls, but they're made of sugar. Yes, there are graves, but they're covered with marigolds. Even the skeletons are dressed to blend in with the (still-fleshy) crowd. And it's all in the name of honoring your beloved dead relatives. Director Jorge Gutierrez is hip to the visual possibilities, setting the bulk of the action in a world of animated wooden dolls (think *LEGO Movie*, only less polished) and riotous phantasmagoria. But the story feels something like propping a Christian cross on a pagan altar: tensions inevitably arise. (It's tough to honor your ancestors when you're busy writing your own story and rejecting all of their dumb traditions.) Perhaps sensing this, *The Book of Life* goes hard to the distractions: celebrity voices, modern pop hits, multiple plotlines, and gags, gags, gags. For some, it may be enough.

2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Citizenfour — A real-life international espionage thriller centered around the eight days that filmmaker Laura Poitras, journalists Glenn Greenwald and Ewen MacAskill, and NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden spent in a Hong Kong hotel room while the NSA domestic surveillance story broke. It provides a rare experience: as Poitras has put it, "the moment when it was happening, when [Snowden] had decided that he would walk away from his life. He knew there was no way to go back on that." Snowden is very much a talking head, but such a head, and such talk. The man knew what he was about, and why, and how to go about getting it done. (Short version: he wanted to help keep the electors and the elected from becoming the ruled and the rulers.) For her part, Poitras knows that the viewer will be able to take only so much of Snowden's predicament: stuck in a hotel room, watching the world react via cable news. So she wisely (and regularly) takes us outside for a breath of context. The result is alarming in the best sense of the word. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Dark Valley — Bloody Sauerkraut Western about a revenge-driven loner who goes to extreme lengths to track down and torture his victims. Too clever for its own sadistic good: one victim is dispatched with a spring-activated device that, when triggered, launches a board with two protruding nails in the general direction of the eyes. Unless Grieder (Sam Riley) used surveyor's implements and knew exactly how tall his victim would stand at the time of the ambush, this Wile E. Coyote contraption would

never have been approved for an Acme patent. As Grieder, Riley is pure ice and recoil and unlike the double-barrel blast of anachronistic '80s-sounding rock tunes, the British-born actor's German dialect sounded like the emess to this Midwesterner's ear. Naturally lit and as darkly designed as the title might indicate, *Valley* rides on as a visually impressive yet structurally rickety tribute to countless oaters that came before. Directed by Andreas Prochaska. 2014. — S.M. ★★ (DIGITAL GYM)

Diplomacy — Reviewed this issue. 2014. M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Dumb and Dumber To — Hey, remember *Dumb and Dumber*? 2014. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Foxcatcher — The goal is an Olympic gold medal in wrestling, but the real grappling goes on between two families: the Schultzes (brothers Dave and Mark) and the DuPonts (mother Jean and son John). Yes, *those* DuPonts. Poor John (Steve Carrell in a fake schnozz) is a crazily wealthy nothing of a man — slight emphasis on "crazily." (Patriotism is portrayed here as the last refuge of the personally pathetic.) He's determined to make his mark by mentoring Mark to triumph; all the better that it will be in a sport his mother considers "low." For his part, Mark (a brooding, dominating Channing Tatum) is glad for the attention; usually, folks want to talk to his older brother. And Dave (Mark Ruffalo)? Dave is just love — and you know how that goes. After his success with *Moneyball*, director Bennett Miller makes good use of another sports-related story "based on actual events." He keeps the signposts clear and the mood restrained, even as events spiral into loony land. But he can't resist sacrificing a quiet, satisfying ending for something with a little more pop, perhaps under the rubric of *Hey, it really happened*. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Fury — The title refers to an American tank that started out WWII fighting Germans in Africa and is now pushing towards Berlin as the enemy makes its last stand. Its crew — Evangelical Shia LaBoeuf, brutish Jon Bernthal, pragmatic Michael Pena, and lordly Brad Pitt, perched above them all — is muddy, weary, and suddenly saddled with newbie Logan Lerman, eight weeks in the Army and delivered unto them by mistake. Except, assures Bernthal, the Army (like God) doesn't make mistakes. Ours is not to reason why, or even to fret about right and wrong. Ours is to kill Germans. As Pitt puts it: "Ideals are peaceful. History is violent." No sense complaining. Speaking of God: talk about Him and His unsearchable ways pervades the proceedings, even as the carnage, cruelty, and carnality threaten to swallow all. It's almost enough to make you think that writer-director David Ayer (*End of Watch*, *Training Day*) is saying something about violence at the heart of religion. Or vice versa. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Gone Girl — A long and twisty argument for the notion that somewhere along the way, talented, high-style director David Fincher stopped liking people: the characters onscreen, the souls in the theater, even the abstract mass of humanity. Pathology still interests him, though, and so we get toxic parents, toxic lovers, toxic siblings, toxic friendships, and a toxic cultural swamp in which they can all go about the nasty business of living. The story tells of a below-average guy (Ben Affleck, hulking and yet expressive)

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CENTRAL LIBRARY

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Film Forum: Days of Glory A chronicle of Algerian soldiers recruited to fight for France in WWII and their subsequent betrayal. Best Actors Award (ensemble), Cannes Film Festival. Original title: *Indigenes*. In French and Arabic with English subtitles. 2006. 120 minutes. Rated R. Discussion to follow. War Comes Home Film Series. **Monday, December 8, 6:30pm**

Film Forum: The Official Story Luis Puenzo's tautly directed political mystery won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. A middle-class Argentinian woman's (Norma Alejandro) life and illusions of the past are profoundly disturbed when she discovers her beloved adopted daughter may be the child of political activists who “disappeared” during Argentina's “Dirty War” of the late 1970s. Original title: *La historia oficial*. In Spanish with English subtitles. 1985.112 minutes. Rated R. Discussion to follow. War Comes Home Film Series. **Monday, December 15, 8:30pm**

SchlockFest: Bikini Beach Billionaire

Harvey Huntington Honeywagon III sets out to prove that his pet chimp is more intelligent than American teenagers. Meanwhile, a foppish British rocker known as the Potato Bug roams the beach. SchlockFest is curated by genre film expert Miguel Rodriguez as an homage to Hollywood B movies, classic cult, and camp cinema and TV. Presented in conjunction with the 2014 One Book One San Diego reading campaign. **Wednesday, December 17, 6:30pm**

