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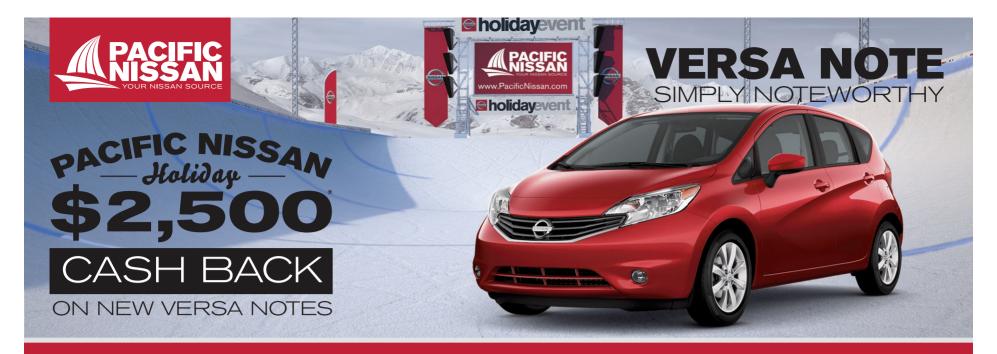
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Chinchilla lady dies while suing PETA

Daughter to continue the fight

"She's 90 years old. That right there seems good enough to me. You know, she's on borrowed time if you look at statistics. So, I am concerned about having this case drag on." A superior court judge told an attorney for PETA that he did intend to move the case forward expeditiously on December 4.



Attorney Michael Curran and Lurlie Adams Mrs. Adams was in the process of suing PETA for defamation when she passed.

Lurlie Adams, 90, claims that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals defamed her after the famous animal-rights organization bought her chinchilla ranch last August and then characterized their purchase as a "rescue" and Mrs. Adams's treatment of her animals as "inhumane and cruel."

In her multimillion-dollar lawsuit, Lurlie Adams alleged PETA committed gross negligence and inflicted emotional and physical distress when it published false and misleading allegations against her.

According to attorney Michael Curran, Lurlie Adams passed away that night, December 4. after her appearance in San Diego's North County Superior courthouse. Curran said Adams's daughter intends to continue the lawsuit.

Eva Knott

Shamu's revenge

SeaWorld president out: stock rises

SeaWorld Entertainment ousted its president and chief executive officer, Jim Atchison, on December 11. He will become vice chairman of the problem-plagued company. The stock rose 2.88 percent to \$16.09 on the day.

SeaWorld is cutting \$50 million of its costs, and will make layoffs that haven't been revealed. SeaWorld's revenue, attendance, and earnings have been hit, partly by the widespread viewing of the documentary Blackfish, which exposed the risks — including deaths of trainers— of keeping killer whales in captivity. The company launched an expensive public relations campaign that didn't seem to quell the criticism.

The stark decline in the company's stock is in large part a result of it being extremely overpriced from the beginning. At its offering price, SeaWorld sold for 27 times earnings

while competitor Six Flags sold for 12.1 times earnings and Disney for 19. At the time, I said the offering "shines and stinks lack a mackerel in the moonlight," but I was red-faced for many months until reality set in.

Don Bauder

Ebola's a moneymaker

"Blue ribbon" panel likely to lobby for germ-warfare defense cash

The long-smoldering intrigue over the potential use of so-called weaponized Ebola may soon receive a boost from obscurity by a Washington think tank with a notable tie to San Diego, already a national hotbed of Ebola research and commerce.

As previously reported by the Reader, Mapp Pharmaceuticals, developers of a widely reported anti-Ebola serum, linked itself to biowarfare in a March 2012 court filing that said part of its business is "to apply for and obtain grants from government agencies [...] and protect United States service men and women from biological warfare."

Though receiving little media attention, the Pentagon is known to have considered the threat of Ebola warfare seriously enough to have spent "tens of millions of dollars" on vaccine and therapy research, according to a Washington Post account this past August.

Enter the Hudson Institute, the think tank founded in 1961 by cold warrior Herman Kahn, which bills itself as "an independent research organization promoting new ideas for the advancement of global security, prosperity and freedom."



George Bush and General Atomics vice chairman Linden Blue. Drone-builder Blue is now in the business of biodefense.

A key member of Hudson's board is Linden Blue, vice chairman of San Diego's General Atomics — most famous for making the Predator and Reaper drones, now a multibillion-dollar Pentagon mainstay — and a prominent sugar daddy to San Diego politicos of both parties.

Last week, Hudson bolstered another interest on its agenda through a new group called the Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense.

"With the Ebola outbreak and its devastating impact in the news," says a news release by the Alliance for Biosecurity, "the conversation about the need for preparing

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San Diego could thrive from pain

Wars popping up. Money machine running overtime

By Don Bauder

he world is a mess. San Diego might make money off that mess next year. Repeat: might.

Japan has gone into recession. Europe will likely follow. Wars are mushrooming all over: Middle East. Ukraine. Ghettos.

Economically, the United States has the least run-down house in a bad neighborhood. The Federal Reserve, our central bank, is keeping our economy afloat by printing money promiscuously. Despite the disaster of 2008-2009, Washington, D.C., is preparing to inflate housing again with lower buyer requirements. Profits of American corporations are doing well, but mainly because of financial engineering: with interest rates so low, companies borrow money cheaply and buy back their own stock, artificially inflating their earnings per share. They also juggle their books, stashing money abroad to avoid United States taxes and bolster earnings.







hurting. In America, the top one-tenth of 1 percent

now has as much wealth as

the bottom 90 percent. So

how could San Diego cash

in next year? Well, govern-

ment (mostly military) is 25

percent of the economy. Real

estate — sales, rental, con-

struction, mortgage activ-

ity — is another 20 percent.

announced cutbacks. But

the Marines and Navy —

San Diego's economic gravy

train - won't get derailed.

"We're headed back toward

The Pentagon has

Marney Cox

The stock market has roared upward since early 2009 because of the ocean of cheap money. Wall Street rejoices. The Federal Reserve keeps printing money, purportedly fearing deflation. But that money doesn't get to Main Street, which is still

Kelly Cunningham

conflict," says Marney Cox, chief economist for the San Diego Association of Governments. "With a new Republican Congress, there is an opportunity for additional defense programs." The boost that San Diego gets from the military —

Neal Obermeyer



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troops, civilian employees, manufacturing — "at worst will be a stabilizer and most likely a growth sector" next year.

In recent years, the military concentrated much more of its activity in the western part of the U.S. There was a lot of construction at Camp Pendleton and elsewhere, "and that helped mitigate impacts on the construction industry and the sequestration slowdown," says Cox.

And real estate? The Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), which together guarantee 90 percent of new mortgages, are loosening up lending standards, lowering the minimum down payment on a mortgage to 3 percent. That will help housing. But Fannie and Freddie almost went under in the 2008 calamity. Excessively easy home-lending standards were a major cause of the crisis. Looking at that 3 percent figure, Kelly Cunningham, economist for the National University System Institute for Policy Research, harrumphs, "We went through a bubble before, and now they are doing everything they can to reinflate that bubble."

San Diego median home prices are close to \$500,000, among the highest and least affordable in the nation. Prices were rising at 10 percent a year and above and now are rising at half that. Zillow.com thinks San Diego home prices will rise only 1.7 percent in 2015. Both Cox and Cunningham think prices can continue rising at a very moderate rate, but Cunningham is worried about that bubble bursting

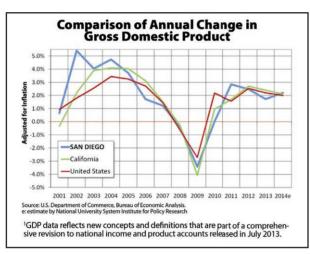
For many years, San Diego had a surfeit of condos downtown. But some of the bigger projects shifted from condos to apart-

San Diego Gross Domestic Product

	GDP	Percentage of:		GDP Percentage of: Const		tant Dollars*	
Year	(Billions)	Calif.	U.S.	S.D.	Cal.	U.S.	
2001	\$122.018	8.72%	1.15%	0.7%	-0.3%	0.9%	
2002	\$131.368	9.06%	1.20%	5.4%	2.2%	1.8%	
2003	\$139.787	9.11%	1.22%	4.0%	3.9%	2.6%	
2004	\$150.347	9.15%	1.23%	4.7%	4.1%	3.4%	
2005	\$160.401	9.11%	1.23%	3.7%	4.0%	3.2%	
2006	\$167.881	9.00%	1.22%	1.7%	3.1%	2.7%	
2007	\$174.602	8.96%	1.21%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%	
2008	\$176.616	8.93%	1.21%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.6%	
2009	\$173.564	9.10%	1.21%	-3.4%	-4.1%	-2.7%	
2010	\$175.201	8.97%	1.18%	0.0%	0.9%	2.2%	
2011	\$182.676	9.00%	1.18%	2.8%	1.7%	1.6%	
2012	\$190.940	8.98%	1.18%	2.5%	2.7%	2.5%	
2013	\$197.886	8.98%	1.18%	1.7%	2.4%	2.2%	
2014e	\$206.398	9.01%	1.19%	2.2%	2.1%	2.0%	

*Adjusted by GDP implicit price deflator. Source: Bureau of Economic analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; e: estimate by National University System Institute for Policy Research.

Local output of goods and services led the state and nation this year.



Output plunged in the Great Recession but has bounced back.

ments. The high vacancy rate is finally coming down. "Now we have the ability to get something done downtown," says Cox. "Now we have a neighborhood."

San Diegans' household incomes are a good deal higher than the nation's but much lower than those in the Bay Area. Yet population continues to increase not at the 3 percent annual rate of decades ago, but at 1 percent, which, at least, is double the rate of a few years ago. How can people afford homes? "Multi-generations are living together; you see multifamily homes and smaller-square-footage homes to overcome the affordability issue," says Cox.

Residential real estate has rebounded from 2005-2006, when the bubble burst, but commercial real estate (such as hotels and office buildings) "hasn't come back," says Cunningham.

The San Diego unemployment rate has dropped from a peak of almost 11 percent in July of 2010 to below 6 percent. However, says Cunningham, "It is a two-tiered jobs growth. There are some solid, highpaying tech jobs but lowpaying service jobs. There is not a big middle as in manufacturing and construction." Indeed, tech (such as biotech, telecommunications, software) and aerospace represent about 11 percent of the county's employment but 24 percent of payrolls. "The average tech pay is \$115,000 versus \$56,000 for all industries," says Cunningham.

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UNDER THE RADAR

C-plus The public relations department at UCSD has long touted good news about the school's purported academic stand-

ing, omitting the not so good. "The campus took the No. 18 spot in U.S. News and World Report's first-ever global ranking of universities which measured factors such as research, global and regional reputation, international collaboration as well as number of highly-cited



"UC San Diego is on the low end of the four-year graduation rate."

papers and doctorates awarded," noted an October news release. The minutes of the school's October faculty senate meeting told a more nuanced story. "Compared to the other UC campuses, UC San Diego is on the low end of the four-year graduation rate at just under 60% of undergraduates graduating in four years," chairman Gerry Boss, a professor of medicine, told the assembly. He added that there was "continuing pressure to reduce time to degree from the Governor and the State Legislature."

Forest flack When a tree falls in San

Diego, who will be there to listen and how much will she or he cost taxpayers? Such are the questions posed by a job listing posted on the city's employment website for an Urban Forestry Program Manager. The holder of the non-civil service Planning Departmen position will be expected to have the "ability to identify

tree species, understand what species grow best in different environments. and knowledge of

tree placement in urban settings." In addition, awareness of "tree physiology and pathology" and "best arboricultural and horticultural management practices" is also desired. The new hire "will manage the Citywide Urban Forestry Program to identify strategies and policies for proactively managing the City's trees; coordinate citywide tree services; serve as a liaison to the Community Forest Advisory Board and other community groups; and provide technical and professional guidance to property owners and other City departments," according to the notice. "Certification as an Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture," is also desired.

Why the job is unclassified, meaning that the new employee will serve at the virtual plea-

sure of mayor Kevin Faulconer under the city's so-called strong mayor charter, is unstated. The expublic relations man is known to favor loyal pitch people for such jobs to further his political agenda and future political career as a selfcast environmentfriendly Republican.

Whether recent news coverage of the practice here and a local TV station's follow-up will influence that policy remains to be seen. No salary is listed.

Big money influence Yet another former congressman is plying his trade for a San Diego biomedical outfit. The latest big name politico is **Tim Roemer**, a Democrat from Indiana who graduated from UCSD back in 1979. "During his years of distinguished public service as a Member of Congress and as United States Ambassador to India, Tim Roemer worked tirelessly to improve the lives of people around the world. His success aligns perfectly with our mission at Path-

> way Genomics," says a news release from the firm announcing Roemer's appointment to its "strategic advisory board." Not men-

tioned by the company is the fact that Roemer's resignation from his ambassadorship in April 2011 happened after just two

If you can see the forest and the trees, identify them, and are years on job, after the willing to serve at the behest of the mayor, you are qualified! Indian government decided, to the chagrin of the Obama admin-

istration, against buying fighter jets from two U.S. companies, Boeing and Lockheed-Martin in favor of European hardware. Other observers speculated that Roemer, who said he left for family considerations, felt sidelined and wanted to get back into the thick of domestic politics. In its quest to sell its personal DNA screening tests, Pathway has worked both sides of the political divide. In September 2011, company founder Jim Plante was invited by GOP House Speaker **John Boehner** to sit in his box to honor "jobs creators" during a presidential speech. Since

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Return of Tent City?

My comments concern the article in the December 11 edition, "Black Hole Development in Little Italy" (Neighborhood News).

I don't want to rain on Mr. LiMandri's little parade, but what kind of fraud was committed in having a bunch of money that was supposed to be devoted to projects for homeless people, and is instead going to the development of this plaza? Or perhaps Mr. LiMandri has in mind having homeless people put up tents in the pedestrian plaza.

And, also, regarding "Mainstream U," (Blurt, December 11). Wow, all those vastly overpriced craft beers, and they can't do any better with regards to coming up with excuses for ousting Porter's Pub and that swill that they're putting out? Porter's "is selling too much food" and the UCAB didn't like it. Not enough beers being sold on a university campus in San Diego County? Come on!

> Kilian Roever Clairemont Mesa

Classless Article

Don Bauder, I just want to say shame on you. Your entire article - News Ticker, December 11: "Ryan Leaf Released from Montana Prison" — as short as it was, was in poor taste.

Was this article to show your lack of compassion for the demise of another human being? Was it to show the statistics you managed to gather about the former player's history? Maybe it was to demonstrate your disdain towards a person with substance abuse issues?

What it seems like, to me, is that your classless article about Ryan Leaf being released from prison was all just to set yourself up for the cheesy attempt to further bring down the *Union* Tribune (who need no help; they are doing it themselves). Your article was in bad taste and is a demonstration of how the media likes to portray the facts.

I am so disgusted with media commentary that only reports one side and leaves the rest behind, and often gets their facts all wrong anyway.

I'm not claiming to like Ryan Leaf; I don't even know him. But I certainly don't find his life's demise to be worth gloating over, even if he was not a positive point in the chronicles of the Chargers. If you're going to write stories for the Reader, please try to make them noteworthy, and have a specific point other than being self-serving. After reading your article, I don't think any more of you than I do Leaf.

> Christina Koch East Village

As If the Days Aren't **Short Enough**

Under the Moon Calendar in the Waterfront section of this week's Reader (December 11), it indicates that the sunrise was at 7:10 in the morning on December 11, and the sun set at 4:29 in the afternoon, which works out, according to your paper, to be a length of day of nine hours and nineteen minutes. Not so! There were ten hours and two minutes of daylight on December 11.

So, I'm wondering what city has this little daylight? Even Seattle has more daylight! In any event, ten hours and two minutes is the time from sunrise to sunset for the eleventh of December. You folks are telling me it doesn't rise until 7:10 and sets at 4:29 for only nine hours and nineteen minutes.

It's very important that we know when the sun rises!

> Jack Bulong via voicemail continued on page 34

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By Reader stringers

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

North Park vibe spreads north Soon: brunch and hipster coolness everywhere!

While the renovated Lafayette Hotel on El Cajon Boulevard in University Heights has raised the bar, commercial properties nearby haven't been so successful. Going west on El Cajon Boulevard from Louisiana Street to Florida Street, there are vacant storefronts along both sides of the street.

The long-closed San Diego Stage & Light-



Former San Diego Stage & Lighting an eyesore along this corridor.

ing [an eyesore with faded murals and graffiti] at 2030 El Cajon Boulevard has a promising future. The property sold in September for \$7.7 million to HG Fenton Co. and will become an upscale apartment building. It will be "transformational," said Aldana. But that project could easily take two to three years to be completed.

Except for a Halloween pop-up shop, the old Blockbuster Video on 2011 El Cajon Boulevard has remained vacant. At this point, it reportedly has no takers and only attracts graffiti taggers and occasional homeless people.

A new parklet on Alabama Street is just off El Cajon in front of Mama's Bakery. Some might say it's a copycat approach to add some badly needed North Park vibe to the area.

DAVID BATTERSON

ENCINITAS

Wanted: one cheap deputy

Spy on your neighbors, get free hookups

Looking for a spot to park the RV? The City of Encinitas has a deal for you — an RV spot with free hookups. The city is looking for a "park host" for their new 44-acre Encinitas Community Park. An applicant will be expected to be the "eyes and ears" for the city and the sheriff's department.

In exchange for monitoring the multi-use park of athletic fields, a skate park, dog park, tot lot, and walking trails, the new host won't be paid anything. However, with bluff-top RV sites at nearby San Elijo State Beach Campground going for up to \$70 a night, being the city's eyes and ears in exchange for free utilities may not seem like a bad deal for some.

KEN HARRISON

IMPERIAL BEACH

Not funky anymore Council okays development — RV park likely to close

With the only objection to the project coming from an Arizona couple who spend their summers living at the Bernardo Shores Adult Community RV park, the Imperial Beach City Council voted 4-1 recently to approve the "Integral Communities" plan to develop the RV park into a 193-unit gated community.

The plan still has to be approved by the California Coastal Commission, which — like the Arizona couple — has expressed concerns over the loss of inexpensive accommodations in a city that seems to be moving away from its funky beach-town feel.

Councilman Robert Patton was worried about the effect of traffic from 193 new homes



Some say I.B., intending to redevelop this trailer park, is losing its funky beach-town feel.

— traffic that would end up on the 75 and Palm Avenue. And, he said, he worried that the homes would be purchased by investors and used as vacation rentals — which usually means partying, to the detriment of the neighbors.

Even if the project is quickly approved, doors won't open before the end of 2016, according to Marc Perlman of Integral Communities. But the RV park — owned and operated by the same family for 38 years — will be closed to build the project. It now has 124 rental spaces that rent for about \$60 a night or between \$975 and \$1045 per month.

LEUCADIA

Flooding damages three businesses

Love Child is fed up

Heavy rain on the morning of December 12 damaged three businesses at 1002 North Coast Highway in Leucadia. After several hours of heavy downpour, employees arriving around 8:00 a.m. found four inches of water in their low-lying parking lot.

The most heavily flooded was Love Child — a children's resale boutique. "This is due to improperly maintained drains," co-owner Andrew said. Although he didn't want to name the center's owner, he said she was not being very helpful, and that this area has flooded in the past.

When first discovered, the Encinitas Fire Department showed up with sandbags, cut off the power, and helped carry out some heavy furniture.

Meanwhile, two blocks south, at Leuca-

dia's Roadside Park [Coast Hwy. at the end of Leucadia Boulevard], the deep depression of the small park always serves as a catch basin for heavy rain runoff in the area. City of Encinitas crews were busy pumping thousands of gallons of water out of the park and into underground storm drains.

With many businesses not having curbs and gutters, the drainage system — or lack of it — gets overwhelmed. City officials on the scene said there was nothing they could do beyond emergency services of the fire department to help the three local businesses. A supervisor stated it was now the property owner's responsibility.

KEN HARRISON

LA MESA

Return to pork chop islandTraffic project did nothing to slow cars, say residents

A year after the City of La Mesa installed two traffic circles, six low medians, and a "porkchop island" on Harbinson Avenue to try to slow speeding traffic, most residents — and a small traffic study — say the efforts only put pedestrians and residents in danger while while making less street parking available.



This small traffic circle at Harbinson and Annapolis avenues is "confusing" drivers.

Drivers have long used Harbinson Avenue as a speedy and fun alternative to 70th Street. The avenue, about four blocks east of 70th Street, curves through a middle-class neighborhood.

Traffic studies have found that drivers rush through the otherwise quiet neighborhood at speeds of 35 to 40 miles per hour, whipping around curves.

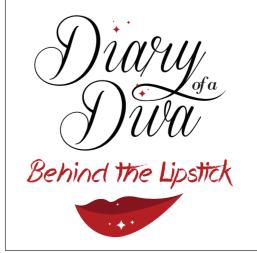
Down the street, Rick Woolverton said he wants the traffic circles removed and hopes

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by Barbarella

Weird aunt

ook!" I shouted to my friend Jenny, as I pulled the boys on either side of me closer to each hip. "I manifested children."

Two older women who were passing by snickered; one of them smiled knowingly and said, "Strange how that happens." Though it was trippy to think about, I realized I must have looked like a typical mom standing with her kids at the entrance to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. But Jenny (recently back to work after giving birth to her second child) knew better. She laughed as she approached us, her hand already extended to introduce herself to my nephews.

My three sisters have provided me with six niephlings (four boys, two girls), ranging in ages from 2 to 12. Liam and Brian (12 and 10, respectively) were my companions for the day. I asked my sister Heather to let her boys play

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hooky from school so I could bring them with me while I conducted research for an article about birds. This way, I could get some dedicated quality time with them, while also obtaining a kid's perspective for my story. Because I was offering the boys a rare opportunity to accompany their Aunt Barb behind the scenes, Heather — a teacher-turned-administrator — acquiesced to the absence.

It wasn't until I arrived at their house that it occurred to me this would be my first time ever alone with them. I had a sudden awareness of the responsibility that had been handed to me, and made a mental note to drive slower than usual. I had planned to take them to an early lunch before heading over to the Safari Park, but I hadn't thought of anything to fill the hour we had to kill before lunch. Fortunately, the boys were already working on a solution. I thought they'd been in their rooms getting ready while I was putzing around downstairs, checking email on my phone, but when I finally went to see what was taking them so long, I discovered them in Liam's room, playing video

In an effort to engage me, Liam explained what was happening on his computer screen, and how he'd cleverly camouflaged his avatar as an office waste bin in his multi-player hide-and-seek game. I hopped onto the bed next to Brian, whose handheld device was emitting bleeps and bloops. When he saw me launching Thomas Was Alone, the game I was currently enjoying on my iPhone, Brian insisted I download another game called Geometry Dash. I did

as he requested, and he excitedly gave me a tutorial. Cool Aunt Level: Unlocked.

Most of my niephlings are now at the same age I was when some of my sweetest and strongest memories were forged. Because of this, I assume they are particularly impressionable, and well, I want to make an impression, to reside forever in their brains, the way my own aunts occupy a special place in mine.

My sisters, cousins, and I used to have slumber parties at my Aunt Jane's Brooklyn apartment, which was way better than staying at our grandparents' place, because Aunt Jane had all the best board games and every pay channel. She'd take us to get slices of pizza and Italian ices, and then she'd coax us through the small kitchen window, out onto her "veranda," where she could smoke while playing Yahtzee with us. I still occasionally hum one of the tunes Aunt Jane composed, the one she played on her piano, over and over, while I worked on the lyrics.

It was my Aunt Diane who introduced me to my Irish literary heritage, and Aunt Nelle who took me barhopping in Brooklyn Heights. When I think about it, I can conjure the musty scent of old photos in Aunt Diane's many albums, just as I feel a tingle in my ear when I recall Aunt Nelle's sandpaper voice spouting razor sharp observations of everyone on either side of each bar we visited

The one thing all my influential aunts had in common was their lack of children. They didn't have that imperceptible but unmistakable "mom voice" of all the other

adult women I encountered. There was something mysterious about them, something that hinted to a young me that my life could be anything other than cookie-cutter. They spoke directly to me, not down at me. They treated me like an adult, which made me want nothing more than to be one. But not just any adult — I wanted to be an eccentric aunt, just like them. And now was my chance.

I struggled to decide where to take the boys for lunch, especially because I was unfamiliar with all of the restaurants in their neighborhood. I wanted to expose them to food they hadn't yet tried but were likely to enjoy. In the end, I settled on Indian — it may seem exotic, but chicken and rice is kidfood in any language.

I busted out my sonic screwdriver (a replica of the tool used by the TV alien known as Doctor Who) and the three of us theorized which settings the Doctor himself could use for which purpose. On the way to Safari Park, we blasted Skrillex (turns out dubstep is another enthusiasm we share).

After all the bird stuff (including a fast-paced, awe-inspiring bird show), we took some time to hang out with the lemurs and catch the Cheetah Run. While waiting in the sun for the Cheetah to demonstrate its infamous speed, Brian asked me why I was wearing all black. "Because I like it," I replied.

"You're weird," Brian said. And this lovely little comment led to my favorite part of the day, the part where I got to

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demonstrate my infamous eccentricity, and leave my own Aunty imprint on my nephews' brains.

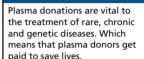
"That's right, I am weird," I said. "And I take that as a wonderful compliment. Because you know what? When I meet someone who is normal, all I can think is, how uninteresting. I'd rather be me, and be weird, and be interesting."

I gathered from the way they fell silent and leaned into me, that they kind of liked having a weird aunt.

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BY THE BRIDGES AT RANCHO SANTA FE GROUNDSKEEPER-IN-CHIEF,

ARTURO MENDES

Recently, a story in these pages took note of a New York Times article that took note of water use in the community where I live and work. The article noted

that our home-owning residents use an average of 584 gallons of water a day - almost five times the regional average. And this in a time of mandatory water use restrictions in San Diego. Some people were upset by the news, and I would like to try to help unbunch their collective panties.

For starters, the biggest reason for using five times more water than the regional average is having lots that are five times the size of the regional average. It's just logical. Second, for those complaining about adherence to mandatory water restrictions: everybody acknowledges that these restrictions can never be enforced

without community supervision. Unfortunately, the multi-acre gated estates here in Rancho Santa Fe make effective supervision all but impossible. Particularly when they're completely surrounded by lush, 12-foot tropical hedges. Who knows what's going in there, water-wise or otherwise? Privacy is a big part of the reason people of means move to Rancho Santa Fe in the first place. The good news is, we can probably trust our residents to be responsible consumers. You know how nobody gets to be rich by being careless with money?



Can we help it if our golf courses need extra water? It's not like they're getting it from the sky!

Well, the same goes for water.

And in order to demonstrate our good will and commitment to water responsibility, the Rancho Santa Fe Lady Lunch Club has volunteered to do some community supervising in a place where they can do some real good: La Jolla. Someone has to keep an eye on those arrogant arrivistes. They sure aren't going to do it themselves.

News Digest(ed)

A roundup of local headlines

Due to cuts, Navy bands change approach



MILLINGTON, Tenn. (AP) — Military bands are a valued pa American culture, with their musicians lending a sense of patriotism, pride and nostalgia to performances at sporting events, hospitals, small-town parades and service-member funerals.

The new approach, as evidenced by that photo: invisible and/or imaginary instruments.



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How Tweet it is

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Kanye West in talks to buy Tijuana's "La Mona" house

GETTING READY TO MAKE SOME EXPANSIONS TO THE PROPERTY, TIJUANA — "At first, I didn't believe it was him," says La Mona builder-owner Armando Munoz Garcia, referring to the night when Kanye West called to talk real estate. "But when he started talking about how La Mona reminded him of his wife, and how his Tweet about her Paper magazine cover had gotten him thinking — well, I decided to start taking him seriously."

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Dear Hipster:

I don't know why I'm writing you about this, but maybe you can advise. I've been dating the same guy for about two weeks, give or take. I like him a lot, but I have a sticky situation on my hands. He borrowed my car to go visit his family. He was supposed to return it to me the same day, but he failed. When he brought my car home the next day, he told me he got caught up with some friends and that he didn't have time to call me or anything. He just dropped the car off, admittedly no worse for wear, and then bolted because he was late for work. Now, I don't know how to confront him about it. My friends all say to just dump him, but I like him and I incline towards forgiveness! There has to be a subtler way.

— JENN

You obviously didn't listen to old uncle Polonius, who followed up his friendly admonition on the respective horrors of borrow-

ing and lending alike (the losing of the self and friend, the dulling the edge of husbandry, blah blah et cetera) with the more promising (and useful) missive, "To thine own self be true." I take that to mean your wishes and sense of self



respect subordinate any complications over things. Whether you opt for the old "lock the door and smash his face with a frozen fish until he gets the point" style of Colm Meaney's character in *Layer Cake*; or the polar opposite "wordless eyebrow raise while he digs a shallow grave in the dusty soil of poor excuses" maneuver mastered

by Silent Bob; just show some self-confidence by making the clear distinction between what is okay with you and what isn't. If he can't respect that, he probably wears drop-crotch pants (i.e., you can do better).

DJ:

What should I do if my wife and I want to wrap gifts for friends and family but we don't like the usual holiday motifs? Call me crazy, but corpulent Santas and stylized sugarplums don't do it for me.

— DARREN, LA MESA

Dear Hipster: How do hipsters wrap gifts?

—CODY

Many hipsters avoid the problem of tacky, holiday-themed wrapping paper by concealing their thoughtfully selected gifts behind layers of artisan wrapping paper available at many online outlets or your local art store. I happen to know that Artist & Craftsman Supply in Hillcrest stocks sheets of fancy, non-holiday-specific paper, with nary a fat, fictitious elf in sight! Hipsters have been known to pay upwards of \$20/roll for fancy gift-wrap, a small price to pay for distancing yourself from the seething masses. Some people are in the market of making hipster-specific giftwrap.

And yet, despite their reknowned

upcycling skills, hipsters have yet to find a suitable use for old wrapping paper. With options ranging from "frame it like artwork" to "make party hats and confetti out of it," the lame ways to repurpose gift-wrap pile

up like plastic grocery bags, junk mail, and any of the other byproducts against which we pointlessly struggle. If any of you hipsters out there have a better use for old wrapping paper, send it to <code>hipster@sandiegoreader.com</code>. I shortcut the whole problem by wrapping gifts in newsprint.

— DJ Stevens



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Thanksgiving and Christmas have always been my favorite time of the year. This year will be the first time I am away from my family for Thanksgiving, but I could not be more

excited to fly home to Connecticut for 10 days this Christmas! Some of my best memories involve all of us stuffing our Italian faces for Thanksgiving (3 or 4 courses, usually!), baking Christmas cookies with my family, and



Healthy alternatives at the holiday table...anyone?

of course, enjoying my Grandmama's world-famous lasagna while eating Papa's "ta-tas" (aka creamy mashed potatoes) for dessert. I know I am not the only one whose holidays revolve around food, so now that they're upon us (although it still feels like summer in San Diego!), I thought it would be a great idea to share some simple ways you can stay healthy and happy this holiday season while still enjoying yourself.

The holidays are a time of happiness, sharing & caring. So why not care about something that allows you to be YOU every single day? Your BODY. Here are 10 steps to a healthier, happier holiday

When doing your holiday baking, swap unhealthy oils, butter & more for healthier options! You won't taste the difference, I promise. Check my conversion chart for suggestions.

Practice portion control. We tend to overeat by consuming extra large portions of our meals. Fill your dish with a balanced combination of protein, carbs, and fats, then skip out on seconds. There will always be more leftovers later; no need to stuff your stomach to capacity now.

Indulge in your favorite dessert...in moderation. My favorites are cookies, cookies, and more cookies. My house is filled with hundreds for the entire month of December!

Pick a couple of your favorite and call it a day. No need to pig out on every single dessert in the room.

If you're hosting a get-together at your own home, guess what? YOU control what types of food you serve. Opt for healthier ver-

sions of your favorite meals. A healthy sweet-potato dish will be just as tasty as one full of unnecessary fats, sugars & sweets. Do your research and check out my Pinterest Board for some ideas.

Make sure you continue to stay hydrated! It is so easy to skip this healthy tip, especially

when the weather gets cold! This will help flush out toxins and decrease the bloat from the treats you do enjoy.

Fill your plate with equal two or more veggies than whatever else is on it. Many (including myself) tend to jump right to

the potatoes, bread, turkey, ham and lasagna, leaving no room for our favorite green friends. Don't skimp on the greens, as they will help with digestion.

Get a workout in before the big feast! Head outdoors for a run, hit the gym if it's open, or find an open area in your house to get some plyos in. A 30-minute sweat sesh will make you feel energized and your holiday dinner can be a great refuel!

Take it easy on the alcohol! Since your body can't metabolize alcohol, everything else you consume while enjoying a drink or two gets put "on hold" until the alcohol is out of your body. Hello, easy way to gain fat! Limit yourself to 1–2 drinks and try to avoid those sugary cocktails!

Take a walk post-meal! Ever since I can remember, after each round of Thanksgiving dinner, my family would go for a walk around my grandmother's neighborhood. Not only is this great for digestion (as opposed to getting sucked into the couch), but you will feel so much better!

Finally, don't get too caught up in the holiday hustle. This is a time you should enjoy with your loved ones, so if you end up having a few extra cookies, or too much lasagna... don't hate yourself for it! You are human AND you know a great personal training company...hint hint.

With these thoughts in mind throughout the next two months, you can avoid extra weight-gain, holiday blues, and that sick-toyour-stomach feeling you get after consuming too much.

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This year, I want a live wreath to go with my live tree.

"We always have fresh wreaths on hand," said Daniel Ferretti, general manager of Wholesale Flowers & Supplies in Linda Vista (619-295-4333; wholesaleflowersand-supplies.com). "We have the basic green wreaths, which are made from three evergreens: cedar, Noble Fir, and a unique yellow-tipped cedar. They range in size from 10 to

60 inches, but the most popular are 20 inches [\$12.99] and 24 inches [\$15.99]. We have a huge store, full of design supplies. You can browse and pick out elements to add to your wreath at home, or you can bring them to our design department, and we'll assemble it for you." And as the name implies, "our prices are all wholesale to the public. We're one of those hidden secrets of San Diego."

This Christmas season, said Ferretti, burlap is proving to be the design element of choice. "It's very rustic. We have burlap bows, burlap flowers, and burlap Christmas ribbons. Besides that, we do a lot of wreaths with feathers right now, and we've done some wreaths with mini poinsettias in pots that are tucked into the greens. But you have to remember to water the poinsettias. And there's an ocean-themed wreath that uses starfish instead of poinsettias. It looks very cool."

Over at Green Gardens in Pacific Beach (858-483-7846; sdgreengardens.com), creative director Patsy Eppler told me that "Tillandsia, which is an air plant, is really popular right now. There must be 150 varieties of the plant. They have a grassy look, there's a curl to the leaves, and they can range from dark green to bluish in color. The plant literally takes its moisture and nutrients from the air, though I recommend misting them once in a while. You can wire them or glue them to a wreath, and we're planning on using them in some succulent wreaths that have a Christmasy feel."

Succulent wreaths, assured Eppler, "are not that hard to make. You start with a wire wreath and line it with moss — I usually wet it first. You fill the moss with soil and then pack more moss on the back; you want to get it as tightly packed as possible. Then I use a pencil to poke holes in the moss. I take my succulents, shake off all the dirt, and push

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them into the hole, using a little more wet moss to hold it in place. I do that over and over again until the wreath is full. It's a labor of love. I recommend you keep it flat for 10 days or so to let the succulents take root. Then you can hang it: there's a back to the wreath frame that clips on."

If you don't have that much time or love to spare, Eppler recommends getting a basic green wreath from a grocery store, then gluing succulent cuttings onto that. "They'll live, because they're succulents. You can use tacky glue. It takes about 18 hours to set. I made one for a lady last year, and she said they lived for six months without water." (That said, she does suggest misting wreaths

once a week to keep them green through the holidays.)

Eppler is happy to help customers design their own wreaths, and will even give advice on how to make them. But, she says, "Most people are so busy this time of year that they just want it done for them. So, I keep freshly made wreaths on hand in the store, as well as matching arrangements. I have traditional Christmas-style wreaths with berries and

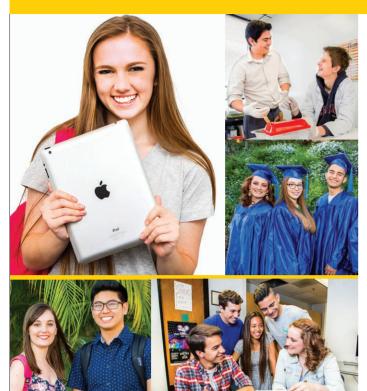
birds in the branches. And I like to add a touch of glitter to make

them festive. And since we're at the beach, I have some that use shells and mosaic tiles that are made by a local artist. Our smallest wreath is \$24. Average price is probably \$45, but the sky's the limit, depending on size."

Finally, I called Jodi at the Urban Seed Home & Garden in Old Town (619-584-7768; *urbanseedstore. com*). "Our wreaths vary in size, price, and material," she said. "We have some very nice eucalyptus ones for \$45; they have a very natural look, complete with seed pods. Our manzanita wreaths [\$45] are lovely woven twigs of indigenous redwood. It's pretty prized around here, because only a few people are allowed to grow it. The bark is red and the leaves are dark green."

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IN FEBRUARY, Kara Jones (not her real name) finally broke out of a six year stretch of being unemployed and landed a job at a Burger King fast food drive-thru in City Heights.

"Now?" She says. "I'm a burger cook." She and her husband have four children. They range in age from one to seven years old. They all live with Kara's dad in Lemon Grove. Kara her-

self is 25. She earns minimum wage. Her dad gave her a used car, his own gas-guzzling Ford Explorer. It's better than nothing, she explains, and practical if only from the standpoint that it can convey the entire family. Every day she works, Kara picks up her mom over in Otay Mesa and brings her back to Lemon Grove. Her mom handles day care for the two youngest children. Her mom and her dad are divorced. They are not friendly. It makes, Kara admits, for an interesting dynamic.

Kara declines to use her real name for fear her husband, who is undocumented, will be deported to Mexico. He works at a printing shop. "He cleans off the boards that they use. He's 30. I've known him for, like, eight years. He gets \$200 a week from his job. Cash. Under the table. He works more than 40 hours a week. His boss knows he's undocumented. If he got deported, I don't know what would happen. We talk about that. It costs too much money to get him legalized." She thinks around \$4000 in legal fees. "Before that, he did gardening, plumbing, and construction. It's hard for him to get a job," Kara says.

"I had two interviews in six years," she explains of her time off work, "but they never called me back." Before that? "I lived in L.A. I worked at a trophy place. You know, where they actually make trophies? They had

these little tubes I would cut, and then put them together. Just like a puzzle." She giggles a little. "And before that, I did daycare."

Life on minimum wage for a family of six: for an hour or so, Kara and I talk about what that looks like. Dressed in jeans and an oversized sweat shirt, her long brown hair is pulled into a pony tail. She is personable, alert, and she does not complain about her Dickensian lot in life except once: she'd like more time on the job clock. As it stands, she gets roughly 15 hours a week. "They said I can't go over 60 hours in two weeks, so I guess I can't go over 30 hours for one week. Why? She [the manager] hasn't







told me. She said we're not allowed to go over on our hours, or else she would get in trouble. I have asked her for more hours, and then she just goes and hires more people. I think there's one lady besides me that gets less hours. Everyone gets more hours than me."