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Youth Film Showcase The youth filmmakers at the Media Arts Center San Diego are excited to premiere their most recent film projects. Join us for a special youth screening where students will showcase the documentary and narrative films they created this fall. See short mini-documentaries and short narrative films. Topics will cover community gardens, diabetes prevention, healthy communities, gambling treatment and addiction, and more. **Saturday, December 13, 11:30am**

LA JOLLA LIBRARY

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One True Thing The Hemlock Society of San Diego will show *One True Thing*. Meryl Streep plays a woman with cancer, Renee Zellweger, her highly achieving daughter who comes home to care for her and her husband, William Hurt, who has a life of his own. The Hemlock Society believes in choice, dignity, and control at the end of life. **Sunday, December 21, 2:00pm**

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Food Chains A critical look at the American farm labor infrastructure. The film follows the journey of a group of Florida farmworkers and their efforts to defeat the \$4 trillion global super-market industry through their Fair Food program, which partners with growers and retailers to improve working conditions for farm laborers in the United States. On November 29 there will be a guest panel with *Food Chains* director

Sanjay Rawal at 8pm. On November 30, guest panel with Ellen Gustafson, sustainable food system activist, author, and social entrepreneur. **Thursday, December 4, 3:00pm, Thursday, December 4, 5:00pm, Thursday, December 4, 7:00pm**

MISSION VALLEY LIBRARY

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Film Forum: What If Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan explore the possibility that men and women can be "just friends," but what if your new best friend turns out be the love of your life? Directed by Michael Dowse. 2013. 98 minutes. PG-13. Discussion to follow. **Wednesday, December 10, 6:00pm**

POINT LOMA LIBRARY

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Film Forum: The Giver Phillip Noyce's allegory stars Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Alexander Skarsgard, Katie Holmes, and Taylor Swift. In a colorless, peaceable utopia, every member has a role, and 16-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the Receiver of Memories. His world of conformity and contentment cracks open when he learns the dark truths of his community's secret past. 2014. 97 minutes. PG-13. Free admission, free parking, free popcorn. **Tuesday, December 9, 6:00pm**

Film Forum: The Hundred-Foot Journey

When the newly arrived Kadam family opens an Indian restaurant 100-feet across the street from a tres chic French restaurant run by proper proprietress Helen Mirren, traditional Indian spices and French sauces are soon at war. 2014. 122 minutes. Rated PG. Free admission, free parking. **Sunday, December 14, 2:00pm**

Film Forum: Wish I Was Here Zach Braff delivers a snapshot from the edge of existential crisis. Braff is a struggling actor trying to rekindle the spark in his marriage while wrestling with an elusive God, his disappearing father, and a sagging economy. 2014. 106 minutes. Rated R. Free admission, free parking, free popcorn. **Tuesday, December 16, 6:00pm**

Film Forum: The Skeleton Twins Satur-

day Night Live veterans Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader headline Craig Johnson's soulful feature. An unexpected reunion forces estranged twins separated by thousands of miles to reconnect and confront their past. 2014. 93 minutes. Rated R. Free admission, free parking, free popcorn. **Tuesday, December 23, 6:00pm**

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Film Forum: Amigo John Sayles's reflection on imperialism, greed, and exploitation. This rousing feature focuses on the little-known Philippine-American War and traces the war's impact on a small Filipino village when the mayor feels pressured to help Americans root out terrorists, while his own brother is a guerilla leader. Stars Chris Cooper and Joel Torre. In English, Tagolog, and Spanish with English subtitles. 2010. 124 minutes. Rated R. Discussion to follow. War Comes Home Film Series. **Monday, December 22, 6:30pm**

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Film Forum: 2 Autumns, 3 Winters A sassy, stylish homage to the "French New Wave." The lives of a trio of 30-something Parisians, navigating love squabbles and existential crisis, intertwine after shaggy, sad-sack Arman bumps into Amelie, literally, while jogging. French with English subtitles. 2013. 91 minutes. Original Title: *2 Automnes, 3 Hivers*. Discussion to follow the film. **Wednesday, December 17, 7:00pm**

whose wife (Rosamund Pike, lean and impassive) goes missing “under suspicious circumstances,” intertwined first with the tale of their gradually curdling romance and then with an account of “what really happened.” Fincher’s chief delight seems to be in playing with genre conventions: what looks like an especially moody whodunit morphs first into a psychosexual thriller and then into what might just be straight-faced (and utterly black-hearted) satire. With Tyler Perry as a surprisingly human celebrity lawyer. 2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Home Alone — Underimagined fairy tale about the runt of the household who gets accidentally left behind when the family takes off for France, fends for himself, fends off burglars (à la Dustin Hoffman in *Straw Dogs*), grows, in short, into a little man. It might just have worked if the filmmakers had spent as much thought on what a kid could actually get into and get out of as they did on what would get kids into a movie theater (e.g., “Don’t you know how to knock, phlegm-wad!”). Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O’Hara; directed by Chris Columbus. 1990. — D.S. ● (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

The Homesman — *The Searchers* houses one of the most famous (and dramatic) camera movements in cinema history, a swift dolly-in on John Wayne’s evil-eyed examination of young women ravaged by the Comanche. At its best, *The Homesman* adds credence to the Duke’s towering look of disgust. Tommy Lee Jones directs and co-scripts this bleak western account of a horse-faced spinster (Hilary Swank) and the base drifter (Tommy Lee Jones) she claims ownership of to assist in her carting a trio of shell-shocked women on a

cross-country journey to an Iowa insane asylum. One expects impeccable acting, but it’s production designer Merideth Boswell and her attention to detail — love the flecks of straw in the mortar — that gives the eye reason to wander the frame. Jones provides juicy supporting roles for several of his acting pals, including James Spader, whose tardy emergence as the well-heeled proprietor of a remote hotel pushes the proceedings past the point of no return. With Tim Blake Nelson and Meryl Streep. 2014. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE; READING CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Horrible Bosses 2 — Remarkable: a sequel that actually scales down from its predecessor. The high concept — workers of the world, kill your boss! — dispensed with, our working class heroes Nick, Kurt, and Dale (Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, and Charlie Day, clearly enjoying themselves and each other) can relax and get down to the business. And this time, instead of three horrible bosses, they need deal with only two. Well, one and a half: a corporate shark (Christoph Waltz) and his never-good-enough son (Chris Pine). Pine provides a lot of the fun this time around, sending up his James T. Kirk smarm-and-smarts persona to great effect. The writers keep what worked in the original (Jamie Foxx’s [Expletive Deleted] Jones, Jennifer Aniston’s horny dentist), and tamp down on what got tiresome (Sudeikis’ skirt-chasing, Kevin Spacey’s bullying). The result is a modest comedy, content to entertain and leave it at that. It’s silly, it’s cheerfully dirty, and it’s fun. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Hundred-Foot Journey — Noted down-home small-townners Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey produce traditionally minded director Lasse

Hallstrom’s (*Chocolat*, *The Cider House Rules*) film version of Richard Morais’ novel about a displaced Indian family (“There was an election of some kind.”) who decide to open a restaurant in a French village, right across the street from a staid Michelin one-star joint run by a flinty widow (Helen Mirren). Oof. The food is, of course, suitably gorgeous (like the French countryside, like the young stars Manish Dayal and Charlotte Le Bon); all brightly colored and richly textured and artfully presented. But the story is not really about the food, and not at all about the real workings of the restaurant business and/or being a chef, any more than, say, *Robin Hood* is about sound tax policy. The characters here exist for the plot, and the plot exists for swooning sensuality, adorable romance, and warm feelings about our shared humanity. Even a moment of ugliness is merely an occasion for more sweetness. 2014. — M.L. ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS)

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1 — For a film about rebelling against the oppressive overlords who just want to drain your precious resources for their own benefit, it’s awfully greedy with your time and treasure. You know, because, in an effort to make two movies from one very popular book, they’ve padded out this installment — and in the laziest possible ways. Following Katniss Everdeen’s disruption of the Hunger Games in *Catching Fire*, the militarized District 13 is attempting to rally the other Districts to rise up against the Capital. Wouldn’t it have been fun to spend some time among the undecided, watching them process the competing messages about liberty and security? Instead: *Here we are flying. Here we are sitting. Here we are walking. Here we are marching down stairs...* Speaking of lazy:

for a film about the power of media to sway humanity in a desired direction, it’s awfully leaden. (How on earth did Julianne Moore’s concrete slab of a character ever get elected President of a rebellion? No wonder they need the Mockingjay’s mug to serve as their Che T-shirt.) Director Francis Lawrence seems content to let star Jennifer Lawrence show you how you should feel during any given scene, as opposed to presenting things with any kind of inherent drama. She’s a capable actress, but at times, the load is just too heavy, and she can only break down into histrionics. What the film gets right is

its portrayal of a Young Person, full of Young Person concerns, dealing with Old People and their Old People preoccupations. (Basically, “I want to rescue my friend” vs. “We want to win a war.”) Also the vampiric nature of moviemaking (Natalie Dormer is great as a director chasing the shot above all else.) 2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Interstellar — Remember when your high school teacher would wheel out a 16mm projector and proceed to put the class to sleep with hopelessly unengaging

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MOVIES

educational films? That at least offered students a vacation from science class, which is more than can be said for the fate of audiences attending Christopher Nolan's latest round of effects-driven, high-tech, intergalactic mumbo-jumbo. With no costumes other than space suits for his characters to hide behind, brainiac Nolan displays a mastery of the space-time continuum while once again finding it impossible to pen a coherent third act. ERs across the country had best stock up on brain specialists to care for the sudden rash of exploding heads this too-hip-for-the-galaxy space opera will foster among fanboys. There are many words to describe *Interstellar*. Entertainment isn't one of them. With Matthew McConaughey whisper-speaking his lines and guests in space Anne Hathaway, Michael Caine, Matt Damon, and Jessica Chastain. 2014. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

John Wick — Who among us wouldn't go on a 90-minute killing spree if someone murdered our adorable beagle pup? Anyone not on board? Okay, what if the beagle pup was a posthumous gift from your beloved wife, your one opportunity to “grieve unalone” for the woman who rescued you from your life as a soulless killer? *Now* we're talking. Bearded Keanu Reeves sets out to resurrect the '80s R-rated action film, complete with rip-roaring guitars, multi-colored lights, snappy one-liners, and an endless parade of shootable, stabbable, chokable bad guys. Utterly formulaic, but still compelling, thanks in part to a fine villain (Michael Nyqvist), clever story touches (a hotel for killers where violence is forbidden), and clear-eyed direction from David Leitch and Chad Stahelski. And Reeves puts on a helluva physical display for a half-century man. When Wick declares that he is indeed back in the game, it's tempting to hear the actor speaking for himself. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Judge — *Iron Man's* Tony Stark — sorry, Robert Downey, Jr. — shows us that beneath the tin suit and the wisecracks there beats a heart of goop and cliché. Downey plays Hank Palmer, a big-city lawyer who brags that innocent people can't afford him. But oh, no, his wife is leaving him because he's totally married to his job, he doesn't really know his daughter, and on top of that, his mom just died. Time for yet another middle-aged rich white dude to go back to his small-town roots, reconnect with the girl he left behind, and learn some valuable life lessons along the way. The drama, such as it is, comes from the titular judge, who is also Hank's cranky old Dad (Robert Duvall). His Honor was awfully hard on wayward teen Hank way back when (BUT WHY?), and now he stands accused of taking out an old enemy on the day of his wife's funeral. Storm clouds gather! A dimwit brother accidentally splices scenes of a family tragedy into old Christmas movies! The past is dug up and shouted about! Downey does his doe-eyed best to make you play along, and the writing picks up a bit about half-way through. But it's just not worth the 140 minutes. 2014. — M.L. ● (AMC LA JOLLA; READING GASLAMP)

Nightcrawler — *Nightcrawler* bolsters a fear that's rattled my core since first it became clear that digital was here to stay: every schmuck with a video camera thinks they can direct. Jake Gyllenhaal



I'm Alan Partridge

BILL PERRINE

Filmmaker, [facebook.com/sdmusicdoc](#)

I'm a sucker for character studies of unlikeable people, and *Listen Up Philip* pulls no punches. Jason Schwartzman is repellant and yet strangely relatable as a pompous author who alienates everyone in his path with the help of his bitter Philip Roth-like mentor (Alan Rickman). Elisabeth Moss is amazing as his long-suffering photographer girlfriend. I laughed, I cried, I hated myself.