The lowest salary allowed by law, is how one of Karen Russell's characters described the minimum wage in her novel *Swamplandia*. In real life, minimum wage is more often described as entry-level pay for an entry-level job by the employers and policy makers in favor of maintaining a low hourly rate of pay. But that paradigm appears to have shifted in

recent years. Now, more and more people who don't fit the description of an entry-level worker occupy those so-called entry-level jobs. For example, over one-third of minimumwage workers have some college in their backgrounds. The Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics at the University of California, Berkeley found that a full 30 percent of the countywide minimum-wage work force at present can claim some college time, while another 14 percent have completed bachelor's degrees and eight percent have completed associate's degrees.

Kara finished the 11th grade, but she dropped out of high school to have her first baby. She would like to go back and finish. "I've always wanted to do forensics, or immigration." Is she looking for a better job? "Not right now, no." She usually works from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., "but sometimes I come in at 9 a.m. I make breakfast, lunch, and dinner, if you call that dinner," she says, putting some weight on the word dinner. "They put me on breakfast, and I didn't know how to make anything, so I just kinda had to follow how everybody else was doing it. It's a stress job. I make food to order. There's not really a time limit, but the drive-through? We have to be [finished in] under three minutes. So, um, it's kind of hard when they come

in and order, like, 20 Whoppers." She giggles again. "There's two clocks. They start running when they start ordering in the drive-through. They have speakers. We can hear them. That's when we have to start making food. But sometimes, they cancel it, and then we have to go back and start the whole order over again."

Burger King paychecks come biweekly. "Last week, my check was pretty big for me. It was \$370. That was for working two weeks. Usually, it's around \$240 to \$270." She says those totals are after taxes have been taken out. "We receive assistance from the government. Cal Works." She says assistance checks cover

the rent. "Sometimes my dad has to help out with food. I eat at work sometimes. I try not to spend so much money on fast food. When there are days we don't have enough money to go to the [grocery] store, we get pizza. Little Caesar's pizza, because it's cheap."

Not designed for careers

"When I was a kid? Iack in the Box was not a career. So I'm sort of stuck on that idea." Brian Pollard took a shot at a city council seat and lost in 2013. He has since re-invented himself as a community activist in Council District four, the neighborhoods that comprise Southeast San Diego. Traditionally, Southeast has the highest rate of unemployment in our area. "I don't think those kinds of jobs were made for careers, but

more as feeders into bigger jobs, better jobs. And I think that's what's going to be the sticking point for many of the voters. People my age remember when those jobs were created back in the '50s, the '60s, and the '70s. Those were never designed to be full-time career jobs."

But that's changed. I tell Pollard that in some cases, workers are staying longer and even aging into those so-called feeder jobs. "It would be really interesting to look into a crystal ball. If we raised the salaries, you're not going to have as much turnover in those positions. So what about the younger kids coming up? Where are they going to go? You know what I mean?"

I do know what he

He and I reminisce over take-out coffee about the newspaper



Peter Brownell

routes we both had as children, routes that are now run by adults in vehicles. Or, some of the other jobs that traditionally were the province of teens, namely, fast food and that of grocery store bagger. Box boy, they called us. Then, there was the primo teen job of them all, the filling station assistant, way back in the day before they all went self-serve. "I had one of those jobs, too," says Pollard. "At a small gas station on

Market Street, privately owned. Filling up gas and changing oil."

In July, the San Diego City Council approved a series of incremental hikes that would eventually raise San Diego's minimum wage (when coupled with the state's wage hikes) to \$9.75 on January 1, 2015; \$10.50 on January 1, 2016; and \$11.50 on January 1, 2017. By 2019, San Diego's minimum wage would be adjusted annually to keep up with escalation in the cost of living. But on August 8, mayor Kevin Faulconer, painting a picture of fiscal doom for small business, vetoed the measure. Ten days later, the council returned fire and voted 6-3 to override Faulconer's veto. That's when the Chamber of Commerce stepped in. They helped mobilize a signature drive that

stalled the measure by putting it on the 2016 ballot.

The Chamber's move may have put the city council's plan on hold, but the state's minimum wage mandate will move forward as scheduled. According to the California Department of Industrial Relations, California's minimum wage (it rose from \$8 to \$9 per hour in July) will increase again on January 1, 2016 statewide to \$10 per hour. The federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. A U.S. Department of Labor map dated September, 2014 shows four states that have no minimum wage laws on the books and another three states that actually dip below the federal minimum wage; in those states, the fed's rate prevails. Twenty-four states have minimum wage rates higher than the federal rate; the rest of the country is even with the \$7.25 per hour.

Conservative on the issue or not, Pollard's own politics align with those of Council President Todd Gloria. "I don't think the proposal that Todd put forth was unreasonable. It was middle ground. I like that. I like the fact that he took the original requirement and worked it out with the Chamber of Commerce. I don't know why they came back and decided to blow this out of the water."

Former-mayor Jerry Sanders is now president and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. His office declined numerous requests to comment. But an op-ed piece with Sanders's byline appeared in *U-T* San Diego on October 17, and it used terms





suc as "union goons" and "job killing increase" to make the Chamber's point: that a minimumwage hike would drive up costs and kill jobs. "The minimum wage is not designed to be a living wage, as proponents suggest. Rather, it is an entry point into the job market for new workers. Of those who work at the minimum wage," he wrote, "25 percent of those are teenagers and 50 percent are under 25 vears old."

But a policy brief issued by the Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics in June painted a different picture. According to their countywide study, only five percent of those affected by the proposed wage hike are teenagers under the age of 19. Forty four percent are 20-29 years old, 17.5 percent are 30-39, 23.9 percent are 40-54, and 9.5 percent are 55 and older. All told, the Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics says that between 135,000 and 166,000 San Diegans would be affected in the coming year by such a wage increase.

Able to buy shoes

"I work in a business in Del Mar cleaning offices. A year and six months working there. Per hour, they pay me \$9.25." Miriam Torres, 45, lives in the realm of workers with wages that are barely above minimum. "Because of the union, I make .25 cents more than minimum wage. I'm not sure exactly how much I pay for union dues because it comes out of my check." She says she's happy with the union. "I got 40 hours per week. I got paid twice a month. I got \$1100 per month. A little bit less than \$600

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each check."

Torres and I meet at a Starbucks on University Avenue in City Heights late on a workday afternoon. The air around us is thick with summer heat and the thrum of agitated discussions. Men, mostly, speaking in East African dialects, occupy most all of the surrounding tables. Torres has lived in the U.S. for 16 years, but she speaks no English and requires the assistance of a translator. Later, she will admit that going to school to

learn English, when compounded by the duties of single parenting and holding down a job, has proven too difficult.

"I ran a day care before. I always had a day care. But I couldn't continue working because I have a child in special education. He had a lot of problems at school. He would leave school. And I had to be at his school. I started working other hours at other day cares. And I started working at night, too. I live in Oak Park, off 54th Street. I drive to work in my car.

I work from 6 p.m. to 2: 30 a.m. Sometimes when I'm working at night, if I get two hours of sleep, that's a lot. I have to make food for my children, take them to school, and I pick them up from school. I have appointments. But



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I haven't been working. I'm on Worker's Comp. I hurt my arm. I was pulling something out of the trash and I stretched a tendon. After that, I was working with restrictions, but the company I cleaned for said I could no longer work there with restrictions, so now I collect disability."

I ask if she's feeling better. Yes. Torres has three children. "I'm not married. I am separated. I have been separated for 10 years." She and the interpreter giggle. She says she has Section 8 housing, a rental assistance program administered by the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego. "Sometimes I work for people so I get a couple of extra hours. Day care. My children stay by themselves in the house when I go to work. My oldest boy is 16. Sometimes, my sister takes care of my youngest boy."

Torres sometimes gets her family's groceries from the food bank, a local hunger relief organization. "And sometimes, we go to places that are giving out free food. Now that I'm working at the union



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offices, they pay me a lot more. The union pays me more than what I earn as a janitor. I'm working for the union. They give me work while I'm out on disability." She says it's only a temporary assignment. "I'll go back to being a janitor when I am able. The union is paying me \$14 an hour. I'm now able to buy shoes for my kids. Things that they need. I made more money running my day care. That's one of my goals, to return to that. And I'm taking classes. Computers — I'm taking classes in computers."

Thinking about school

"I live in La Mesa. Only about a five-minute drive down to here. Usually I ride my bike. If it's late, or if it's early morning, I'll drive."

Jon Ohlson is 18. He works at Cosmos Coffee. "I've worked here for just over a month, actually. This is my first job. Honestly? I was able to stretch not having a job. I didn't necessarily need any money, and I got a pretty generous allowance from my parents. But they started pushing, like, it's time to get a job now, and I was on the same page. I wanted some extra spending money. After I applied at Cosmos, I didn't hear back for, like, two months, actually. I filled out an online application first. Then, I went in with my resume. I got a call about, yeah, two months later. I went in for an interview. I did apply online to Sprouts, but I never heard back from them. They pay minimum wage, too," he says, "for entry-level baggers or cart retrievers."

Ohlson says he earns \$9 per hour working at Cosmos as a barista. "I get on average 30 hours a week. I'm thinking about starting school the following semester." He says his teenage friends work minimumwage jobs at grocery stores, retail stores, and movie theaters. "Things of that sort. Security, through Elite, at select events. On average, it's minimum wage. I get paid every two weeks. I worked 60 hours [in the last pay period], and my paycheck was \$455 after taxes. I also make tips here. On a good week? Tips are, like, one hundred dollars. Tips are pooled. According to what days you worked, you get tips drawn from that day."

There will be difficulty

"I don't think that the modest raise proposal that passed the city council is the silver bullet that's going to fix the San Diego economy, or that it's going to raise low-wage workers into





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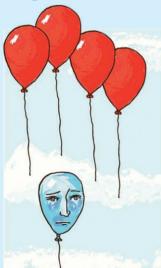
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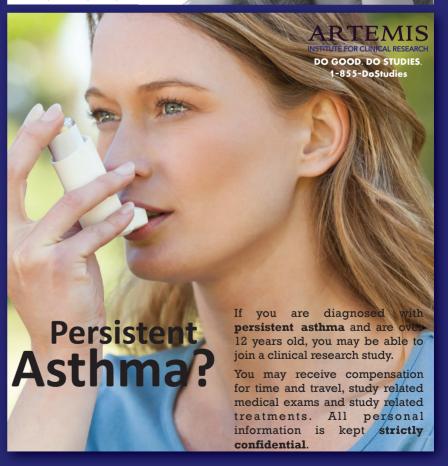


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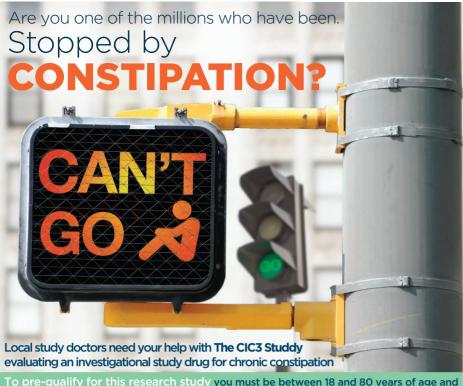
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the middle class." Peter Brownell, 42, is research director for the Center for Policy Initiative in Mission Valley. "We do research and policy work on issues that impact lowwage workers and their families in the San Diego region."

The Center has been among the most vocal of proponents for the minimum wage increase. Brownell, tall and reedthin with a sandy chin goatee, is wearing a purple button down shirt in sharp contrast with the sky-blue and lime-green walls of his narrow office. It is a cluttered and cramped space that is relieved somewhat by a picture window.

Brownell points out that the window is precisely where an errant driver accidentally backed through the wall some time ago, pinning

the previous occupant of the office behind her desk. Fully recovered, and long since relocated to an office further back in the same building, Brownell says it was she who is responsible for the gaudy color scheme of his office.

"Since the recession, we saw a situation in which the overall numbers of jobs in this region declined. There's been a transformation in terms that we've added jobs back, but a good proportionate share of those [new] jobs replaced jobs that had middle income with jobs that pay lower income. A big share of those new jobs have been in the service and restaurant industry."

According to the Center's surveys, those jobs pay the current minimum wage of \$9 per hour and at fewer than 40 hours per week. "There's probably more recent data, but for the food service industry, you're looking at paychecks that are around \$300 a week. That's on average."

Brownell is not entirely certain that those workers presently earning slightly over the minimum wage will be impacted by a raise. "I'm hopeful that we're going to see, over time, an economic recovery that is a little deeper. We've definitely seen some increases in the construction industry, and those are betterpaying jobs for the most part. I'm hopeful. But I think progress has been really slow. And the reality is that it's going to continue to be slow. I think there's going to be some difficulty. Even if the economy picks up,

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Mental breakdown

"I started working when I turned 18. Abercrombie. That was my first job. They paid \$7.25 an hour." Jessie Thomas is now 28. In her working lifetime, she has never held anything above a

job. We meet up at a coffee shop near San Diego State University. She's auburn haired and neatly dressed in stylish black slacks and a lacy white blouse. A couple of items of jewelry hang from delicate gold chains around her neck. One is a quartz crystal she borrowed from her sister. The other is a tiny brass Buddha's head. "I got it for one dollar," she says, "in Balboa Park." Thomas is one year into a bachelor's degree program at SDSU. For money, she punches a time clock as a waitress.

minimum-wage-paying

"I work at McCarter's, in La Mesa. It's on Lake Murray Boulevard. I started working there in March." She earns minimum wage. "Plus tips." Thomas's take-home pay after taxes aver-

ages between \$130 and \$230 every two weeks, depending on the number of hours she gets — 20 to 30 hours.

"I've never gotten a \$300 paycheck. It's always been under that." If her car was running (it is not at present) she says she would fill her gas tank first, "and then try to budget food for the week. The rest goes to pay bills." In this case, her student loan. "I'm trying to keep up with the interest." Thomas grew up in Alpine. "After high school, I took off to Australia and traveled around." She savs she also backpacked through Europe before coming back home to college. Now, she shares an apartment with her mother and her sister near Lakeside. She used to live on the SDSU campus. To make ends meet then, she worked two jobs.

"I was the opener at Starbuck's, which is 4 a.m., so I would be up at 3 and I would get off there at 12. I would go to my classes, and then I would go to McCarter's and work to close. Eventually, I had a mental breakdown. It was during midterms. I was averaging three, maybe four hours [of sleep], and at first, I was like, "This is great. You're kind of on this mental high," she says of the initial effects of sleep deprivation. "It's really just self-preservation. But, I was like, I can totally do this. You think, sleep just slows you down, but you crash eventually. I made the decision to think long-term, which is really difficult when

you're living day-to-day, paycheck-to-paycheck."

Thomas quit Starbucks and took out student loans to supplement the money she'd been earning as a barista. She says she doesn't want to sound like a typical millennial. "What did Time magazine say? We're selfish, entitled, and lazy, or something? [But] I feel like my demographic is totally trapped. People think we can do better, or they think that our parents can help us or something. Well, my mom, she's a hair dresser and she works really hard. And I'm going to school to try to get out of my own hole, and as we all know, you can't just get a bachelor's degree. Things have changed a lot. There's a lot of factors here."

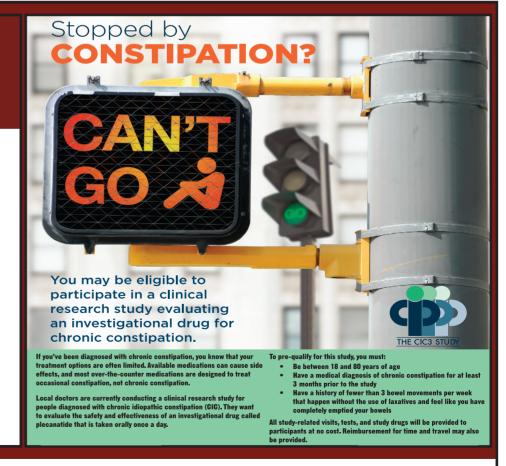
One of them, she

says, is the job market.

"If you send out a hundred resumes, you get about 10 call-backs. And less than that ends up in an interview. What's interesting is that when I first took off to Australia, and then I backpacked through Europe? This was between 2004 and again in 2009, right after the economy tanked. It's so interesting to look back at those times compared to now. [In 2004] when I came back and I tried to find a job it was, like. no problem. Back then, I could get a job anywhere. But then, I spent two years unemployed after 2009, and I became so depressed. I couldn't get a job at a makeup counter. A new Jack in the Box opened up in Santee, and I was right on that. I didn't get anything.

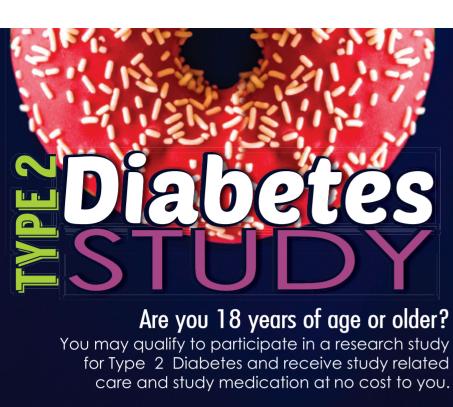
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Sherone McCaster meets me at the Urban League offices off of Market Street in Southeast San Diego. She is wearing a black and white striped

top with black slacks. Her hair has been straightened and lies flat on her head. She is friendly and forthcoming. She smiles frequently. She plays with her hands while she tells her story. "When Comic Con was here? We made sure nothing came up missing, that no one was stealing anything. For All Team, what I am is a traffic-control director, which is, basically, directing traffic for the Charger games." She stops and demonstrates. "This way, this way, follow me," she laughs.

"I live in Southeast San Diego, off University Avenue. I call it East Dago. I don't have any kids." McCaster, 41, says

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she has a boyfriend, and then makes a sour face. She says she does not live with him. "I am presently in a program called RTP Re-Entry Program, which I am placed in a sober living. I pay my rent, my back rent, plus fees every week." McCaster says she has previously been incarcerated. The sober living arrangement is part of her probation. She is required to work and to pay for her keep. She says she is lucky

she got the jobs she has. "For AOne Shows, I'm on my feet for eight hours, depending on what type of show it is? For Comic-con I was on my feet 8 to 16 hours. For All Team, it's split shift. From 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and then from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. I earn minimum wage for both jobs. Nine dollars. AOne Shows is show-based. Meaning, if there's a show that they have the contract with, then I'll get hours."

In other words, no shows, no work. "And All Team is, if the Chargers play here and they get that contract, it's the same. I'm like totally disgusted when I see my check from All Team. Oh my gosh, \$36? \$40, maybe? Plus, they take out for taxes, too.

AOne Shows? I get paid all right. For three or four days, however long the show is, I get pretty good money. Oh, sometimes, I'll get like a hundred and forty-something dollars for two days. For me that's pretty good, I guess."

She's looking for

work that pays better and has regular hours. "I'd like to be a receptionist. File clerk. I'd like to do a lot of things. However, my background isn't the best. I have done three prison terms. They were all for fraud or identity theft. I can get an interview, but when they do the background check, that's when it's, you know, not good at all. Crime? It just wasn't paying off. You get older. There's no retirement, no 401k. Nothing. Is there enough money coming in to keep me from going back to crime? Well, I'm not on drugs any more. I'm a graduate of Second Chance Strive. I'm happy with my life. I have over 600 days clean and sober. I graduated from the House of Metamorphosis, which is an extremely hard program. I've come a long way. I built my self-esteem back up, my self-worth. Even with these two parttime jobs? I'm managing.