Not a day goes by that I don't quote extensively from *I'm Alan Partridge*, a brutally hilarious British TV series about a failed talk-show host and his post-fame exile in small-town England. Steve Coogan so inhabits this character that it's followed him his whole career, with Alan popping up in everything from books to a recent film. A well-timed, “That was classic intercourse. So, uh, thanks!” will really test the viability of a relationship.

LISTEN UP PHILIP (USA) 2014, Tribeca Films
Available on Amazon Instant Video and Movies on Demand
I'M ALAN PARTRIDGE (England) 1997, BBC
Available on Netflix and Hulu Plus

stars as Louis Bloom, a determined drifter who taps his inner-video journalist to become a successful network news stringer. Don't let his unblinking doe-eyes, hands-in-pockets demeanor, and proverbial gift of gab fool you. Within minutes of meeting Bloom, screenwriter and first-time director Dan Gilroy casts a purposeful light on his character's basest instincts. What follows is a gritty urban comedy noir, a scathing, *Network*-worthy disembowelment of television newsgatherers that will leave you craving a



Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia

RICK BOWMAN

Stuck in the '70s, Backyard Green Films

Warren Oates, the great character actor of many Sam Peckinpah films, got to be a star in *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia*. It was made after the commercial failure of Peckinpah's *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid*. One of my favorite films, and easily my favorite Peckinpah. It's a great south-of-the-border, action-packed '70s movie, and forms a dark trilogy with *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* and *The Wages of Fear*.

If you like character studies of those out on the road during the late '60s and early '70s, then *Two-Lane Blacktop* is the movie to watch. Directed by Monte Hellman and starring James Taylor, Dennis Wilson, Warren Oates, and Laurie Bird, this film's a cult favorite right along with *Vanishing Point*, *Electra Glide in Blue*, and *Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry*. It's beautifully filmed and Hellman gets good performances out of two musicians, and Oates is again superb.

BRING ME THE HEAD OF ALFREDO GARCIA (USA) 1974, United Artists
Available on Vudu and Zumvo
TWO-LANE BLACKTOP (USA) 1971, Criterion Collection
Available on PutLocker and Netflix DVD

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shower. From its airtight script, seamless performances, and stunning night cinematography (praise be to Robert Elswit), no American film this year has reminded me why I fell in love with movies in the first place quite like this incandescent masterwork. With memorable supporting work by Renee Russo and Bill Paxton. 2014. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Pelican Dreams — Ever wonder what it means to be a pelican in the 21st



In the Mouth of Madness

JOSHUA SUTTON

Movie geek

On a cold, wet night (on the rare occasion we get one in San Diego), my first suggestion is John Carpenter's *In the Mouth of Madness*. I recommend the Blu-ray version for the clean look. This underappreciated film from the director of *Halloween* deserves a special edition with bonus material. That isn't out but should be. This is the closest thing you'll get to an H.P. Lovecraft story on film, and Sam Neill's in top form. Definitely scary enough that you'll want to turn on the lights for it.

My second selection is from Fox's Mel Brooks Collection — *Young Frankenstein*, starring Gene Wilder and Peter Boyle. This Blu-ray has wonderful featurettes and quite possibly the funniest blooper reel ever. After those, you can watch what I consider Brooks's best movie and one of the funniest movies ever made. Perfect to watch before going to bed.

IN THE MOUTH OF MADNESS (USA) 1994, New Line Cinema
Available on Amazon Instant Video and Netflix
YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (USA) 1974, 20th Century Fox
Available on DirecTV and on Fox Blu-ray

There's a lot to be learned about our winged friends — who knew pelicans are aphonic? — but where *Parrots* was fortunate enough to have happened upon an unlikely romance to give it structure, too much of *Pelican* plays like a routine *National Geographic* doc. 2014. — S.M. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)

Penguins of Madagascar — The first voice you hear is that of Werner Herzog. The pre-credit dismembering of *March of the Penguins* is enough to make one believe that Dreamworks may have finally produced a product to rival Pixar. (Either that, or Herzog wrote his own dialogue.) But it's all downhill once the credits roll and the villain in the piece (John Malkovich, slumming) goes from a hydrocephalic, harshly designed mad scientist to a phosphorescent, circle-upon-circle purple octopus, the plush toy variation of which is poised to be a big Christmas seller at Toys 'R' Us. Some of the jokes amuse — our deranged villain has been known to support NPR pledge drives — and a few of the countless attempts at executing sight gags connect. But for all their passable attempts to give the film a little directorial pizazz, franchise co-creator Eric Darnell and *The Bee Movie's* Simon J. Smith appear content to pass the time dispensing pop-culture references, punny celebrity name-dropping, and cartoon special effects more befitting a “live-action” Michael Bay slumber party. 2014. S.M. 2014. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Point and Shoot — Matthew Vandyke was a comfortable, educated young man, a beloved and pampered only child with a single mom, a girlfriend, and a nagging case of OCD. So naturally, he set out on a “crash course in manhood.” Following the lead of Australian he-man moviemaking adventurer Alby Mangels, he took a motorcycle through the Arab world (filming wherever he went), and made some Libyan friends along the way. But when the revolution against Qaddafi broke out, Vandyke stopped wondering what makes a man and just followed his heart: he couldn't bear to watch his friends die on TV, so he flew off to join them. Writer-director Marshall Curry seems more interested in raising lots of questions than in probing for answers, which is mostly okay here. Many of those questions have to do with media: Vandyke was raised on action movies (as a boy, he declares, “I am the next Indiana Jones!”), but it isn't until he's filming the revolution while toting a gun that he realizes the camera's real power to both report and distort. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