I'm hoping that I get this job at a pizzeria in Little Italy. Actually, that starts at \$10 an hour. I can't make pizza, but I'm willing to learn." She laughs.

Back to nannying

"You want my real first name? Or the name I go by? My dad always wanted me to have a professional name, in case I wanted to become a judge, but my mom calls me Molly." Her given name is Michelle McDonald. Both of her parents are lawyers. Is McDonald looking at becoming a judge? "No."

McDonald is 25. She lives in Talmadge Park with her father. We meet up at a coffee shop in nearby Kensington. She wears dark glasses through the interview, and she sniffles. I wonder if she is weeping. "No — I'm coming down with a cold."

"I lived with my dad from May until about August, and then I moved out. I moved back, like, two weeks later. It's okay. We get along really well." McDonald moved back home to save money. "It's very hard to find a place that I can afford, along with [paying] my other bills." She ticks off a credit card, auto insur-

ance, her phone bill, and groceries. "Internet. Rent. My dad helped me pay for college. I have to pay him back, but it's not with interest. And I've almost got him all paid off. My most recent minimum wage job? I was a dayspa manager. Facials and waxing and massage. I was the receptionist there. In Mission Hills. I was making \$9 an hour. Every two weeks, I got a paycheck that was, maybe, \$530. When I was working as a nanny, I made from \$14 to \$15 an hour. My dad told me nannying wasn't a real job before, so that's why I went out and got a real job, and then it didn't pay as much. I'm going back to nannying."

McDonald "worked as a receptionist at a doctor's office when I first got out of college. That was after a really crappy job as a copy editor at a literary magazine. I graduated with a certificate in editing and publishing [from Chico State University], so I did that. It was interesting for a while, but after a few months of that I just wanted to shoot myself. It was a small literary magazine in Coronado. They paid me \$12 an hour. Now, I want to go



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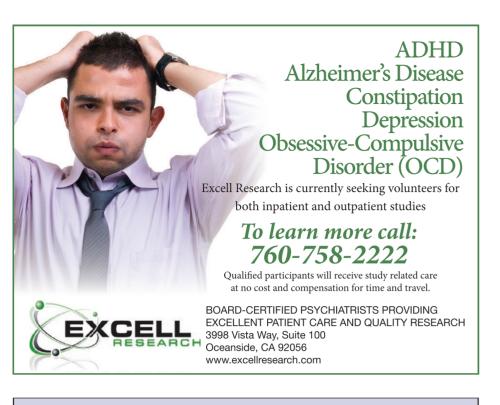
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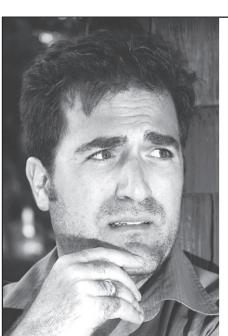
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back and get my master's degree in psychology and be a guidance counselor. It would take me about three years, because I have to work. How much will it cost? With everything, probably about fifty grand. And I already spent close to \$80,000 on my undergrad."

The rent, the bills, the food

"We're planning to strike the McDonald's on 54th Street at El Cajon Boulevard on December 4," Emmanuel Wimer says. "We're going to shut down the morning shift. I've already got people signed up." Wimer's energy ramps up as he speaks of the coming strike, as if he'd secretly downed a couple of those five-hour energy drinks and they're starting to kick in. "We're ready." All but one employee, that is, a guy Wimer describes as being 60 but looking 80. "He's a fry cook. He's been working at McDonald's for 30 years. At different locations. They cut him down to two days a week because he was complaining about his high blood pressure."

Wimer says the old guy is certain they won't be getting any raises any time soon. Wimer is 24, and, I come to see, something of a self-made labor organizer.

"I founded the club Students in Power at City College." Wimer says the group meets on campus each Tuesday. "I made it so that there would be no leaders. It's a true collective. An activist club. The members come from within the student body. It's been going for about a year. We work with broader issues like police brutality," he says, "and the Fight for Fifteen."

Close-cropped, athletic, and dressed in a powder blue Charger's jersey, Wimer explains that Fight for Fifteen is a nationwide protest for higher wages — namely, \$15 per hour — that is targeted at the fast-food industry. He works at two fast food outlets, a Del Taco and a McDonald's.

"I live in City Heights. I've been going to City College for about two years now [studying] Chicano studies. I'm about a 3.0," he says of his grade point average.

We meet at the McDonald's directly across from City College. "High school just got out. That's why the cops are here. I get about 24 hours a week at McDonald's. I get nine bucks an hour. I been there for about three months. My paychecks for two weeks are about \$400, \$300, somewhere in there. I live with my mother. I'm helping out my mom pretty much. I cover the rent, the bills, the food." It's just he and his mom sharing a onebedroom. "My sister's 26. My brother's 12, and he lives with my aunt. She lives in La Mesa."

Wimer only gets nine or ten hours a week at Del Taco. "From them, I make about a hundred and twenty at the most.

Maybe like a thousand a month total between both jobs," he says. He has no car. "I take the bus and the trolley. My health fee at City College is waived because my mom's got SSI. I pay out of my own pocket for books."

He says he has close to \$2000 saved up. He thinks the rent for a one-bedroom in their neighborhood is \$750 per month. "I eat where I work. At McDonald's we're allowed to have a small Value Meal at our break. My mom doesn't really cook. She has a lot of respiratory conditions. She's on a lot of medications."

In the past, Wimer has worked other minimum-wage jobs collecting signatures, as a canvasser, and mowing lawns. "I've been working fast food for about five years. At McDonald's I'm the maintenance person. I clean the trash. the floors, the tables, the fryers, I wash the clothes. Fryers are full of grease. I'm pretty straight with that, but for most people, it's hectic. It's hot grease. We usually don't have all the safety equipment. The district bosses, if they see us they yell, Where's your face shield? And I'm, like, it's in the back in two pieces. At Del Taco, I'm a cashier."

Wimer also worked a carnival job. "At first,





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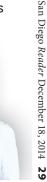
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I was tired

too."

After a month of missed connections, Karen Wilson (not her real name for fear of reprisal from her employers) and I finally connect by phone. She says she has spent the morning thus far in an attempt to apply for health coverage. "My COBRA [health insurance] ended October 31." Wilson is 59. "I used to work in retail sales. I got laid off. I started doing merchandising."

She explains that merchandising means stocking retail shelves with beer, wine, and spirits. "The hours vary. Sometimes I'll go weeks with no jobs. Other times, I get three jobs in one week. I go into a store, like a Vons or a Ralphs or a CVS, and I do what's called a re-set. We go through the liquor section and we rearrange the bottles according to a schematic. Lifting? Yeah.

I do a lot of lifting. The shifts usually start at 10 p.m. and they end at 6 or 8 in the morning." She says she does not get full time hours. "When they call me, I'll go and make the extra money. They pay \$10 an hour and mileage."

Wilson also has a second job. "I've been working as a caregiver, and those jobs are in the day time." She works through an agency that pays her \$9.75 an hour. "I pay union dues to them of \$25 a month. They provide us with medical and dental. But, there's an 18-month wait to get coverage."

So far, she's still outside the window. She works an average of 140 hours per month. "I go into homes and see what needs to be done. I help with appointments, medications, cleaning, anything. I took a class that went on for three months in order to get certified."

With opposing hours, Wilson says sleep is sometimes a luxury. "When I'm really, really tired to the point I can't stand up, I come home and sleep. You gotta make do." She estimates her income at \$1200 per month before taxes. "I bought a condo right after my divorce." Wilson lives with a roommate at the foot of Mission Hills, on the side facing Pacific Highway and the airport. She gets money from her divorce settlement, but it's not enough to cover her mortgage, health insurance, and car payment. "I've had a couple of accidents." she said. "One, I was driving to work at 6 a.m. And I wasn't concentrating. I was getting off the freeway, and I clipped one of those cement barriers. It almost totaled my car. I was tired." ■

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paying jobs." Of late Plante has been touting a new Pathway mobile phone app. "It will provide genomic information. It will pull in the patients health records, connect to activity monitors like the Fitbit," he told Wired last month... Vice President Joe **Biden** spent some quality time with campaign donors during his quick October 31 trip to San Diego to endorse the re-election bid of Democrat Peters. According to Biden's official schedule, the closed-to-the-press event was held at 6:30 pm at a "private residence."

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But, notes Cox, "The emerging technology industries are not growing fast enough to help San Diego out of the biggest impact from the Great Recession [late 2007early 2009]." Venture capital, which gamey investors put into new companies, is running at about \$1 billion a year. "Coming out of prior recessions, it was \$2 billion a year."

"Retailing still hasn't recovered from the Great Recession," says Cunningham, although there has been some increase of late. "This goes back to the twotiered economy." Buying by the super-upscale set is going gangbusters, but with middle incomes falling, adjusted for inflation, "people are not spending."

Some do their buying on the internet. This factor is hurting shopping centers. "For a long time, the stripmall side of retailing was really in bad shape. Now they are filling back up with different types of businesses — exercise studios, boxing and yoga establishments, for example," says Cox.

Tourism has edged back, but only recently inched above its pre-Great Recession level, says hotel expert Jerry Morrison. San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Orange County have done much better. That will continue, he says.

This year, the San Diego economy grew by an inflation-adjusted 2.2 percent, beating California's 2.1 percent and the nation's 2 percent, says Cunningham. Cox is bullish for 2015: he thinks San Diego County can add "in the neighborhood of 30,000 jobs or more." That would mean 2015 could keep pace with or do better than this year.

But Cunningham says the local growth rate will drop below 2 percent in 2015, as the United States also slows. "This whole thing with printing money, zero percent interest rates, big deficits — the chickens are coming home to roost," and San Diego will feel the pain that the nation will suffer, he says. ■

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for public health emergencies including bio-terrorism, has re-emerged... The panel will assess the nation's preparedness for biological and chemical threats, and will identify and recommend concrete actions to strengthen the country's ability to respond to these threats."

With Hudson's imprimatur, the biodefense panel appears designed to garner plenty of publicity, along with hoped-for federal funding, for the business of germ warfare.

Matt Potter

Rigged election in La Jolla?

Lawsuit claims planning association president didn't play fair

La Jolla residents Robert **Whitney and Michael Morton** feel they should have had a chance to serve on the La **Jolla Community Planning** Association, so much so that the men are suing the city, community planning group, and its president.

In the lawsuit filed on December 5, Whitney and Morton allege that the

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March 14 elections were improperly noticed and rigged to ensure termedout trustees, including current president Joe LaCava, would regain their spots on the board. The association justified the re-election, claims Whitney and Morton, by stating that there were not enough candidates to fill the number of vacancies.

But Whitney and Morton say a shortage of candidates would have never been an issue if the planning association had followed their bylaws and formed an "election committee."

In October, planning association members met with councilmember Sherri Lightner, staff members from the mayor's office, and city planners to find a solution. They agreed to name Morton as the 19th trustee. The position would be temporary, expiring in April 2015. However, "at [La Jolla Planning Group Association's] regular monthly meeting on November 6, 2014, LaCava attempted to swear in Morton as the temporary '19th Trustee.' Morton declined to take the temporary seat, stating that various actions by [La Jolla Planning Group Association's trustees had reduced his term to several months in duration."

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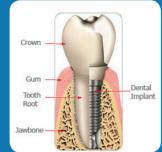
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The Wav He Writes

Re: "The Abundant Life of Peter Kuhn," December 11

Robert Bush is a brilliant addition to the *Reader* and to San Diego as a whole. He is such a great addition to San Diego's music community, and we all appreciate his extensive musical knowledge, and the smart and interesting way he writes his reviews and interviews. More please.

Bonnie Wright Mission Hills

Somebody's Lying

I was reading "Good Fences Don't Make Good Neighbors," (November 27 cover story), and I agree with it a hundred percent. I moved to Vista in 1968 with my folks.

My neighbors and I had a three-foot-high fence for years. I had a little dog who was pretty nice most of the time. The neighbors put up

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planning association must defend their decision in court.

Dorian Hargrove

Will Hillary favor local power couple?

Border czar of many trades to revisit controversial ties As the next presidential campaign season relentlessly approaches, so it appears do the Bersins, the former San Diego Unified school district honcho Alan and his wife, ex-superior court judge Lisa Foster.

As first locally reported by *U-T San Diego*'s Diane Bell, Lisa, a daughter of late Democratic politico and border baron Stan Foster, was recently picked by exiting Attorney General Eric Holder to be director of the Justice Department's "Access to Justice" project, set up in 2010 by the Obama

administration.

The political activities of Foster and husband Bersin date back to the early 1990s, when Bersin, an old school chum of Bill Clinton and wife Hillary, became San Diego chief of Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential bid.

Clinton then named him U.S. Attorney here, launching him on a controversial path of public service.

After winning the presidency in 2008, Barack Obama made Bersin his so-called border czar and named him head of Customs and Border Protection, but, amidst controversy regarding his nondocumentation of domestic hired help, the Senate never brought the nomination up for a confirmation vote.

Bersin was required by law to resign his recess appointment at the end of 2011, but he didn't leave the Obama administration, becoming the Homeland Security Department's assistant secretary of international affairs and chief diplomatic officer, a position he still holds.

Lately, with growing talk that Bersin and Foster could assume key roles in the presidential campaign of ex–First Lady and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the pair's public profile has begun to bloom anew, including an appearance next Thursday before the #edchatdc Breakfast Club of the Harvard Club of Washington.

Matt Potter

Trailer park people get \$32 million

Fight over De Anza Cove finally over

After an 11-year-long legal battle, the fight over De Anza Cove in Mission Bay is over.

On December 16, citycouncil members will sign off on a \$32-million payout in relocation fees for mobilehome owners. By doing so, the city will be allowed to retake control of the prime piece of land in the middle of Mission Bay.

The \$32 million will come from the following sources: \$11.8 from the De Anza Cove Operating Fund, \$18.2 from a public contingency fund, and the remaining will be taken from the public liability fund.

Dorian Hargrove

Moldy showers and organized crime

We-Z-People sues city

Advocates for San Diego's homeless population praised Mayor Kevin Faulconer after he announced his proposal to build a permanent homeless shelter in San Diego. The building would not only provide shelter but also showers and restrooms.

While the proposal is welcome news for San Diego's homeless community, others can't wait for the proposal to become a reality. They want the showers at the Neil Good Day Center, the ones they were told would be renovated over six years ago.

On December 10, Jim Freeman, head of a group of homeless individuals called We-Z-People, filed suit against the city for dragging its feet on the long-overdue renovations.

According to the December 10 lawsuit, people must travel to the St. Vincent de Paul facility to take showers, not a friendly place after Freeman and others filed a restraining order against staff members at St. Vincent de Paul for allegedly running an "organized crime operation."

In addition to honoring the contract to complete the necessary fixes, the group is requesting that a judge award punitive damages of three times the amount the project will cost.

Dorian Hargrove

HEALTH AND BEAUTY





a 12-foot fence because they didn't like it that their boy was looking over the fence and yelling at me and my 16-year-old boy. For some reason, they thought they were better. They used to be squared away when they were younger, but they're getting old now. A little senility has set in, I believe.

Point being, fences don't make neighborhoods better. My neighbors have so much trash in their yard, I have to go pick it up. In and around September 2012 I was over there cleaning up all the fire hazards so that my house wouldn't burn down. I couldn't afford the fire insurance anymore.

I had to sell my house because of my neighbors. They kept making accusations that weren't true. Well, some of them were true.... I did have a loud Harley with no exhaust pipes on it. And I put megaphones on it to make it even louder. One night around 11:00 the cops rolled up on me. Said the neighbors had called the cops. The neighbors didn't like the noise. The neighbors were whiners. The neighbors were complainers. The guy throws beer bottles at dirt bikers riding up the street, and calls the cops on me.

Anyway, sounds a lot like your story. I hope they send out an investigation team to find out what's really going on at that house. Hard to say. One of the neighbors is lying.

You guys are a cool paper. Keep up the good stories.

> Doug W. via voicemail

If It Was Better, I'd Ride a Bike

I'm calling to comment on the article about pollution ("San Diego's Most Polluted Areas," November 20 cover story). In the article, when you talk about air pollution, you never mention that the EPA has constantly rated San Diego as one of the worst cities in the United States for ... how long? Please answer that question. L.A. is rated just ahead of us. They have millions more people, millions more businesses, and millions more cars, and they're actually surrounded by very

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high mountains.

So, the question is *Why?* Why do we have such bad air? I think one of the main reasons is because it's allowed by auto body shops and all kinds of industries. It's not regulated very well by the Air Pollution Control Dis-

trict who has the balls and the audacity to say that they "deserve an A for effort." No, no, no. They deserve an F for effort. It's one of the worst cities in the whole nation.

I've complained about the paint and auto body stuff in my neighborhood for eleven years. They tell me, "It's not that bad." That what the one of the guys at Air Pollution Control told me, and it's just ridiculous.

Another interesting point is that The Weather Channel used to show the EPA's forecast for ozone and bad air days, and they stopped because there were a whole lot of them. It was always red.

Anyway, it's a great article. I appreciate you doing it. The people (and the sheeple) in San Diego need to wake up to the fact that, yes, we've got a great climate, great weather,

great views and vistas, but the air we're breathing is Grade F. It's just bad. It's *could do bet*ter. If it was better, I'd ride a bike. But I don't want to ride a bike in air that's so bad.

> Tony Villodas via voicemail

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others do, too. He said there have been seven accidents since the December 2013 project - including two in which cars ended up in people's yards, damaging a hedge and a chain-link fence.

The traffic circles are lower and smaller than people expected and lack adequate signage to indicate traffic flow around the circles. "They're confusing," Bauer said. "Half the cars turn left onto Annapolis [Avenue] before the circle, making things more dangerous."

But most telling is the study done with a radar gun that found the speeds in 2014 were about the same or higher than they were in 2010. Every measurement was above the 30-mph speed limit.

MARTY GRAHAM

DEL MAR

Stressed-out pine trees are doomed

Bark beetle populations boom amid drought and higher temperatures

Pinus torreyana [aka Torrey pines] are among the rarest pine trees in the world. They occur naturally only on Santa Rosa Island [west of Ventura] and here in San

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Diego at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve.

At Torrey Pines State Reserve there are currently less than 4600 of the pine trees growing.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, the park experienced a die-off of Torrey pines due to attacks by the California five-spined engraver beetle and the red turpentine beetle. About 12 percent of the total population of pines in the park — 850 trees — succumbed to bark-beetle attacks.

When the pines are stressed, by drought or other factors, they are less able to ward off attacks by the beetles. The current drought and higher temperatures have been especially hard on the trees. Park staff have identified about 100 trees that are dead or dying from beetle infestation at this time.

In order to reduce the infestation and protect healthy trees, the affected trees will be removed.

It is hoped that this quick, definitive response to the problem [along with a better-than-average rainy season] will stop the spread of the beetle infestation and revitalize the Torrey pine

population.

JIMI OLSEN

IMPERIAL BEACH

Lost the election. won the plum

Airport authority appoints former I.B. mayor Jim Janney

On December 1, four South Bay mayors met in National City to appoint a new member to the board of directors of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. The four mayors were: Ron Morrison for National City, Casey Tanaka for Coronado, Cheryl Cox for Chula Vista, and Jim Janney for Imperial Beach.

The four mayors selected Janney for the position. Janney was defeated by Serge Dedina in the recent Imperial Beach mayoral election. The county Registrar of Voters certified the election results the day after the meeting -

December 2.

Appointment to the airport authority board is considered a political plum and some people suggested the appointment should have been deferred until after the two new mayors were sworn in. The term of the current representative, Tom Smisek, ends January 31, 2015.