The Pyramid — In August of 2014, moviegoers were treated to a crummy movie about an archaeologist poking around in the catacombs under Paris. Now, just a few months later, they can follow an archaeologist into the catacombs under an Egyptian pyramid. And they say Hollywood is out of ideas. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Rosewater — For his first stint in the director's chair, topical tumbler Jon Stewart brings a lightweight TV sensibility to journalist Maziar Bahari's autobiographical tale of being held prisoner by the Iranian government for 118 days. A winsomely progressive member of the news media (Gael García Bernal), who uses his camera to expose the truth, becomes embroiled in a post-election backlash. He's incarcerated without charge and run through the torture mill at the hands of a humorless and culturally deprived extreme right reactionary group. For all the self-serving good it does, they might just as well have titled it

Jon Stewart's The Pianist. Stewart tamps down the yuks for two-thirds of the picture, eventually caving in with a clumsily conceived eleventh hour interrogation session that reads like a bad phone sex transcript. When it comes to style, satire, and scathing assaults against the Republican right, *Saw* and (almost) any of its

sequels outclass this softcore torture porn. 2014. — S.M. ★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST; READING TOWN SQUARE)

The Theory of Everything — Based on what little I know of Stephen Hawking's private and personal life, the man has

never given the impression of one prone to wresting pity from gawkers. Why then turn the life of the smartest guy on the planet into a treacly, over-romanticized tearjerker? Music and lighting act as harsh chapter-ones, dragging our ears and eyes through the cheek-high fields of sentimentality, constantly dropping reminders of how to

respond at any given point in the proceeding. As the stratospherically above-average science nerd, Eddie Redmayne initially portrays Hawking as a charismatic, tousle-haired techie viewing life through keenly cocked horn rims. Once ALS takes hold, Redmayne emerges as an ace impersonator, exacting as much calculated hardship (and

pathos) out of his portrayal as humanly possible. Director James Marsh went from channeling Robert Bresson's austerity for a documentary about chimpanzees (*Project Nim*), to this, his master class on the price of suffering and the value of sentiment. 2014. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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CENTRAL

BALBOA PARK

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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San Diego Natural History Museum - Kaplan Theater
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
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CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722)
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:25) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **Birdman** (R) Fri-Sat (10:50, 1:30) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55 Sun 7:10, 9:55; **Bolshoi Ballet: La Bayadere ENCORE (2014) (Original release 2013)** (Not Rated) Sun 12:30p.m.; **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:25, 12:50, 3:20) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) Fri-Sun (10:20, 11:20, 12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **Interstellar** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 2:40) 6:20, 9:25; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:45, 11:45, 12:55, 1:55, 3:05) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:10; **St. Vincent** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 11:35, 12:05, 1:40, 2:10, 2:45) 4:20, 4:50, 5:25, 5:50, 7:05, 7:30, 8:05, 8:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:40; **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:20

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theater
820 Orange Ave (619-437-6161)
Horrible Bosses 2 (R) Fri (2:50) 5:50, 8:30 Sat-,Sun (12:00) 2:50, 5:50, 8:30; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri (2:50) 5:50, 8:30 Sat-,Sun (12:00) 2:50, 5:50, 8:30; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri (2:50) 5:50, 8:30 Sat-,Sun (12:00) 2:50, 5:50, 8:30

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709)
Amapola (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:15, 3:25) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; **Awake: The Life of Yogananda** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:25, 9:30; **Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain (Bophal: A Prayer for Rain)** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; **Bolshoi Ballet: La Bayadere ENCORE (2014) (Original release 2013)** (Not Rated) Sun (12:30a.m.); **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Fury** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:20, 7:30, 10:25; **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) Fri (10:35, 11:45, 12:40, 1:00, 2:10, 3:05, 3:50) 4:35, 5:30, 6:20, 7:05, 8:00, 8:45, 9:25, 10:20; **Interstellar** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:30, 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:35) 5:25, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:30 Sun (10:30, 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:35) 5:25, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:50, 12:30, 1:10, 1:55, 2:40, 3:20) 4:50, 6:15, 7:10, 9:20, 10:30; **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:40) 4:05, 8:20; **St. Vincent** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:40, 12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:10 Sun 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; **The Judge** (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri (2:20, 4:15, 4:55) 7:00, 10:15 Sat-,Sun (2:20) 4:15, 4:55, 7:00, 10:15; **Big Hero 6 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (1:40) 7:40, 9:35; **Dr. Cabbie** (Not Rated) Fri (1:45, 4:05) 8:05, 10:20 Sat-,Sun (1:45) 4:05, 8:05, 10:20; **Gone Girl** (R) Fri (1:35, 4:45) 6:30, 9:45 Sat (1:35) 4:45, 6:30, 9:45 Sun (1:35) 4:45; **John Wick** (R) Fri-Sat

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Ave (619-283-3227)
Diplomacy (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Fri: (3:00), (5:15), 7:10, 9:00, Sat & Sun: (3:00), 5:15, 7:10, 9:00, Mon - Thu: (5:15), 7:10, 9:00, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Antarctica: A Year On Ice** (PG) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, December 12; **The Room** (R) Midnight Show, Audience Participation Show, Plays Saturday, December 13; **Life Partners** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, December 19; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Midnight Show with “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Plays Saturday, December 20; **Pioneer** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, December 26; **Viva La Liberta** (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, January 02; **Sunset Boulevard** (PG) Classic Show, Plays Friday, January 09; **Blade Runner: The Final Cut** (R) Classic Show, Plays Saturday, January 10; **Once Upon A Time In The West** (PG-13) Classic Show, Plays Sunday, January 11; **It Happened One Night** (G) Classic Show, Plays Monday, January 12; **Yojimbo** (NR) Classic Show, Plays Tuesday, January 13; **The Gang's All Here** (NR) Classic Show, Plays Wednesday, January 14; **Days Of Heaven** (PG) Classic Show, Plays Thursday, January 15

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (888-262-4386)
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Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Dr (858-453-7622)
The Theory Of Everything (PG-13) Fri: (1:20), 4:10, 7:00, Sat: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40, Sun: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, Mon – Thu: (1:20), (4:10), 7:00; **The Homesman** (R) Fri: (1:40), 4:20, 7:20, 9:50, Sat: (10:40), 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50, Sun: (10:40), 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, Mon - Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:20; **Whiplash** (R) Fri: (1:40), 4:30, 7:10, Sat: (10:40), 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30, Sun: (10:10), 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, Mon - Thu: (1:30), (4:30), 7:10; **Force Majeure** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Fri, Sat & Mon – Wed: (1:15), 7:30, Sun: 7:30, Thu: (1:15); **Citizenfour** (R) Fri: (4:00), 10:00, Sat: (10:20), 4:00, 10:00, Sun: (4:00) Mon & Thu: (4:00); **National Theatre Live: Skylight** (NR) Sun: 11:00am - Special Event - \$15.00 (No Passes or Discounts); **Exodus: Gods And Kings** (PG-13) Thu: 8:00, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Exodus: Gods And Kings** (PG-13) Opens Friday, December 12

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Rd (888-262-4386)
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AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
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SAN DIEGO

Arclight La Jolla
4425 La Jolla Village Drive (858-768-7770)
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Digital Gym Cinema
2921 El Cajon Blvd ((619) 230-1938)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Mission Valley
7510 Hazard Center Dr #100 (619-685-2841)
Call theater for program information.

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Ave (619-298-2904)
Foxcatcher (R) Fri: (1:10), 2:05, 4:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (10:15), 1:10, 2:05, 4:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, Mon - Thu: (1:10), (2:05), (4:05), 7:00, 8:00, 9:55; **Birdman Or (The Unexpected Virtue Of Ignorance)** (R) Fri: (1:40), 4:35, 7:30, 10:10, Sat & Sun: (10:40), 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10, Mon - Thu: (1:40), (4:35), 7:30, 10:10; **The Theory Of Everything** (PG-13) Fri: (1:25), 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (10:30), 11:15, 1:25, 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 10:00, Mon - Thu: (1:25), (4:20), (5:10), 7:15, 8:00, 10:00; **Rosewater** (R) Fri: (1:50), 4:50, 7:45, 10:05, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:05, Mon: (1:50), (4:30), 10:05, Tue - Thu: (1:50), (4:50), 7:45, 10:05, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Wild** (R) Opens Friday, December 12

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Cntr Dr (800-326-3264 #2710)
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:15, 3:40) 6:00, 8:25, 10:50; **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 11:45, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25) 4:35, 5:50, 7:05, 8:15, 9:30, 10:40; **Interstellar** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 3:20) 7:00, 10:20; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:40, 11:40, 12:55, 1:55, 3:10) 4:10, 5:20, 6:20, 7:30, 8:30, 9:40, 10:35; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:10, 11:50, 1:10, 1:50, 2:35, 3:50) 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Rd (800-326-3264)
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Ave (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Chula Vista
555 Broadway #2050 (888-AMC-4FUN)
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AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennery Rd (888-262-4386)
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Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (619-216-4707)
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EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Pkwy (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Ave (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Rd (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village
5256 Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sat (10:15, 1:00, 3:45) 6:30, 9:15 Sun (10:15, 1:00, 3:45); **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) Fri (10:45, 1:15, 4:00) 6:45, 9:45 Sat (10:45, 1:15, 4:00) Sun (10:45) 6:45; **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) Fri-Sat (11:00, 2:00) 4:45, 7:45, 10:15 Sun (11:00, 2:00) 4:45, 7:45; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri-Sun (1:45) 4:15, 7:00; **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:15) 9:30 Sun (11:15a.m.); **TCM Presents A Christmas Carol/Christmas in Connecticut (Double Feature)** (Not Rated) Sun (2:00) 7:00; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00) 4:30, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 Sun (10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00) 4:30, 6:00, 7:30; **UFC 181: Hendricks vs. Lawler** (Not Rated) Sat 7:00p.m.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mntn Rd (800-326-3264 #2704)
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sat (11:25, 2:10) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50 Sun (11:25, 2:10) 4:50, 7:25; **Birdman** (R) Fri-Sat (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10 Sun (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40; **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:40, 2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05 Sun (11:40, 2:20) 4:55, 7:35; **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) Fri-Sat (11:50, 2:25) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun (11:50, 2:25) 5:15, 7:50; **Interstellar** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:15, 3:00) 7:00, 10:15 Sun (11:15, 3:00) 7:00; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:30, 11:20, 12:45, 1:35, 2:55, 3:40) 5:05, 5:50, 7:15, 8:00, 9:25, 10:20 Sun (10:30, 11:20, 12:45, 1:35, 2:55, 3:40) 5:05, 5:50, 7:15, 8:00; **St. Vincent** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:55) 9:35 Sun (10:55a.m.); **The Homesman** (R) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00 Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:40, 11:45, 1:25, 2:35) 4:15, 5:20, 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:35 Sun (10:40, 11:45, 1:25, 2:35) 4:15, 5:20, 7:10, 8:05; **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:55, 1:30, 2:30) 4:10, 5:10, 7:05, 7:55, 10:30 Sun (11:55, 1:30, 2:30) 4:10, 5:10, 7:05, 7:55

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Pkwy (760-291-0119)
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MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Pkwy (800-326-3264)
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POWAY

Digiplex Poway
13475 Poway Rd ((858) 679-3887)
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri (11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40) 4:10, 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 10:20 Sat (11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40) 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 10:20 Sun (11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40) 5:20, 7:10, 7:50; **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:20, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 Sun (11:20, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30; **Fury** (R) Fri-Sat (12:15, 3:30) 6:40, 9:40 Sun (12:15, 3:30) 6:40; **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40, 10:20 Sun (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40; **Interstellar** (PG-13)

Fri-Sat (11:10, 2:50) 6:30, 10:00 Sun (11:10, 2:50) 6:30; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:30) 4:20, 6:50; **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat (2:00) 9:30 Sun (2:00p.m.); **St. Vincent** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:30, 2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sun (11:30, 2:10) 4:40, 7:20; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00 Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sun (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Varsham (Malayalam)** (Not Rated) Fri 9:30p.m. Sat (4:00) 9:30 Sun (4:00p.m.)