The Reader queried Coronado mayor Casey Tanaka via email on December 6 regarding the appointment of Janney. Tanaka wrote: "The South Bay Mayors meet once a month. At our November meeting, we talked about Tom Smisek's pending retirement as our South Bay rep in January and we reconfirmed that we would rotate this position between our four South Bay cities. Tom, from Coronado, replaced a gentleman from Chula Vista.

"We determined that Imperial Beach should be next because of Mr. Janney's interest in the position. We confirmed his appointment at our December meeting. This would allow a smooth transition between Mr. Smisek and Mr. Janney. Mr. Janney was the only person considered and we unanimously felt he was the right choice to represent our South Bay cities because of his many years of experience in local government. He knows our issues and we are confident he will represent us well."



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U.S. Army veteran Capt. Luis Carlos Montalván and his service dog "Tuesday" will discuss their memoir, Until Tuesday, which portrays the bond between a man and his dog during desperate times.

WHEN: 6 to 7 p.m.

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

Friday | 19

PORTRAITURE OF THE SPANISH WORLD

From 1500 to 1800, the Spanish empire spanned the globe, and the royal court

employed many of the greatest artists of the day. Dr. Michael Brown, Associate Curator of European Art, will discuss the artistic and imperial context of these portraits, some of which are in the museum's permanent collection. \$8-\$16.

WHEN: 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m.

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

Saturday | 20

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH MELISSA D'ARABIAN

With cookie decorating and classic holiday stories read by Food Network star and New York Times best-selling author Melissa d'Arabian. Breakfast includes three varieties of pancakes plus eggs, hash browns, and breakfast meats, \$9-\$19.

WHEN: 9 to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000; loewscoronado.tix.com

Sunday | 21

ONE TRUE THING

The Hemlock Society of San Diego presents One True Thing, the story of a career woman (Renée Zellweger) who puts her life on hold to care for her mother (Meryl Streep), who is dying of cancer.

WHEN: 2 to 3:45 p.m.

WHERE: La Jolla

Library, 7555 Draper Avenue, La Jolla. 619-233-4418; hemlocksocietysandiego.org



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WINTER SOLSTICE HIKE

Bundle up for a predawn walk up Cowles Mountain with a Mission Trails Guide to a Kumeyaay spiritual site to observe the phenomenon of rising sun rays split in half by distant Lyon's Peak boulders. Plan on a two-hour hike.

WHEN: 6 to 8 a.m.

WHERE: Cowles Mountain, Navajo Road and Golfcrest Drive, San Carlos. 619-668-3281; mtrp.org

Tuesday | 23

BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA CHRISTMAS SHOW

Five-time Grammy Award-win-

ning Blind Boys of Alabama will sing gospel-tinged versions of seasonal favorites from their new album, Talkin' Christmas! and the band's previous Christmas recording Go Tell It on the Mountain, \$25-\$50.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-839-4138; artcenter.org/event/blind-boys-alabama

Wednesday | 24

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Mangrove snapper caught off Alabama's Gulf Coast. State limits are ten fish per person.

Hook to cook: Fishing Alabama's Gulf Coast

By Karin Leperi

There's a place on the Gulf Coast where the ocean sparkles turquoise, white sand sifts through your toes, and the water teems with fish of all types: amberjack, snapper, grouper, triggerfish, mackerel, shark.

Unlike the gray, muddy waters of the Gulf in much of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, the Alabama coastline boasts clear waters that sparkle in the sun. The white-sand beaches of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach are actually deposits of quartz grains that have washed down from the Appalachian Mountains for thousands of years.

This 32-mile stretch of beautiful Alabama beaches is where you'll find plenty of outdoor fun, including swimming, recreational fishing, and fresh seafood.

Alabama's Gulf Coast is home to one of the largest fishing charter fleets on the Gulf, with more than 100 captains ready to share their reel experience. From inshore to offshore saltwater fishing, anglers are looking to hook blue marlin, yellow fin tuna, amberjack, cobia, and red snapper.

I decided to try my hand at a sixhour offshore fishing trip on Another Getaway, where I intended to plumb the salty waters for a fresh-caught seafood dinner. With five friends along to share in the fun, I knew we were in good hands with Captain Don McPherson, owner and captain since 1995. Another Getaway is a 46-foot Hatteras, also known as a "six-pack" boat because it carries one to six passengers at a time. The boats can range from 30 to 50 feet in length, but they all operate in nearshore to offshore environments, have restrooms onboard, and most have shaded areas and/or air-conditioned cabins from which to seek solace from the sun — ideal for our group.

The nice thing about hiring a licensed charter boat is that an individual fishing license is not required. Plus, all bait and tackle are furnished. On Another Getaway, they clean your fish for free on all charters. (This is where they had me!) The number of hours you choose at sea largely dictates the distance you travel and the type of fish you encounter.

According to Capt. Don, "On the four-hour charters we target Spanish mackerel and bull redfish. King mackerel sometimes appear in March. The five-hour charter in March and April can be good for catching and releasing red snapper, in addition to trolling for mackerel. The six-hour charter is great for catching triggerfish, vermillion snapper, and white snapper. The eighthour trip can produce all the above, plus amberjack sometimes. Our ten-hour charters usually produce scamp, amberjack, wahoo, vermillion snapper, white

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Other Adventures



wibcar: Emerald Lakes overlook from the trail. New Zealand.



jarred619: A beautiful rock formation I stumbled upon last May 30 miles south of Lima, Peru in the beach town of Punta Negra.

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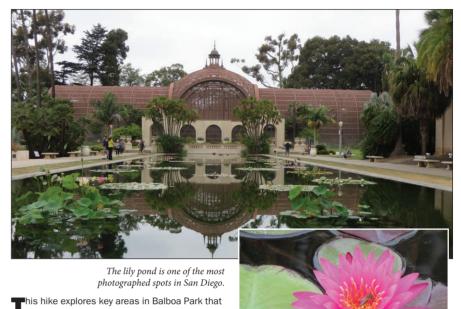


San Diego Outdoors with the Museum Canyoneers

BALBOA PARK CENTRAL MESA

Visit Balboa Park during the centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 2 miles. Allow 7 minutes driving time. From Broadway, turn north on 11th Ave., then east (right) on A Street, then north (left) on Park Blvd. Turn west (left) onto Village Place and park. Parking is free in the lots in front of the museum and across the way by the carousel. This hike begins and ends at the San Diego Natural History Museum (the Nat), located at 1788 El Prado. **Hiking length:** 3-mile loop. **Difficulty:** Easy, with less than 50 feet elevation loss/gain on pavement with stairs/trail in Palm Canyon. This walk can also be on pavement only. Come early in the morning for cooler temperatures and easier parking. Good for children.



The delicate and colorful blooms attract pollinators.

were part of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. As you walk, consider the fact that visitors were enjoying much of the same sights 100 years ago. Start your hike by the Moreton Bay fig tree in front of the NAT. The 80-foot-tall giant is a 104-year-old ficus macrophylla tree with a trunk 42 feet around and a canopy spanning 145 feet. The tree, native to eastern Australia, was planted in 1910 as the focal point of a formal garden for the exposition.

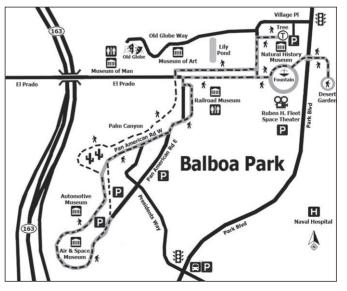
Begin walking down Village Place on the west side of the museum, past the Casa del Prado Theatre. Turn right onto El Prado, past Casa de Balboa on the left, which houses the San Diego History Center, the Model Railroad Museum, and the Museum of Photographic Arts. Casa del Prado, on the right, houses a variety of arts groups. Do not forget to look up and around; the Spanish-Moorish architectural features of the buildings are fascinating with exquisite detail. Feel free at any point to visit any museum that attracts your interest. If you have taken

advantage of the Balboa Park Explorer annual pass, one pass will get into 17 different museums that normally charge individual general-admission fees.

Continue down El Prado to the lily pond, on your right, in front of the botanical building. The pond has a lovely collection of lotus and water lilies, with colorful koi swimming in the water. You may see a family of ducks swimming among the lily pads. If the botanical building is open, take a walk through this free arboretum for a cool and beautiful side excursion.

Next, the path curves in front of Mingei Museum, marked by colorful statues. Pass the museum and

walk down the steps into the lush, green Palm Canyon. Abruptly, it feels as though you have stepped in the midst of a tropical forest, dropping below the level of the main promenade. Follow the path until the first fork, then head to the left to join up with the main Palm Canyon trail. At this point, either walk up the steps and follow the sidewalk next to the Houses of Hospitality or continue to follow the Palm Canvon trail along a continued on page 41



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ART

Drawing in the Galleries: Applying Graphite This informal drawing workshop gives adults and teens the opportunity to draw from objects in the collection while guided by instructor Damon Hitchcock. Meet in the Rotunda. Gallery visit: *Out of Egypt: Rameses II.* Friday, December 19, 2pm; \$12-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BAI BOA PARK)

Naughty or Nice: Group Art Show A group art show curated by Yvette Roman and Heather Ybarra with artwork from various artists on the holiday theme of "Naughty or Nice." Cover includes one drink and access to a tapas bar. Sunday, December 21, 12pm; free-\$10. 21 and up. Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street.

Opposablism Art Movement

Opposablism Art Movement was founded by J.Hinos on the principle of opposition to the commercialization of art and donation to environmental causes. The Opposablists, a small group of San Diego artists, will be having their first exhibit featuring HSR1 and J.Hinos. Saturday, December 20, 7pm; Dolphin and Hawk Fine Art Gallery, 7742-M Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Portraiture of the Spanish World During the early modern period (about 1500 to 1800), the Spanish empire spanned the globe from Italy and the Netherlands to the Americas and Asia. The royal court employed many of the greatest artists of the day. The San Diego Museum of Art's Permanent Collection includes several of the finest examples of Spanish portraiture in the United States, including works by Sofonisba Anguissola, Anton Rafael Mengs, and Francisco Goya.

Brown, Associate Curator of European Art, will discuss the artistic and imperial context of these portraits and take a broader look at the development of portrait painting from the Renaissance to Impressionism. This is the fourth lecture of the 2015 Friday Morning Lecture & Tour Series. Happening on third Fridays monthly, each lecture focuses on works on view and is followed by a docent-led tour. Friday, December 19, 10am; \$8-\$16. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Wine, Opera & Art Guests can enjoy presentations of Mozart, Puccini, Verdi, Beethoven, and others. Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Tuesday, December 30, free-\$40. Salerno Winery, 17948 Highway 67. (RAMONA)

BEER

Beer for Breakfast with Fall Brewing Award-winning brewer Ray Astamendi brings us some delicious offerings from one of San Diego's newest breweries. Saturday, December 20, 10am; Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Belgian Christmas Beer Tapping Thursday, December 18; West Coast Barbecue and Brew, 6126 Lake Murray Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Christmas Beer Tappings Friday, December 19, 11am; O'Brien's Pub, 4646 Convoy Street. (KEARNY

Complete Guide to San Diego Breweries Book Signing Thursday, December 18, 6pm; Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place. (MIS-SION BEACH)

Holiday Potluck Saturday, December 20, 5pm; Tap That, 3207 Roymar Road. (OCEANSIDE)

Santa's Secret Stash Few places not only procure fine beer but also archive it, the way the folks at Monkey Paw Pub & Brewery, Hamilton's Tavern, and Small Bar do. Hit up any of these beer hangouts for rarities pulled from their cold boxes, then get a seat on a chartered bus to do your best Saint Nick impression and hit every one on the list. Thursday, December

18, 12pm; Monkey Paw, 805 16th Street, (FAST VILLAGE)

Thursday Is the New Firkin Friday With everyone tapping their casks on Friday we thought we would get a jump start and tap our firkins on Thursdays. Every Thursday we will tap a new cask of specialty ale starting at 5:30 pm with pints of this cask for \$3. Thursdays, 5:30pm; Thorn Street Brewery, 3176 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Aquaponics Workshop Aquaponics is the symbiotic growing of plants and fish in a re-circulating environment. Water is cycled between the fish tanks and vegetable growing areas and fish waste acts as a natural fertilizer for the crops. Uses 90% less land and water than conventional gardening. Learn the different aquaponic methods, filtration, and water flow; basic parts, supplies, and best fish to use; and what it takes to maintain an aquaponic system. You will walk away with a list of resources to build your own system. \$10 discount for teachers and students. Info: 760-740-1346. Friday, December 19, 10am; \$40. EcoLife, 350 State Place. (ESCONDIDO)

Paints Uncorked A professional artist leads the group to recreate the featured painting. With food, wine, and cocktails. No experience necessary; all supplies included. \$20 off with promo code SDREADER45. Thursday, December 18, 6pm; \$25. 18 and up. Venga Venga Cantina and Tequila Bar, 2015 Birch Rd., Ste 710. (EASTLAKE)

Raw Sweets and Treats Serving up raw food desserts with a holiday twist using only organic ingredients and farm-fresh local produce, Chef Matthew will showcase tips, tricks, and techniques for making your time in the kitchen well spent. Menu includes dehydration techniques, raw pies, and chocolates. Class includes a serving size portion of each recipe prepared and a copy recipes to take home. Info: 760-405-2204 or chefmatthewpurnell@yahoo.com. Saturday, December 20, 12pm; \$35-\$40. Center for a Healthy Lifestyle 533 Lomas Santa





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Other conditions may apply.

Must be 18 years of age and weigh less than 230 pounds.

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Fe Drive (behind Boys & Girls Club), (SOLANA BEACH)

Social Art Making: Master's Series Miró Acrylic painting class. All materials provided. No experience necessary. Thursday, December 18, 6pm; \$35. 21 and up. Fifty Seven Degrees, 1735 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Wine and Canvas: At the Beach No experience necessary. Our local artist will guide you step-by-step as you recreate a featured painting. Entry includes a 16"x 20" canvas, easel, paint, brushes, and apron. Info: 619-207-9431. Sunday, December 21, 1pm; \$35. 18 and up. Mia Francesca, 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G-4. (DEL MAR)

COMEDY

2014 in Review: A Living Newspaper Join Black Kat as we take on the best and worst events of 2014. Watch Mork & Mindy take on immigration policy, the Supreme Court sing about Hobby Lobby, and Crazy Eyes give advice to Roger Goodell. From Putin's Olympics to Christie's Bridgegate, Climate Change and a Middle East Mix Up, see the Black Kat take them all on. Cocktails at 7pm, curtain at 8pm. Directed by Tisha Tumangan, written by Brian Collins. Thursday, December 18,

8pm; Friday, December 19, 8pm; \$15. 21 and up. Desi's Bar & Grill, 2734 Lytton Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Improv Hard A completely improvised comedy show based on audience suggestions and the hit movie series *Die Hard*. Friday, December 19, 8pm; \$5. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Kurt Braunohler Chosen as featured comic in Variety's annual prestigious "10 Comics To Watch" list. He was also featured in Time Out New York's list of 50 Funniest New Yorkers and Backstage Magazine's "5 Comics To Watch," named as a "Comic to Watch" by Comedy Central, the New York Comedy Festival, and TimeOut NY, and "Best Male Stand-Up" by the ECNY and "Best Unscripted Host" by the New York Television Festival. Thursday, December 18, 8pm; Friday, December 19, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 20, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$18. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN

Minor Suspension Enjoy a new, completely improvised musical with the team Minor Suspension. Better than *West Side Story* meets *Glee*. With Jetzo and the RC George's. Saturday, December 20, 8pm; \$10. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street.

The World According To...! Each week we invite a notable San Diegan to tell a few stories for

Rhyme & Verse

Mikayo and the Gulf War A poem by Linda Brown

to Mikayo, an emperor among cats

I went to bed early the night we attacked Iraq, was awake an hour later as if someone had tapped my shoulder, said, It's war.

I'd had a war before when I was very young. A siren hung outside my nursery window with its blackout curtains, rumors of German submarines caught in steel nets guarding East Coast harbors.

I don't want to be alone, I thought. *Mikayo*, I mentally called. *Mikayo*! I went to the front door.

At full gallop he came bounding in running so fast he would have smashed

his head on wood if I hadn't opened the door just at that moment.

Companion, I have called no human this way: saying your name in my mind, and you came, you came.



Linda Brown (1941–2006) was a San Diego poet, poetry teacher, and librarian who for many years was a central and well-loved figure in the Southern California poetry community. She was born on December 14, 1941, in Newport, Rhode Island, and lived with her family on Whidbey Island, Washington, and then in Denver, Colorado, before the family moved to San Diego

when she was 15. She taught poetry for many years at UCSD and at MiraCosta College. And she was a librarian for almost three decades. She began her political activism with the Vietnam War and was a passionate activist and feminist throughout her life. Her first poetry collection, *Canta Una Mujer*, was published in 1971 by Athena Press, and *Journey with Beast*, from which this poem is drawn, was published by La Jolla Poets Press in 2004.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

The World According To...! The cast then uses those stories as the inspiration for a montage of scenes. With Lead Candy, Red Squared, Swim Team, and Controlled Panic. Friday, December 19, 8pm; \$10. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette Learn Tango now! Take a first free class Monday, December 22 at 7pm or Wednesday, December 24 at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter) in preparation for the next full six-week session starting soon. No need for a partner. We will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango. Visit *tangowith-colette.com* and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio #106. (POINT LOMA)

Bellydance Showcase Holiday Spectacular An end-of-the-year variety showcase including belly dancing, tango, African dance, and modern and martial arts. Featured dancers are Meleah, Lucia, Jasmina, Kaimi, and Tangocentric. Live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Thursday. December 18. 8pm; \$10.



Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street.

City Ballet: The Nutcracker The perennial favorite holiday production of The Nutcracker awarded the "Best Nutcracker" in San Diego by the Tommy Awards, has been expanded to offer 12 public performances with accompaniment by The City Ballet Orchestra conducted by John Nettles. Again this vear The City Ballet Orchestra and Choir will offer Handel's Messiah as a sing-along. "Lunch with Sugar Plum Fairy and Friends" prior to each Saturday matinee at the US Grant Hotel. Info: 858-272-8663. Friday, December 19, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 20, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 21, 1pm and 5pm; \$29-\$79. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN

Contradancing No partners needed, and no experience necessary. Calling by Chris Page. live music by Tectonic Shakedown. 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 19, 7:30pm; \$10. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Holiday Fever Recital Every December Tap Fever Studios produces a mini-recital called "Holiday Fever." This event showcases dancers of all ages performing tap, jazz, ballet, contemporary, and hip-hop to many of your favorite holiday songs. In the Parker Auditorium. Friday, December 19, 5:30pm; \$8-\$10. La Jolla High School, 800 Nautilus Street. (LA JOLLA)

Woman in the Mirror, A Dancer's Journey In this award-winning one-woman tour de force, Devra Gregory takes you on a magical ride inside her life. From ballet dancer to

Michael Jackson impersonator, Dev intimately shares her story of dance, life struggles, and personal transformation. Fearful child to empowered Priestess, her journey is an inspirational story of growth and embracing change. Dancer extraordinaire, Devra morphs style to style with grace and humor. Recommended for mature audiences. womaninthemirror.bpt.me; 800-838-3006. Ongoing until Sunday, December 21. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 8pm; Sundays, 2pm. Horton Grand Theatre, 444 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

One True Thing The Hemlock Society of San Diego presents *One True Thing*, the story of a career woman (Renee Zellweger) who puts her life on hold to care for



parallel lower path. The path will eventually rise up to the left, back to street level, with some easy riser steps marked by wooden rails.

Back at street level, pass the Balboa Park Club. Walk around the back of the club to find a lovely xeriscape garden. Although the garden is not exclusive to native plants, it is quite beautiful with artistically arranged planters of cacti and succulents at the back of the building. For a rest stop, pause at the benches and tables behind the club next to the cactus garden overlooking the canyon. The garden contains a wide variety of cacti, succulents, acacias, creosote, agave, and protea.

After coming back out of the xeriscape garden, pass the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre and the Recital Hall on your right and head back toward the museums. The Air & Space Museum is next. Be sure to circle around the back of the museum to see a spectacular cityscape view. Then pass the Starlight Bowl, followed by the San Diego Hall of Champions sports museum. Cut back through the courtyard of the Houses of Hospitality. On Sundays, one of the countries' houses could be holding a

cultural event, including food for sale.

After exiting the Houses of Hospitality courtyard, walk to the Organ Pavilion. There are usually free organ concerts on Sunday mornings, as well as many other special events. The Japanese Friendship Garden is on the other side of the Organ Pavilion.

For a restroom and refreshment break, stop by the courtyard next to the Prado restaurant. Afterward, return to the El Prado way and walk toward the fountain between the NAT and the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Cross the bridge over Park Boulevard to get to the rose garden. After admiring the roses, enter the larger cactus garden. When you view the spectacular and fanciful shapes of the cacti and succulents, it will suddenly become apparent where Theodor Geisel might have found his inspiration for the fanciful tree drawings in his Dr. Seuss books. Finish the hike by crossing back over the bridge and returning to the NAT.

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.





Alabama *continued from page 38* snapper, and king mackerel."

I enjoyed trolling, where they placed four fishing rods in the holders while motoring the boat slowly and waiting for fish to bite. This worked best for me; I had time to relax, read, even snooze while fishing. And when it was time to reel in a catch, I had deckhand Josh to coach me.

Vermillion snapper, pompano, and king mackerel rounded out our catch. However, the real adrenaline kicked in about the time we were heading back. Swimming around the boat with a telltale fin was a big bull shark. These guys can average 100–200 pounds. I've also been told they're great eating.

However, since we had more than enough for our evening dinner, we pulled anchor and headed back in to beat out an approaching storm.

Once our fish catch was cleaned by

the crew, we whisked it away to Shipp's Harbour Grill located in the Sportsman Marina complex in Orange Beach. Here, Chef Matt Shipp, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, and his team prepared our catch three ways to include salad and sides. Our \$14.95 "Gourmet" choice yielded fried, blackened, and sautéed with crab, shrimp, mushrooms, and white wine butter sauce. (An alternative is to order the "Basic," which comes two ways: fried and blackened.)

This is casual waterfront dining with a tropical twist and great service. We included starters to complement our fresh fish feast such as the West Indies Salad (a regional favorite) and Royal Red Shrimp — the most divine of the shrimp family, with a soft texture and sweet flavor. The "Hook to Cook" meal was an experience I look forward to repeating.

Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

her mother (Meryl Streep), who is dying of cancer. With William Hurt. The Hemlock Society believes in choice, dignity, and control at the end of life. Info: 619-233-4418, hemlocksandiego@gmail.com, hemlocksocietysandiego.org. Sunday, December 21, 2pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

Curbside Bites Food Trucks @ Innovations Academy Gourmet food trucks gather each week at Innovations Academy on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm. Thursdays, 5pm; Innovations Academy Charter School, 10380 Spring Canyon Road, (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Mistral & Suzie's Farm Dinner The culinary team at Loews Coronado Bay is teaming up with the "farm-ily" at Suzie's Farm to bring you a series of farm-to-table prix fixe dinners. Cost is \$49 for four courses. Reception begins at 6:30pm; dinner begins at 7:15pm.

Reservations can be made online. Thursday, December 18, 6:30pm; \$49. Mistral, 4000 Coronado Bay Road. (CORONADO)

Pancake Breakfast with Melissa d'Arabian With cookie decorating and classic holiday stories read by Food Network star and New York Times best-selling author Melissa d'Arabian. Featuring three varieties of pancakes plus eggs, hash browns, and breakfast meats. Bring your cameras and smartphones to capture lasting memories with Santa. Saturday, December 20, 9am; \$9-\$19. Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road. (CORONADO)

Winter Solstice Food & Beer Pairing An event highlighting the flavors and tastes of the new season. We will collaborate with Dennis Fassett of Epic Wines and cheese mongers from Venissimo Cheese for a food & beer pairing that will have you ready for winter. Friday, December 19, 6pm; \$20-\$25. Krakatoa, 1128 25th Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

FOR KIDS

Breakfast with Santa Enjoy a continental breakfast with a special guest in attendance: Santa! With arts and crafts for kids. Each breakfast ticket includes a photo with Santa. Proceeds benefit the County

of San Diego Parks and Recreation Ring and Run Program, benefitting families in need around the County. \$8 ages 3-11; \$10 for 12 and older. Info: 858-755-2386. Saturday, December 20, 10am; \$8-\$10. San Dieguito County Park, 1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Magical Snowfall Each night from December 1 to December 24, the magical snowfall begins with choreographed music and dazzling lights. Children get free Santa's Helper headbands and "magic" glasses to watch the snow fall in rainbow colors. Community caroling groups entertain guests with favorite Christmas music. Thursdays, 6pm; Fridays, 6pm; Saturdays, 6pm; Sundays, 6pm; through Wednesday, December 24, free. Village Walk at EastLake, EastLake Parkway at Miller Drive.

Model Train Exhibit The San Diego S-Gaugers will be displaying their model train layout at Grossmont Shopping Center (near the food court) each Friday, Saturday & Sunday from November 14 to December 28 from noon to 7pm. There are action buttons for kids to push and the opportunity for older "kids" to relive the excitement of getting their train set for Christmas when they were young. Fridays, 12pm; Saturdays, 12pm; Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, December 28, free, Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)



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Preschool Story Time & Craft Preschoolers are invited to a story time, then a fun craft right afterwards! Thursdays, 10:30am; through Thursday, December 18, free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Preschool Storytime An interactive storytime including books, songs, rhymes, movement, and bubble time. For ages 3 and up. Fridays, 10:30am; through Friday, March 27, free. North Clairemont Library, 4616 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Reading with the Ranger Ranger Heidi invites 8-10 yearolds to join her for a nature story embellished by an activity and arts & crafts project based on the story theme. Meet her in the Visitor Center Library. RSVP: 619-668-3279. Saturday, December 20, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Santa & His Miniature Horse "Reindeer" Take a photo with Santa and his miniature horse "reindeer," dance in falling faux snow, decorate cookies, warm up with hot chocolate, have a sparkly snowflake painted on your cheek, take silly pictures in our photo booth, get cozy with a "polar" dog, and meet different animal ambassadors. Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, December 21, \$9-\$20. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Santa Claus in Emerald Hills Santa Claus will be at the Marketplace 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 20, 11am; free. San Diego Marketplace, 1755 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

Teddy Bear Teas An afternoon tea with house-made canapes and paninis, assorted pastries, tarlets, brownies, and scones. After tea time, you will be escorted to the hotel's Grand Lobby to spend time with Santa's magician and his elf. Then enjoy listening to a favorite Christmas classic narrated by Santa Claus himself, followed by a moment with Santa. Thursday, December 18, 2:30pm; Friday, December 19, 2:30pm; Saturday, December 20, 2:30pm; Sunday, December 21, 2:30pm; \$30-\$45. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Winter Nights: Live Reindeer Westfield UTC's Palm Plaza is transformed into a winter wonderland. Each night from 5pm-8pm enjoy live entertainment, snow cascading from the rooftops, complimentary s'mores station, and photo fun for the family with a live reindeer on December 13 and

20. Saturday, December 20, 5pm; free. Westfield University Towne Centre, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive.

Zumba Kids Jr. Rockin' highenergy kid-friendly dance routines with original Zumba choreography and a breakdown of steps. For kids four to eight years old. Plus music and dance-themed games and activities and cultural explorations. Classes incorporate childhood developmental elements such as leadership, respect, teamwork, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, and cultural awareness. In the Sanford Children's Library. Tuesday, December 23 and December 30. 3:30pm: free. (EAST VILLAGE)

LECTURES

And the Oscar for Best Song Goes to... Remember the days when a Best Song winner at the Oscars was something you might have already been humming, or it was a song that everyone knew would live forever in The Great American Songbook? Take a trip back in time and listen to the winners that time hasn't made you forget. We will also see some video excerpts from the movies in which we first heard those award-winning songs and watch some segments from a documentary about the Oscars. Instructor: Leslie Leech. Friday, December 19, 1pm; free. San Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Drive (SAN CARLOS)





SHEEP and GOATS

William Stanney, OFM

St. Bernard speaking of the beauty of God (which the holy saints have passed their times here in penance do now continually behold) saith: all do rejoice there in God, because in sight he is most worthy to be desired, in face most beautiful and sweet to enjoy, by himself he pleaseth, by himself he is sufficient for reward, nothing is sought for out of him, and in him alone is all things that can be desired. This holy saints, having declared the beauty of God himself, showeth in like sort the excellence of his kingdom and saith: there is true joy, full knowledge, all beauty and bliss, there is peace, goodness, light, virtue and honesty, joy,

mirth, sweetness, true love and what good and pleasant thing soever can be thought is there superabundantly found....

— from A Treatise of Penance with an Explication of the Rule and Manner of Living of the Brethren and Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, 55-67.

William Stanney (d. 1626) was a Franciscan friar of the Order of Friar Minors (OFM), one of the most persecuted orders in England during the Protestant Revolt during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. During the time of persecution, with the help of Friar William, the commissary for England at the time, the Franciscans were able to launch a con-

certed mission in England after the founding of St.
Bonaventure's College in
Douai in 1618 — the same year that Stanney published his very Catholic Treatise on Penance, a field guide for missionaries bound for England — and almost certainly their deaths.

Find more excerpts online at SDReader.com/worship



Harbor Seals Pupping Season: Talk and Walk Docents of the Seal Conservancy of San Diego present an illustrated talk on La Jolla's harbor seals and their pupping season, followed by a walking tour to the seal's rookery at Casa Beach (Children's Pool). Meet at the Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery. RSVP: 619-225-9076. \$10 donation requested. Saturday, December 20, 2pm; free-\$10. Man-

gelsen's Images of Nature Gallery, 7196 Girard Ave. (LA JOLLA)

Jacob Glass Jacob Glass, renowned spiritual teacher and metaphysical author, has been lecturing in New Thought and metaphysics since 1990 and has appeared with best-selling authors Debbie Ford and Marianne Williamson. Saturday, December 20, 10am; \$15. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 6154 Mission Gorge Road. (GRANTVILLE)

OUTDOORS

Be a Naturalist A Mission Trails Regional Park trail guide-led walk. Meet inside Visitor Center. Saturday, December 20, 9:30am; Sunday, December 21, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS) **Garden Tours** Tour the lush, charming, and water-wise garden with a knowledgeable docent to hear what makes our garden special. Be inspired to create a water-wise landscape of your own. Saturdays, 10:30am; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Whale and Dolphin Watching Adventure A 3.5-hour whale watching excursion with the oppor-

tunity to spot whales, sea lions, dolphins, and harbor seals with live narration on marine life from our captains and volunteer naturalists from the San Diego Natural History Museum. Thursdays, 9:15am; Fridays, 9:15am; Saturdays, 9:15am; Sundays, 9:15am; Sturdays, 9:15am; Hrough Friday, April 24, \$39-\$44. Hornblower Cruises, 970 North Harbor Drive.

Winter Solstice Hike Bundle up for a predawn walk up Cowles Mountain with your Mission Trails Regional Park Trail Guide to a Kumeyaay spiritual site to observe the phenomenon of rising sun rays split in half by distant Lyon's Peak boulders. Bring a flashlight. Plan on a two-hour hike. Meet at the Cowles Mountain Staging Area (located on the corner of Golfcrest and Navajo) at the trailhead,

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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

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Lamb's Players Theatre presents actor Tom Key as C.S. Lewis, one of the 20th Century's most engaging thinkers and author of, among other works, The Chronicles of Narnia, Till We Have Faces, The Screwtape Letters, and Mere Christianity. Ongoing until Sunday, January 18, 2015. CORONADO 1142 Orange Avenue 619-437-0600

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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. Friday, December 19, 8 pm. Mission San Luis Rev Parish - Serra Center

OCEANSIDE 5070 Mission Ave.

mission basilica san Diego de alcala Candlelight Musical

The Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala' 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 pm. MISSION VALLEY 10818 San Diego Mission Road 619-283-7319

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 am. to noon POINT LOMA 2277 Rosecrans Street (619) 226-7625

UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED CHURCH

Service of the Longest Night



Saturday, December 20 at 6:00pm, A candlelit, quiet service of prayer and readings for a respite from the iingle bells: Sometimes called "Blue Christmas" this service is a comfort for those experiencing grief or sadness this holiday season Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 7:00pm - Service of Stories and Carols. The Choirs will offer traditional music and children will love the special candlelighting heralding Christ's birth! Call (858) 453-3444 or visit our website at UCUC.ORG for details. UNIVERSITY CITY 2877 Governor Drive 858-453-3444

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN Church

Celebrate Christmas Services every Sunday

at 9 am. 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 nm & 8 nm St Luke's Lutheran Church 619-463-6633. LA MESA 5150 Wilson Street 619-463-6633

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 4:00pm, 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

ST. JOHN BOSCO MISSION SSPX

Catholic Traditional Latin Mass



St. John Bosco Mission SSPX. Fr. Thomas Hufford Sunday Mass: 4 pm, 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

MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Candlelit Christmas Cantata

The choir at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ (MHUCC) will perform the "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" cantata with harp and organ, featuring music by Robert Hebble. Sunday, December 21, 4 pm. to 5 pm. MISSION HILLS 4070 Jackdaw Street 619-296-2169

CHULA VISTA CHURCH OF CHRIST Celebrate

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

VISION CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING Jacob Glass



Internationally renowned Spiritual Teacher and author, JACOB GLASS will appear at VISION, 6154 Mission Gorge Rd (www.visioncsl.com). He is an acknowledged expert in 'THE COURSE IN MIRACLES," and has written four best selling books on New Thought. Starting on December 20, 10:00 am. GRANTVILLE 6154 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, 92120

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 nm ESCONDIDO 340 N. Escondido Boulevard (760) 839-4138

south of the Comfort Station. Info: 619-668-3281 or mtrp@mtrp.org. Saturday, December 20, 6am; free. Cowles Mountain, Navajo Road and Golfcrest Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Christmas Carol: Mr. Scrooge & Mr. Dickens The San Marcos Historical Society hosts a production of the popular Christmas story: "with a new embellishment: Dickens himself appears onstage to read sections from the work." The evening includes carolers, dancers, and music (and a surprise visit by Santa). Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, December 21, \$7-\$12. San Marcos Historical Society, 1952 Sycamore Drive. (SAN

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.

Big Night San Diego New Year's Eve We're excited to be back at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. A ticket includes everything - all drinks included all night. Plus a buffet and entertainment throughout 12 different party zones. Info: bignightsandiego.com. Wednesday, December 31, 9pm-2:30am. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Chanukah Celebration with Giant Balloon Menorah Everyone is invited to a Chanukah celebration featuring a menorah lighting, elected officials speaking, live music, balloon artist, hot latkes/potato pancakes, and a raffle drawing. This event is near Bed & Bath, Sponsored by Chabad of East County. Sunday, December 21, 4pm; free. Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA

Fur Fix Thursday Every Thursday you can touch, pet, and play with some cute and cuddly animals... or stop by our enrichment table and make toys for the animals. Get your "fur fix" at both our Central Campus location in Linda Vista and our North Campus location in Oceanside. Thursdays, 3pm; through Thursday, December 18, free. San Diego Humane Society: Airport Rd., 572 Airport Road.

Gem Faire Fine jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, gold, silver, minerals, and more. Over 100 exhibitors from all over the world. Jewelry repair and ring sizing while you shop. Classes and demonstrations. Free hourly door prizes. Info: 503- $252\text{-}8300 \ or \ in fo@gemfaire.com.$ Friday, December 19, 12pm; Saturday, December 20, 10am; Sunday,

December 21, 10am; \$7, Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, (MISSION VALLEY)

New Year's Eve Murder The night is New Year's Eve the time is midnight, the surprise is murder. You will dine on delicious food, drink champagne, dance the night away, and toast the stroke of midnight. But before the clock strikes 12, a murder will happen, and you are invited to gather clues, investigate the crime scene, interrogate unscrupulous suspects, and come up with a solution. Tickets from \$100. Info: bit.ly/137xcLn; 619-435-3121. Wednesday, December 31, 8:30pm-2am. Coronado Golf Course, 2000 Visalia Row. (CORONADO)

Singles New Year's Rockin' **Eve** Simply The Best Singles, an upscale organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage, and more, offers a New Year's Rockin' Eve for singles age 40-60ish with DJ and live band, light appetizers, champagne toast, dessert, coffee, two-minute speed dating for early arrivals, icebreaker game, prizes, party favors, psychic, photographer, and more. Dressy dress (cocktail dresses or evening gowns and suits or black tie). \$3 self parking, \$15 valet, dance price \$55 prepay/\$65 door. Prepay at simplythebestsingles.com or 818-577-6877. Wednesday, December 31, 8pm-12:30am, Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Thirsty Thursday Trivia Five rounds of trivia across a wide variety of categories, with a \$25 gift certificate for the winning team. Thursdays, 7pm; free. Tidewater Tavern, 221 N. Coast Highway 101. (SOLANA BEACH)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Holiday Dog Run/Walk & Race Prizes for small, medium, and large dogs. We will have a Santa and photo booth set up to take pictures of you and your dog. Includes an American breakfast. Sunday, December 21, 9am; \$30-\$40. Cottonwood Golf Course, 3121 Willow Glen Drive. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Scholastic Surf Series High School Competition The Scholastic Surf Series provides a professionally managed and operated platform for school surf teams from San Diego to Santa Barbara. No charge for spectators. At Oceanside Harbor's South Jetty. Sunday, December 21, 7am; free. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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)





Christmas Lessons and Carols

4:30_{PM} A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, sung by the St. Cecelia Girls' Choir in its original version for 3-part trebles with harp as the prelude to the service of Lessons and Carols.

5:00PM A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, sung by the Cathedral Choristers of Boys and Men - festive settings of familiar carols for the congregation, and beautiful carols and motets offered by the choir.

WED | DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Services

CAROLS FOR THE CITY, 5:00pm Christmas Eve service for designed for families with younger children and those who prefer an earlier celebration. The St. Cecilia Choir of girls and men joins the Cathedral Choristers of boys and men to provide festive music for the season. Approximately 50 minutes. MIDNIGHT MASS, 10:30PM Join the Cathedral Choir and instrumentalists for this beautiful and festive Christmas Mass. Preceded at 10:00pm by carol singing in the cathedral. Approximately 90 minutes.

WED | DECEMBER 31

Walking Together into a New Year

6:30PM The Cathedral labyrinth opens for individual meditation.

7:00PM The Cathedral participates in the Grand March opening the centennial celebration in Balboa Park.

8:00pm An informal candlelight Eucharist at the Labyrinth in our Great Hall.