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Digiplex Temecula Tower Cinemas
27531 Ynez Rd (951-699-4970)
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VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Dr (760-945-7469)
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sun (10:35, 11:25, 1:20, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50) 6:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Birdman** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:30, 4:20) 7:05, 9:50; **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **Fury** (R) Fri-Sun (10:25, 4:25) 10:25; **Gone Girl** (R) Fri-Sun (1:20) 7:20; **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:00, 10:00; **Interstellar** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:00, 3:50) 7:45, 9:20; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:35, 2:00, 4:15) 6:40 Fri-Sun (12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 11:15, 12:45, 1:40, 2:10, 3:35, 4:35, 5:05) 6:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 10:20; **The Pyramid** (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:10; **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:50, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20 Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Cinépolis La Costa
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Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Rd (760-729-7469)
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DEL MAR

Cinépolis Del Mar
12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)
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ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
AWAKE, THE LIFE OF YOGANANDA (PG) Thu(Dec 4): 4:15, Sat(Dec 6): 2:15, 4:15, Sun(Dec 7): 2:10, 4:15, 6:20, 8:25, Mon-Wed(Dec 8-10): 4:15, 6:20, 8:25; **WARREN MILLER'S NO TURNING BACK** (NR) Fri(Dec 5): 6:00, 9:00; **EL MAR, MI ALMA** (NR) Sat(Dec 6): 7:00, 9:30; **ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW** (R) Fri: Midnight

OCEANSIDE

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Regal Oceanside
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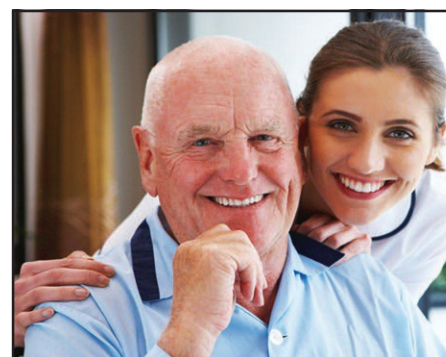


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Oceanmaster 10ft surf rod 1.4oz w/ Sealine x30sha reel - \$150 Selling my surf rod n reel the specs are as follow: Rod: Offshore Angler Ocean Master Surf Rods - Spinning 10ft. 1 to 4oz rating. Retail: \$160 Daiwa Sealine-X SL-X30SHA Ultra High Speed Retail: \$132. Like new. Price firm. 619-995-6502

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Hyperlite wake board - \$80 Hyperlite Perez wake board in good condition with just a few minor surface scratches. On the top it says energy rib composite, and the three fins are still in great condition. On eBay these are going \$150-\$170. I'm asking \$100 or best offer. Please text me. Also the letters and design on the back, glow in the dark! 619-201-4891

6.1 Larry Mabile Twincer Fish Surfboard - \$500Used less than 10 times - no dings or pressure spots. Super fun board but it's a little too big for me. Comes with Larmo twincer fins (FCS system). 6'1" x 21.25 x 2.7 Board is in mint condition. 210-365-1258

610 Short board surfboard - \$280 6'10" short board surfboard \$280 call or text for quickest response 760-456-9299 6'10 long x 19 5/8" wide x 2 5/8" thickness. Get out there and have some fun!!!

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Vintage Deep Sea Fishing Rod - \$45

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Shimano baitrunner 6500 reel/ Saguaro rod - \$125 Shimano 6500 baitrunner with Saguaro 6'6" rod. Reel with minor boat rash. Rod in excellent condition, model 66S-M, 14-30#. 619-449-8962

Vintage fly fishing reel made in japan - \$20 Vintage compac model 26 fly fishing reel Made in Japan. 408-429-0145

9'6" Stewart Longboard Surfboard - \$640 9'6" Stewart Surfboards Hydro Glide. Please visit their website for details. Great for beginner to advanced surfers. 858-333-7596

Tonkin Bamboo Cane AAA grade for Bamboo Fly Rod Building - \$250 I have some extra Tonkin Cane for making Bamboo Fly Rods. These are

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Brand New SEVYLOR Rio™ 1-Person Inflatable Fishing Canoe Kayak - \$225 SEVYLOR Colorado™ Canoe - Hunt Fish Model. Brand new in box. Retail on Sevylor for \$439- I also have another Sevylor Rio canoe in like new condition and (2) Sevylor ST6566 Sit on Top kayaks and one Sevylor Colorado canoe for sale. 619 994 2235 Thank you!

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8 Fishing Rod Display Rack in EXCELLENT Condition! - \$30 I have an eight fishing rod wooden display rack for sale. The display case has velvet inlays where the rods connect to the upper part of the rack. The rack is in excellent condition and has some extremely minor wood dings here and there. 6197230197

Wake Board - brand new condition - \$30 Obo. Original owner - used on lake once. Don't go any longer. Excellent condition. Come take it off my hands. 6195651404

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Fishing Reel - \$20 Ironside Reel "Super Cast System"Great reel, Great Shape. \$25 obo. call or text. 619-599-6092

Custom SJ 6.0' surfboard trade? - \$300 Very nice 6.0' -19"-2 5/16" custom SJ surf board. No dings or yellowing. Looking to upsize. I'm 5'8" 185lbs so this is too small for my fat butt. Looking to trade for 6'6" or maybe an egg. No longboards please. \$300 obo for purchase. 619-454-2484

Women's custom made winter wetsuit-never used - \$125 Women's custom made wetsuit with hood. Never used! Not sure of the thickness but it is for cold water. Please text or call 702-525-1174.

Vintage Bamboo Fishing Rod and Reel-Ocean City - \$20 I have the great vintage Ocean city fishing rod and reel. It is model #994. Made in Philadelphia USA. Cool vintage piece. Just call if interested. Thanks. My name is Allen. (619)772-7276

3 good condition surfboards - Three surfboards for sale, one 5'11" x18.25" chili, one 6'1"x18.5" epoxy rusty, and a 5'9" x21" windansea. \$125 windansea, \$135 chili, \$140 rusty. No serious damage on any board, contact Kevin (me) at (619)733-4265 for pictures if you're serious.