THURS | JANUARY 1

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

10:30AM Choral worship service to welcome the New Year



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Tides

	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	HT.	PM	HT.	AM	HT.	PM	HT.
THU, DEC 18			1:22	0.0'	6:18	6.02'	7:31	3.88'
FRI, DEC 19	12:29	1.74'	1:58	-0.56'	6:53	6.44'	8:13	4.10'
SAT, DEC 20	1:09	1.7'	2:34	-1.02'	7:29	6.81'	8:53	4.29'
SUN, DEC 21	1:5	1.64'	3:12	-1.33'	8:07	7.07	9:33	4.43'

Waves (BLACKS BEACH)

Height	Direction	Interval
2.5'	W	11 seconds
1.5'	W	14 seconds
1.5'	WNW	15 seconds
1.5'	WNW	14 seconds

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

EVENTS

Escondido Senior Anglers Escondido Senior Anglers meet the second Friday of each month with guest speakers on fishing and camping trip plans. The club focuses primarily on fresh water fishing and weeklong camping trips. Open to all anglers aged 50+. Friday, January 9, 9:30am; free. Park Avenue Community Center, 210 Park Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Gathering of the Tribes Hosted by the Doheny Longboard Surfing Association, this surf competition features Southern California's best club wave riders on the famous Trestle's and Church's surf breaks. No charge for spectators. Saturday, January 10, 7am; Sunday, January 11, 7am; free. San Clemente, CA

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, 7am and 7am; through Wednesday, December 31, free. Aqua Adventures, 1548 Quivira Way. (MISSION BEACH)

New Years Eve on the Bahia Belle The event features party favors and champagne toast at midnight, a cash bar, live entertainment, and a dance DJ. Wednesday, December 31, 7:30pm; \$119. 21 and up. Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive (MISSION BEACH)

Oceanside Senior Anglers The Oceanside Senior Anglers hold a monthly meeting with industry speakers, conservation updates, and charter trip plan discussion. The largest senior fishing club in Southern California is open to anglers aged 50+. Tuesday, January 6, 9am; free. Country Club Senior Center, 455 Country Club Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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, 9am and 9am; Saturdays, 9am and 9am;

through Saturday, March 7, free. 18 and up. Campland on the Bay, 2211 Pacific Beach Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Parade of Lights The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is held on two consecutive Sundays each year in December. The parade begins at Shelter Island, proceeds past Harbor Island, the Embarcadero, Seaport Village, and ends at the Ferry Landing in Coronado. The first boats should arrive at Coronado by 7 pm, with over 80 boats participating. Metered spots will be free, but the pay lots will be charging and public lots will fill quickly. This year, the theme is children's stories. The most popular vantage points for viewing are Seaport Village and the Embarcadero. There are viewing deals, from general admission to the piers and boats managed by the Maritime Museum to a Hornblower dinner cruise. The judging platform will be the Berkeley steam ferry. Sunday, December 21, 5:30pm; San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Youth Outrigger Paddling Program Sponsored by the Kai Elua Outrigger Canoe Club Keiki Program, for paddlers 10 to 19. Our recreational paddling season runs October to February. Non-competitive with an end-of-season mock race and family potluck for all paddlers. Learn a new sport and prepare for the competitive race season which runs March to July. The KEOCC Keiki Program focuses on outrigger paddling techniques. Hawaiian culture and Ohana (the Hawaiian word for family), and ocean awareness and safety. \$30 one-time fee per paddler to participate in the four-month rec-season program. If you cannot afford the program fee, please contact us. No experience necessary; all fitness levels welcome. Practices are on Saturdays from 10:30am-12:30pm, RSVP: tina@kaielua.com. At the Kai Elua Practice Site, North Cove Mission Bay. KEOCC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, established in 1978 and is the oldest competitive San Diego based outrigger canoe club. Saturday, December 20, 10:30am; Saturday, January 10, 10:30am; Saturday, January 17, 10:30am; \$30. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)





Oceanside Senior Anglers member Lee Wood sent 20 miles of old fishing line for recycling.

Fish cubes

Members of the Oceanside Senior Anglers fishing club, as part of their conservation platform, have joined a nationwide monofilament fishing-line-recycling program. Since last April the local club has recycled over 20 miles of used fishing line.

The club joined with fishing outfitter Berkley and their innovative line-recycling program. Through the company's Conservation Institute, Berkley uses the old line to create four-foot cubes that provide habitat for complex fisheries in lakes and reservoirs. They are especially useful under piers and fishing docks — a place for young fingerlings to hide out from larger, predator fish.

A Berkley spokesperson said almost immediately after cube placement, underwater plants get attached to the cubes, and small fish are attracted.

The club asks its 650 members to bring in their old line to the monthly meetings. Members also encourage others to save old line on their charter boat trips. This

year the club, which sponsors wounded warrior fishing trips and the Boy Scout's Camp Fiesta Island fishing program, added the old line from both program's numerous fishing reels that were respooled with fresh line.

—Ken Harrison

Too cold

A retired SEAL and former instructor recounted the following incident to me. While a dwindling number of trainees (the old-fashioned word for students) were in the throes of Hell Week on a deserted beach opposite the A-8 Anchorage [San Clemente Island], an instructor ordered them into the 57-degree water of the bay for a round of what is known as "surf torture." Although the surf was negligible, after 30 minutes or so the trainees were sufficiently

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O'neill Heat 3/2 Wetsuit (Large) -\$120 Used just a couple sessions. Like new condition. Just too short for me. Call 619-793-8935

Dive Sult 7mm, hood & gloves -Hardly ever used Body Glove 7mm dive suit size ML. \$125 Body Glove 7mm dive hood size M. \$25 Deep Sea dive gloves size M. \$25 Dold together \$150 760-583-1972

Fishing Pole - \$80 7 feet 30-80 pound

line. Used for deep sea fishing and has worked like a champ against tuna. just the rod its self no reel. 619-430-9782

Water Proof Bag - \$35 SEAL Line Baja 40 HD, dimensions are: 25"X20" Text 760-822-9687

70U-82Z-9807

JBL Woody 38-Special Magnum
Speargun - \$250 Firm. Like new, only
used a handful of times. In great shape
w/stainless steel stringer, keeper clip
and a extra tip. I'll even throw in a fillet
knife and sharpener. Might trade it for
certain items: go ped or goped or mens
motorized bicycle. 858-663-1913

1960's Jet Board-motorized surf

board - \$600 Engine has been pulled, it will probably require a rebuild. I think all the parts are there. It's 11 feet long, and weighs about 70 pounds. Cash only 760-703-7525

Surf Fishing Rod & Reel-Alvey - \$75 Charles Alvey & Son, Australia, Yellow Side Cast Surf Champion Reel, 550 C-5, 6 inch on a 12 foot, 2 piece Rod. Calls only 760-721-6077

2008 Kayak Mirage Revolution Fish (2) - \$1200 each. Garage kept. Both come with Mirage drive, Twist and Stow rudder system, paddle, seat, hatches, wheels, Length 13'5" Width 28.5" Call 619-247-0693

6'1" Move Or Die Surfboard - \$180 6'1" X 20" X 2 1/2" Move Or Die In Good Condition. 760-717-8187

Water Proof Jacket - \$65 Northwest River Supply NRS, XL Jacket for kayaking/whitewater rafting. Never used. Text 760-822-9687

Cold Water High Quality Surf Wetsuits and Gear - \$20 I have many. Shortys, Farmer johns, full suits, etc... Oniell, Bare, Patagonia. Also a few hoods bootles and surf gloves. Call, no text pls. 619-395-3529 New paddle board - \$675 Comes with paddle and board bag. 949-606-2297

Spectra fishing line - All kinds of Spectra fishing line 20lb to 200lb spools. Call for more info. 619-871-8569

Surfboard for sale - \$150 Rat surfboard with a custom painting on it. One of a kind board. 949-606-2297

Fishing Kayak- Fully Loaded - \$1200

Fishing Kayak- Fully Loaded - \$1200 Wilderness Systems Tarpon 120 kayak, in great condition, with all the extras you'll ever need. Big Game Rigged, ready for the kelp beds, lakes, whatever. 858-692-1716

Water Conditions

SURFACE TEMPERATURE:

5'-15'

Expect another front Tuesday to stir it up a bit. Thurs-Sat look the best for exploring the depths, with light offshore winds, low wave energy and moderate tides allowing the water to settle. 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

Moon Calendar

	THUR	SAT	MON	WED
DECEMBER	18	20	22	24
SUNRISE	7:15	7:16	7:17	7:18
SUNSET	16:30	16:31	16:32	16:33
LENGTH OF DAY	7 9H 15M	9H 15M	9H 15M	9H 15M



SEAL trainee — the old-fashioned word for student

"hyped" — suffering hypothermia — that they were prepared to do almost anything to end the pain....

The ghost of Petty Officer John J. Tomlinson haunts me. Tomlinson was about to complete the buds [Basic Underwater Demolition School] in 1988 when he died of hypothermia on a 5.5-mile swim off San Clemente not far from our location.

When I read the investigation report of that death, my blood ran as cold as the 57-degree water that killed Tomlinson. A senior Navy officer who was not a SEAL wrote the report. He found that trainees on the swim wore only a wet suit top and hood. He cited Navy exposure tables that required a full wet suit for even short-duration dives in less than 60-degree water. The investigator determined Tomlinson had been in the water nearly four hours when he lost consciousness toward the end of the swim

at Northwest Harbor.

Instructors pulled the comatose trainee from the ocean and hurried him to a recreational sauna, where they ran the temperature up to re-warm Tomlinson. They also called for a Medevac helo. San Diego was only a 30-minute flight away, but no helo was immediately available. Tomlinson, fast slipping away, arrived at UCSD Medical Center about two hours after the first distress call. During the flight, the corpsman attending Tomlinson could not communicate with the pilots over the engine noise. The pilot could therefore not relay crucial medical information while inbound to the hospital. John J. Tomlinson died at UCSD without regaining consciousness.

The investigating officer noted this was the only death among some 2000 trainees who had completed the swim since 1966 but failed to recognize that the distance for



"They look as though they're just poking along," but it's difficult to keep pace with the behemoths.

many years had been only four miles. He did note, however, that two trainees on much shorter swims had been pulled from San Diego Bay in hypothermic coma during the three years preceding Tomlinson's death. The most recent incident had happened three months earlier, in January 1988. Instructors had rushed both trainees to the emergency room at Coronado Hospital, where doctors revived them.

—Bill Salisbury, December 2000

Whales, no seasickness

About two weeks ago while fishing a mile and a half off of La Jolla Shores on my kayak, a big gray whale, it's back as wide as a school bus, passed within 50 yards of me. I pulled in my gear and decided to give chase for a better view and maybe a photo. Funny thing about whales, they look as though they are just poking along and easy to catch up to on

a kayak. This is not the case, and I soon wore my arms out just trying to keep pace with the behemoth as it soon was out of sight. No photo, only a remaining buzz of being so close to such a large creature in its natural realm. I've seen many whales from the kayak just off San Diego's coast, but getting a good view from so close to the water is sometimes tough. Just twice in 15 years I have actually had real close encounters with a good view

There is an easier way to see whales than paddling out alone in a kayak. Hornblower has begun their gray whale season. Their multi-decked vessels provide a good viewing platform, and their stabilizers mean less chance of the seasick bug getting you.

Two cruises daily: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. \$39 per adult Monday through Friday, \$44 on weekends.

—Daniel Powell

New 6'3" Wafer by JK Surfboards -\$375 New Board 6'3" x 22" x 2.8" with 3 futures fins. Call or text 858-886-6921 Shimano Tescata Fishing Rod - \$75 Nice condition. 619 977 4403

14ft valco 2002 & 2002 mercury 15 hp 4 stroke - \$1500 Cool boat works very well. Great shape also night lights for lobster fishing electric trolling motor. Both work. Life jackets. Flare gun. 760-681-1813

Hobie pro angler kayak - \$2500 This kayak is in excellent condition, just don't have the time to use it. Kayak comes with: Mirage Drive system, Hobie live

bank tank, fish finder, H bar- which makes it easy to stand up for long period of time (especially in ocean) 619-726-1452

Nissan 8 hp outboard - \$795 Excellent condition, runs like new Short shaft, 17" 2 stroke, mint condition. Very light, great for dinghies. Comes with fuel tank and line. 858-568-2939

Rusty surfboard 6'8 - \$190 6'8. Rusty surfboard. Tri fin setup. Shaped by Rusty Preisendorfer. The board is in overall great condition. A couple pressure dings, but nothing out of the ordinary. 814-977-0049

Liquid Logic Kayak - \$800 Firm. Kayak has NEVER been in the water. There are very few if any marks on the bottom as it was only in the back of my truck on the way home. Text 619-916-8544

Carbon fiber paddle - \$160 Firm. Brand New Werner Skagit Carbon fiber reinforced kayak paddle. Text only 619-

Otarie flippers with bag and Otarie flippers with bag and underwater camera - \$15 Used a few times and they were great. Then I tore my rotator cuff and stopped being able to swimTime to let go. Comes with the bag and the underwater camera I got for snorkeling. I'm not sure how the sizing works but I am a female, size 8.5 in regular shoes. 619-890-9642

5'8" twin fin retro fish - \$215 5'8 x 20" x 2.5" Super fun board for 1 foot mushy surf to 4 foot clean conditions Selling just to thin out the quiver and willing to consider all offers. Text or call 760-453-3386

Wetsuits/Spring suit - \$35 Bare 3/2mm XL - \$55, RipCurl 2/2mm Lar - \$55. Oneil Jacket 2/2mm - \$35 (for fishing/kayaking)858-3 3 3-7596 Frabill Pack A Pole - Fishing Pole Case - \$50 Made of hard plastic and

heavy duty. Has spots for padlocks. Good for travel. Foam inserts included. Can hold up to four fishing poles. Inside is in good condition.619-370-8563

Aeris ocean pro zippered pocket snorkeling vest - \$15 New never used color blue. 619-787-3964

4'10 mini simmons limited edition - \$475 4\dagger*10 x 21" x 2 5/8" Shaped by original shaper Joe Bauguess. Includes board bag. Text or email 760-453-3386 Vintage Surfboard 6 ft 6 - \$139 1981 6 ft 6 in very good condition. Has a few little dings here and there. Great to surf or hang on the wall. Thinning out the

herd. Thanks \$139.00 760-815-8070

Donald Takayama, 11' SUP Ali'i II Model - \$800 Model Hard to find, Great SUP, for beginners or experienced surfers. Excellent condition, no rail chips, 2 + 1 fin set up. Call or text (760) 212-9775

Fishing Pole: Lamiglas 6'6", Power 1, XC661 Certified Pro - \$80 FIRM Certified Pro series has brought more professional anglers to Lamiglas than any other series. You won't find a better rod. Call or Text 760-212-9775

2XL XCEL Duraflex Wetsuit 4.3 -\$100 fits more like a X Large than a

Fish Report

1/2 Day: The boats that were able to fish around the edges of the storm found good Rockfish, Sheephead and Lingcod on the local kelp beds off Point Loma and La Jolla with a few Yellowtail and White Seabass in the mix. The twilight Lobster hoopnetters have been getting good numbers on the bugs, with one out of ten raised heing legal

34 Day: Anglers making it to the Coronado Islands or to the county line area up north are still getting some Yellowtail along with a mixed sack-full of Rockfish, Bocaccio, Sand and Calico Bass, Lingcod and Sheephead.

1 Day to 2.5 Day: Offshore boats fishing within 120 miles of Point Loma have been reporting good action on Yellowfin and Skipjack Tuna with a handful of Bluefin Tuna. They are also getting big Rockfish and Sheephead on the high spots at Tanner and Cortez Banks.

Long-range: The bite at the Hurricane Bank has been slow but steady on the big Yellowfin Tuna, especially in the gray hours. As the boats make their way back up the line towards San Diego they are picking some nice Wahoo to 70 pounds on the troll off of Mag Bay and Alijos Rocks

Freshwater: The local lakes are a little stirred up from the rain, but the trout have been stocked in most and with the water cooling a bit are starting to bite. The trout plants have also triggered the Bass and Catfish, with some nice catches of both being reported.

2XL. This wetsuit retails for over \$600. It does have a small hole in the back of the right knee. The wetsuit is a 4.3 mm and is in good condition please text or call me 760-687-5553

PENN 535 fishing reel, high speed -\$110 Firm. Just serviced, Used but in excellent shape. Graphite Frame, rod clamp. High speed gear ratio: 6-1, 4. Stainless Ball Bearings call (760) 212-0775. Thank you.

Fishing rod Wright & McGill 8 1/2 \$20 Vintage rod (no reel) 8.5 feet. 1970's (possibly older) likely never used. Cork damaged during storage 2.5 inch area

roughed to metal, otherwise pristine! Text 619-988-2752

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Poetry on a plate

Under the stainless grill is a fire with a pleasant resinous flavor wafting up from it.

hffft! The fat drips from the lamb onto the hot charcoal. Smoke puffs up. But then it disappears and all you

see is the neat little white log in the red-hot fire surrounding it, deep down in the shichirin, or what we gringos would probably call a hibachi.

"We get this charcoal from Japan," says Jun, one of the two brothers running this place.

"It has the best flavor. It's called Bincho-tan, white charcoal from the Ubame oak tree."

"We get the lamb from Australia," says Jun's older brother Ray. "It has the best flavor

They should know: The two of them used to cook at Nobu.

We're looking at my lamb BBQ. Can't

So lucky to have found them. What drew me in was the sign, "Japanese Tapas and Noodles." Huh. Japanese tapas?

The happy hour menu was still on the sandwich board outside when I came in. Items like tempura Brussels sprouts (\$4), ahi poke endives (\$5), or fried corn on the cob (\$3). Except it was around seven already.

The inside was plain, with three rows of tables, white and mustard walls, a big photo of the coast around Scripps Pier in La Jolla, a dark green ceiling, and a bar at the end with sake bottles lining the shelves above it.

It's pretty crowded, and this is only Tuesday night. A good omen. Tables on the left are filled with an office crowd, all sharing dishes, drinking sake, and yacking a lot.

I take one of the six stools at the rear bar, facing the little black and white kitchen curtains. It's very personal back here. All three servers are rushing in and out, and the chef is constantly calling for dishes to be zipped out while they're hot.

"Something to drink?" says this tall guy, Taylor, the only non-Japanese server.

I'm thinking beer, and see they're making

a big play about their draft beer. "Asahi Super Dry. Imported directly from JAPAN! #1 Bestseller."

> "This is a big deal for us," says Jun, one of the two chef-owners. "Most 'imported' Asahi draft beer actually comes from Canada. But we ship our kegs in from Japan."

He looks a bit disappointed when I go for the bottled Ku-

ronama (\$5), a black beer I've never had.

Meanwhile, gotta eat. I see I could be spending a whole lot here if I don't watch out. Like, a sashimi salad goes for \$9, three oysters with a ponzu — kinda lemony — jelly's \$7, a four-piece grilled octopus sashimi is \$7, and (yikes) live local "uni" sea urchin is \$14. Tapa plates of octopus fritters are \$6.50, grilled squid's \$9.50, and a shrimp mac and cheese costs \$8. They even do sliders — breaded fried pork with fries, for \$8.50.

When I cry poor, Jun's wife Rio says I could always go the ramen route. "The Izakaya yakisoba is \$9.50, but you get a lot," she says. I see we're talking ramen noodles with pork or chicken. Or shrimp, for \$2.50 more.

I mean I could go for a soupy noodle dish like kaki-age, which is deep-fried veggies and shrimp in a "dashi" soup. Dashi is a broth made from dried kelp and tuna flakes. That's \$9.25. Or If I really wanted to be mean, just go for a teriyaki chicken "small bowl" (\$6.50) or fried rice with pork (\$5). Or the basic kappa, a six-piece cucumber and sesame seed sushi roll for \$4.

I can't resist starting off with those \$3 fried corn on the cob I saw in the happy hour menu. Except now they're \$4.50.

But then I notice the picture in the menu of a little Noah's Ark ceramic boat with a grill on top and slabs of red meat laid out next to it. "Lamb BBQ," it says, "\$12.50." Dang. Expensive, but love grilling, love lamb. I order that and a cup of green tea (\$2), to settle ye old palate.



Corn appetizer is more filling than it looks.

Oh, and what the heck. Just in case I'm still hungry I go for that \$4 kappa sushi roll too.

Almost straight away, Jun brings a tiny square plate of what look like Rice Crispies, but taste salty. "Otoshi, or tsukidashi, 'tiny snack," he says. "Just to go with your beer." Hmm. That's cool.