Lost mayhem surfboard - \$150 Lost mayhem surfboard 150.00 firm call if interested. 760-522-4146

Shakespeare Ultralite rod and reel - \$20 Collapsible Shakespeare Ultralite Rod and Reel. Excellent condition. Extends and retracts for easy carrying. Great to hike or backpack with when retracted. Please call with questions

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Last Eaton - \$1800 One of the last Eatons Mike shaped at his shop in San Diego. It is a 10' tailblock as new with bag. I hope it goes to someone that understands the flow of this board. It was shaped for Little Wiamea. I have a 10'6" that was my primary board for that particular break. It also is for sale for \$1000. I've only surfed this board twice. Cash only-No trades. 619-248-5464

Cabrinha kite surf gear - \$300 I have a used kite surf set (size 17 kite) - everything but the pump for the kite included in price (it broke). In good condition. Call/text/ for more information 619-838-4246

10'2" Goodrum Longboard Surfboard Surf Board Long Board - \$440 10'2" Goodrum Surfboards. Hand made by Gary Goodrum. Made in Oceanside, Ca. Great for beginner to advanced surfers. 858-333-7596

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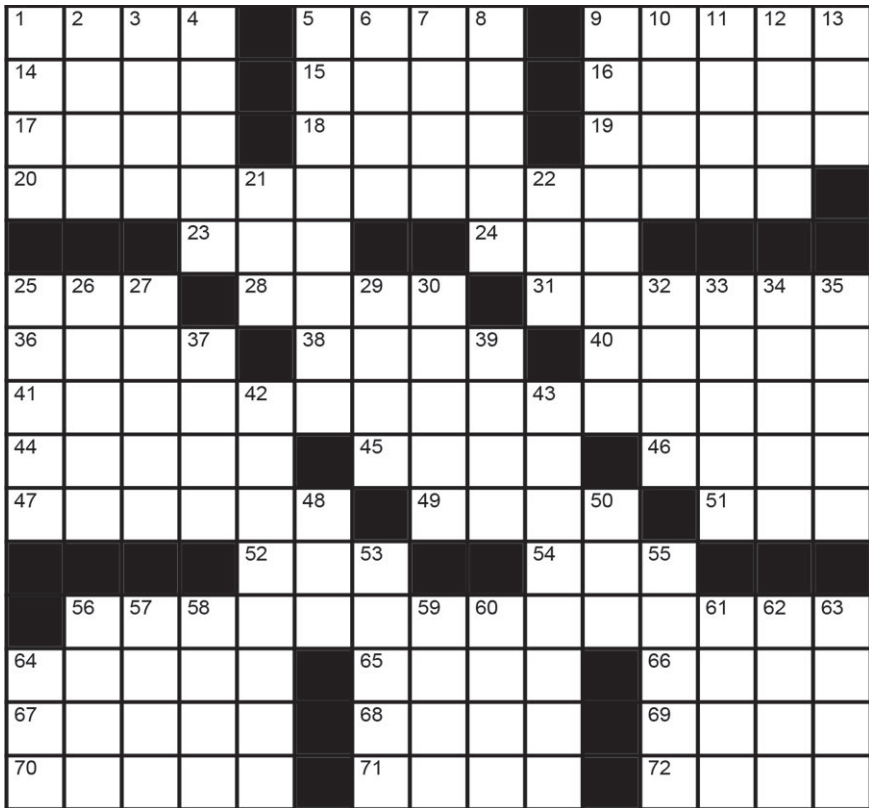
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Across

1. Docs prescribe them
5. Weather map figures
9. Hall of Fame quarterback Dan
14. Birthright seller in the Bible
15. Birthplace of over two dozen NASA astronauts
16. What an astronaut may be in
17. Org. for mature audiences only?
18. Use UPS
19. Slender
20. Enjoy the plotline of a film starring actress Janet?
23. NBA official
24. What's up?
25. Pinup's leg
26. Cry often made with jazz hands
31. Conveyance in an Ellington classic
36. Map parts: Abbr.
38. Surrender
40. "____ bet?"
41. Sources are saying actor Bruce has packed on some pounds?
44. Knightley of "Atonement"
45. Home of the University of Nevada
46. Gaelic word used in the preamble of the Constitution of Ireland
47. Sailor
49. Funeral fire
51. Midpoint: Abbr.
52. First word in many church names
54. "Conan" airer
56. Rumors that actor Jet was smoking dope are unfounded?
64. Pulitzer-winning poet Marianne
65. Old game show prop
66. Prefix with dynamic

67. Durable fabric
68. "Swedish for 'argument,'" per Amy Poehler
69. Sea food?
70. "Zorba the Greek" setting
71. "You're on!"
72. Otherwise

Down

1. Brunch, e.g.
2. Morales of "La Bamba"
3. Like some turkey meat
4. Word that becomes its synonym when a "b" is tacked on its end
5. Eat crow
6. "Funny meeting you here!"
7. Kristen of "Bridesmaids"
8. Second-year students, for short
9. Age of Theodore Roosevelt when he became the youngest U.S. president ever
10. "Milk's Favorite Cookie"
11. Ridesharing service since 2010
12. Uncluttered
13. Hog's home
21. Allow
22. Music genre that influenced No Doubt
25. Rubbernecks
26. E.M. Forster's "A Room with ____"
27. Social ____
29. Animal on XING signs
30. Seller of TV spots
32. "Bloody"
33. Shenanigan
34. Like some gases

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



35. Ralph who quipped "Turn on to politics, or politics will turn on you"
37. Belgrade resident
39. Start of a choosing rhyme
42. Opera on which "Rent" is based
43. European country whose flag depicts seven castles
48. Oscar winner Brynner
50. Recede, as the tide
53. Stiff
55. Vampire vanquisher
56. Part of a landscaping team
57. Skye of "Say Anything ..."
58. Spunk
59. Okey-____
60. Prime draft status
61. Have a hunch
62. Some bookmarks, for short
63. Easy gait
64. Year in Elizabeth I's reign

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EASY:

	4		2		3	6		1
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4					5	2	8	
	6	8	4		1	7	3	
	5	7	9					4
		6				9	4	
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HARD:

	5			3				
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MEDIUM:

				9		6		7
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EVIL:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

6	7	8	4	9	1	5	3	2
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HARD:

7	2	8	5	3	1	4	9	6
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MEDIUM:

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EVIL:

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- **Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 12.**
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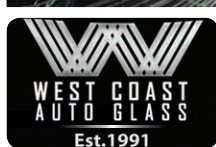
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BOBBY LEE A native of San Diego, CA, was expected to follow in his father's footsteps — running the family clothing store. After stints in a local rock band and at the local community college, Lee was spotted by Frank Burns, the legendary manager of La Jolla's Comedy Store. He appeared in the big screen comedy "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle," and in 2007 he appeared in "Kickin It Old Skool." Lee was a regular on

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