The next square plate is bigger, and has three vertical corn on the cob, each with a wooden skewer. They have had a brown sauce poured over, soy and garlic by the taste, and they're surprisingly filling.

But hey, now to the \$12.50 investment. And, man, a fire-stained ceramic bowl covered in what Rio says are poems written in ancient Japanese characters. She tries to read them. "Something about 'leaf of the flower," she says. "But it is very difficult to understand."

Inside, under the stainless grill, is a fire with a pleasant resinous flavor wafting up

But the real flavor comes from the ministeaks of lamb I lift onto the grill with the tongs. Jun says give each side three to four



Delicious smoke hints at flavors to come.



Crew gathers at the end of the night — Taylor, Ray, Jun, Rio.

minutes, and he's right.

I dip each into the little sauce saucer they include. All I can think of is the word umami. Whatever that means, this has it. Savory, tender. The kappa roll sits untouched and looking pretty boring by comparison.

Have to ask what "Izakaya" means.

"'Izakaya' just means 'pub,'" says Jun. "'I' is the word for 'stay,' and 'zakaya' is 'of sake.' Sake place."

That's it. Next time I'm coming back to learn sake. What better place to learn? ■

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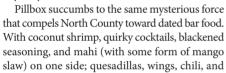
Good look, typical eats

118 W. Plaza Street, Solana Beach. No big-name design firm attached itself to Solana Beach's Pillbox

Tavern, but the group that opened the bar and grill includes plenty of restaurant-industry vets, and their

collective expertise turned out a nice-looking restaurant. They call the place "retro modern," which fits with the blue neon and refurb-wood look.

Competent, friendly staffers and a not-too-boisterous crowd make the place into a more laid-back alternative to nearby Saddle Bar (both bars share an owner), though the smallish size means it gets crowded without even trying. A fair selection of beers on tap should quench anybody's thirst.



burgers on the other; it's as if someone threw Trader Vic's and Hooters into a bag and shook vigorously.

It wouldn't be fair to hang Pillbox out to dry in the name of an entire food scene. Their food is on the tasty side of average, with the garlicky steak tips and Old Bay chicken wings standing out, but why not catch up on the past couple decades of restaurant culture when you had the chance?

Coconut shrimp is the molten chocolate cake of appetizers: good, clean fun 1997, but we're sick of

seeing it these days. Pillbox has a cool look and nice people, so why not branch out with the food a bit? It's good enough, but, come on, North County, surprise us a little.

by Ian Pike



Steak tips with garlic bread

Enter the Lion

1424 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. The Point Loma Beach Café closed a few months back after many years serving smoothies and sandwiches to the beachy denizens of south Ocean Beach. I

stopped in once or twice a while back, usually as a meeting place to grab something quick before walking or surfing nearby Sunset Cliffs. It never really impressed me much — just a small, minimalist shop with a decent location and a little



The wave mural remains, though the restaurant here has changed for the better.

sidewalk seating.

When Little Lion Café opened in its place this week, I didn't imagine it would be much different. However, the French bistro decor and healthy menu won me over within minutes of arriving.

Breakfast and lunch selections include en vogue health-food staples along the lines of chia-seed pudding, organic kale salad, and something called a green goddess veggie sandwich. Meat-eaters needn't be turned off, though; there are options including house-smoked salmon, roast beef, and curried chicken salad.

I was feeling veggie during my midday visit. I sat on the sidewalk with my dog, Loki, and while she slurped at a water dish my friendly server immediately provided, I grabbed an iced Americano made from Café Moto beans and opted for

my waitress's favorite, the ultra-nutritioussounding superfood bowl.

There's actually a superfood bowl on both the breakfast and lunch menus, and near as I can tell they only differ by the choice of dressing: herb lemon vinaigrette for breakfast and cilantro dressing for lunch. I got the cilantro option for \$10.

The base ingredients are quinoa, avocado, and black beans, with seasonal vegetables added for flavor and color. Today these were green

beans, roasted carrots, and butternut squash. The carrot and green beans still had a little tooth to them, while the squash was soft and savory, lending a little meaty sensation to the vegan dish.

I'm usually at odds with eating this way. Intellectually, I love to do so. It makes me feel healthy and wise, and certainly treats my digestive tract well, adding a little extra bounce to my day. However, it's not typically a meal I relish — it's more like dutiful eating, diet eating. Not the foodie passion I experience with, say, a nice pâté or lamb stew.

I'll hand it to the ladies of Little Lion, though, this superfood bowl tasted great. The avocado was rich and buttery, the quinoa well cooked and the beans...well, they did whatever it is black beans always do. The dressing was light, adding flavor

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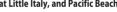
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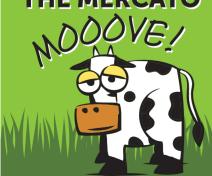
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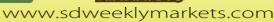
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on the whole without weighing down the veggies.

The Coulon sisters — the trio of blondes who own the place — hail from a family of restaurateurs and seem to have carried over the lessons of a successful business model here. While the location's still small and the sidewalk still a little cramped, the interior feels much more like a welcoming place to eat than the Beach Café ever did, meaning it could very well become a healthy breakfast and lunch destination rather than just a convenient place to juice up on the way to checking out a solid NW swell.

by Ian Anderson

First Look: Gourmet donuts hit North Park

4504 30th Street, North Park. Donut shops inspire a crazy amount of love. I can remember the first Krispy Kreme opening in greater Los Angeles some 15 years ago. It caused a number of sweet tooth breakfast pastry devotees to break out their Thomas Guides to learn how to get to the suburban community La Habra in order to stand in line for original raised glazed. And don't get me started about the recent arrival of Dunkin in San Diego. Suddenly, every east coast transplant in the city experienced the same nostalgia trip and choked the door for overrated coffee and standard

Of course, in a neighborhood





Craft brewers **Ballast Point** and **Coronado Brewing Company** recently added more hardware to their awards collections, medaling at the **Brussels Beer Challenge** for coffee flavored beers Victory at Sea porter and Blue Bridge stout.

Sharing in these brewers' success is San Diego coffee, specifically **Caffé Calabria** and **Café Moto**, which provided coffee for the respective beers. Both beverages beg a refined palate, so perhaps its not surprising a number of craft beer companies have been catching on to the specialty coffee movement, evidenced by a recent spate of coffee stouts and ales made in conjunction with

like North Park it's going to

take something a little craft-

ier than an expanding inter-

national chain to bring out

the donuteratti. The recently

opened Nomad Donuts would

seem to meet all the criteria of

a new breed of artisan restau-

rant, right down to the hipster-

I caught on when a friend

read me a few items from

Nomad's creative and rotating

daily menu (posted on their

Facebook page). Actually, she

just had to read me one: a ham,

pineapple, cheddar, honey mus-

tard-glazed fritter. How could

anyone pass that up?

friendly logo.

local roasters.

Month-old **Fall Brewing Company** came out of the gate with a coffee beer on its roster, working with North Park neighbor **Dark Horse Coffee**. According to Dark Horse owner Daniel Charlson, the 2am Stout incorporates "100 lbs. of coffee and an ungodly amount of vanilla beans."

Benchmark Brewing paired up with The West Bean for a current take on its Oatmeal Stout, while St. Archer has now issued two releases of its Coffee Brown Ale in collaboration with Bird Rock Coffee Roasters.

Most of these collaborations are driven as much by personal relationships as crossover appeal, and both sides show genuine enthusiasm about capturing unique and nuanced levels of flavor from coffee to beer. Café Moto owner Torrey Lee says they "went through four or five versions" of the Coranado Brewing collaboration before settling on a Moto blend of four different coffee varietals. Like most of the coffee/beer partnerships, Lee says Moto provides the brewer with cold brew coffee, steeping rough ground beans in cold water for long periods for a "concentrated and low acid extraction," more conducive to suiting a beer recipe.



Cold brew coffee is finding a place on tap in a beer town.

Eric Magruder, tasting room manager for **Mike Hess Brewing** says their brewers "really like the way cold brewed coffee smoothly integrates with beer." He calls the recent Grazias cream ale collaboration between Hess and Mission Beach roaster **Swell Café** "one of the finest batches that we've produced," and suggests trying the coffee

and non-coffee versions of Grazias side by side to get a better insight on how the coffee impacts the overall taste.

Perhaps the most prolific coffee beer collaborator is Carmel Mountain's **Mostra Coffee**. The two-year old roaster has yet to set up a retail shop, but has already worked with a number of local beer purveyors, including **Karl Strauss** and **White Labs**. Earlier this year Mostra head roaster Mike Arquines met with brewers at **Alesmith** to fine tune a roast for a special release of its Speedway Stout. He sourced a barrel of highly sought Jamaica Blue Mountain beans for the limited issue stout, which he says sold out within 18 minutes of being made available for online ordering.

More recently, Mostra's Brazil Oberon cold brew contributed one of many layers of flavor to Xocoveza Mocha Stout — a highly rated homage to Mexican hot chocolate released by Stone Brewing. Mostra distributes its cold brew in select shops and restaurants, including **Krisp** markets and **Tender Greens**, though at this point its work in craft beer world has an arguably greater reach. Already, more collaborations are in the works, including a "Latte Stout" with **Abnormal Brewing**, a new beer company yet to even launch its first release.

Apparently, nobody did. By time I arrived at 11am it had sold out. While Nomad's best intentions are to stay open from 7am to 4pm, due to immediate high demand their inventory has yet to keep up.

I was still left with plenty to

I was still left with plenty to of donut varieties to choose from, including a charredblueberry-glaze chocolate old fashioned, mango coconut cake donut, and a gorgeous, burnttop blood orange merengue.

These aren't merely raising donut expectations, the way downtown's Donut Bar has managed to do with giant donuts and great success. Nomad seems intent on devising foodie donut mashups that invite curiosity and — thus far — a strong showing of neighborhood thrillseekers looking for the next big artisan sweet.

Just look at the donuts I wound up taking home from the bare bones, dining-room-free shop: yeast-dough peach-honey prosciutto (\$4), and

cake-dough topped by vanilla glaze and crushed potato chips (\$3).

I actually didn't find a whole lot of difference between the cake and yeast donuts — they both seemed pretty cakey to me, which let me down a little bit since I love and will fondly remember the sort of raised donuts you could get before the California ban on partially hydrogenated oils.

As different as the toppings seemed on first glance, I came to realize they worked on the same principle. The heavy sweetness of the peach-honey and vanilla glazes needed a little offsetting by the salty prosciutto shavings and crumbled Lays potato chips laid across the top of them. They were each still decidedly sweet, which pairs well with the coffee served on site (from Sorrento Valley roaster Zumbar). While these guys will certainly remain busy escalating the donut concept, on my next visit I'm definitely going to head over early enough to try a fritter.

by Ian Anderson

Circa tries to fill some big shoes

2121 Adams Avenue, University Heights. Tempting as it is to mourn the Farm House Cafe's departure from Adams Avenue until the prophesied reappearance of Olivier and Rochelle Bioteau's restaurant in larger quarters somewhere far from University Heights, uptown diners ought to give Circa a chance lest they miss out a lovely spot in its own right. Every inch the cozy darling that was Farm House, Circa's intimate dining room conveys a properly attuned sense of rustic charm without caving to romanticized visions of agrarian nobility. Vintage tunes from spinning vinyl set the mood, and the lighting is dim without being dark.

The green bean casserole (\$8) rethinks the American holiday

classic with brilliant ingenuity. Delicate green beans with the perfect amount of residual crunch rest beneath an herbaceous cheese sauce, while bread crumbs and crispy shallots replace the French's onion ring bits.

Chicken and dumplings (\$16) and meatloaf (\$17) both reflect a sensibility for mid-century Americana. Steak and potatoes (\$22) isn't the *steak frites* from Farm House, but it's a good, albeit heavier, substitute, with mash, sprouts, mushrooms, and a ladleful of ale gravy.

The B-side burger (\$14) lacks particular distinctions, but the thick fries with tangy molasses ketchup are their own delight, and the tender brioche bun is an above-average casing for the patty

It may be unfair, but it's impossible not to compare the two restaurants. Circa's menu doesn't yet measure up to Farm House's, which is no surprise considering the former tenant's excellence. Still, Circa has been at the game less than a year, and the "California soul food" pulls its own weight when it has to. Note well that Circa isn't just a Farm House wannabe. The menu works with less of France, and more Les Etats-Unis, and even if the unfair comparison favors the (temporarily?) extinct, Circa fares well in general against San Diego's rustic neighborhood bistros If they can keep it going for a few years, Circa could be a great neighbor to the equally homey Cueva Bar next door.

by Ian Pike

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The Casbah's annual Rolling Stones-themed "Exile on Kettner" was retired last year after two decades, but the venue plans to keep the tradition of playing Stones music on Christmas Eve at least one more year.

likes of the Little Richards and the Schitzophonics Stone Soul Revue, with comedy-rock duo Pony Death Ride playing in the Atari Lounge.

"We've had a tradition of doing something special on Christmas Eve going back to the [Casbah predecessor] Pink

the inside track

The Exile shows featured former Dragons frontman Mario Escovedo leading an all-star group of local musicians through a night of Rolling Stones covers. The

Panther days," Casbah owner Tim Mays tells the Reader. "When we started the Exile on Kettner shows, nobody could have foreseen that it would last 20 years. Mario and his band



Scheff: "...I also want to bring in the next generation of talent."

new bill, dubbed "Let's Spend the Night Together," sticks with the Stones component during a closing set from Lauren Scheff's All Star Band, but will entertain non-Stones tunes beforehand, from the

of rock stars put in a lot of time each year to make it happen. It was one of my favorite nights of the year."

With the decision in place to end the Exile show, Mays knew he wanted to con-

tinue the holiday tradition. "I started talking to the Schitzophonics folks last year about maybe doing something for Christmas Eve and they were definitely into the idea. Robert [El Vez] Lopez is usually in town for Christmas to see his parents so I asked him about participating, and he wanted to do the Little Richards, which is him and Schitzophonics and Diana Death, so that was a natural fit. Schitzophonics came up with the idea of doing a holiday soul revue, and that sounded great to me as well."

For the last piece of the puzzle, a 90-minute set of Jagger-Richards classics, Mays sought out Get Back Loretta bassist Lauren Scheff, who has been promoting a series of cover nights at the Office using a basic backing band and guest vocalists. "I like the new name, which I think is more fitting to the vibe," said Scheff. "Exile on Kettner was brilliant, but I think the biggest change are the musicians and singers. I want to pull from the old school players in SD that Mario used, but I also want to bring in the next generation of talent that are making moves in our community." Among the vocalists taking part will be Stevie Harris (Styletones), Daniel Crawford (Blackout Party), and Timothy Joseph (Palace Ballroom).

While it's hoped Lets Spend the Night Together is as successful as Exile on Kettner,

Mays is leaving future options open. "As far as starting a new tradition, let's see what happens," he said.

– Bart Mendoza

Cynical San Diego.

Ours isn't the first city people associate with Christmas, but the holiday has inspired many musicians with a local connection.

Maybe it's the location at the bottom west of the lower 48, but San Diego musicians tend to take an irreverent approach to the holiday. Case in point: blink-182 has recorded two Christmas songs — 1997's "I Won't Be Home for Christmas," a pleasant ditty about a man who snaps and attacks a group of carolers.

Despite (or maybe because of) the subject matter, the song was a No. 1 hit in Canada for six weeks in 2001 and

Apparently, blink was feeling Christmas cheer in 2001, because the trio also included a holiday ditty on their hit album, Take Off Your Pants and Jacket. "Happy Holidays, You Bastard" was recorded in San Diego at Signature Sound studio and is basically a 42-second hilariously obscene rant against an unnamed

Hilltop High alum Tom Waits never recorded a Christmas album, but he has written an underground holiday classic with "Christmas Card From a Hooker in Minneapolis."

The song was part of his 1978 Blue Valentine album and concerns a prostitute who is writing a letter to a man

Mexicali producer who fell in with Tijuana's ruidosón crew after performing his first set as Den5hion at a party in 2011.

"Den5hion is more like



Blink's holiday song is a pleasant ditty about a guy attacking carolers.

named Charlie where she claims she is pregnant and in love with a man who promises to raise the pending child as his own. At the end of the song, she confesses that she has been lying and is actually in prison.

It's unlikely the tune will inspire a Rankin-Bass TV special with puppets, but "Christmas Card From a Hooker" has been covered by several artists, most notably Neko Case.

Former San Diegan Frank Zappa released 65 albums in a career spanning three decades, but not one of them was a Christmas record.

Patrick Henderson

Doombia. "I think everybody kind of left cumbia, but we're still doing it in this weird way," says Marco Polo Gutierrez aka Siete Catorce, a mind food," he says of the glitchy project, which grew out of an ambient experimental collaboration, Dénima. "It's music you can sit down and listen to. Siete Catorce is a way of getting all that mental bullshit that everybody has and putting it in a way that you can dance to. It's music that's really weird; you're not sure you're supposed to be dancing, but it'll make you dance. That's what I try to do with Siete Catorce. With Den-5hion, it's pure brain music. I want people to listen to my music who like that kind of intellectual music and then feel themselves compelled to dance to cumbia. It's the lowest thing you can find in Mexico, you know, cumbia. It's the baile de los pobres, you know, los nacos. I want to

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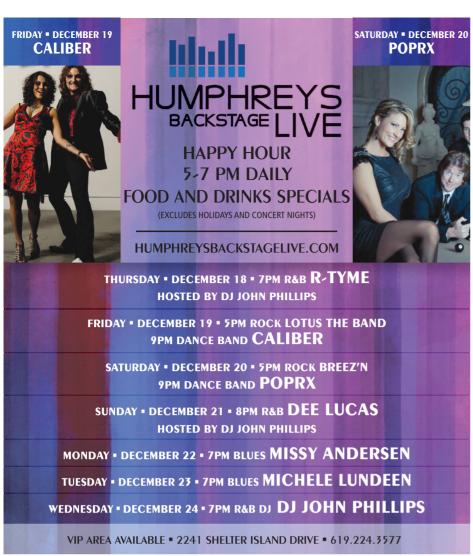


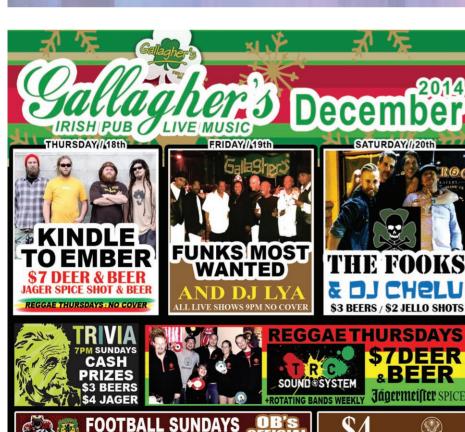
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get down to that level, but I also want people who listen to cumbia to come up to the intellectual music."

Now 21 years old, Siete



Siete Catorce intellectualizes cumbia.

Catorce was a late-comer to Tijuana's ruidosón scene, but he quickly became a forerunner of the movement with his calculated, crepuscular doombia, which recontexualized and reinvigorated the gloomy vision of ruidosón founders Los Macuanos, María y José, Santos, and Hijo de la Diabla.

"Ruidosón is a real weird way of looking at a party," Gutierrez says. "It's not a genre of music. It's not the way it sounds. It's a real dark and depressing way of looking at a party. Everybody has their existential problems and we

all found a way to bring it out with these same types of rhythms, like cumbia."

Siete Catorce has since relocated to Mexico City to release EPs with the renowned N.A.A.F.I. crew and Ciudad Juarez's Lowers, in addition to performing at conclaves such as Festival Nrmal, Vive

> Latino, and the Boiler Room. On Saturday, December 20, Siete Catorce returns to Baja's desert capital to play a hometown party at a location TBA at facebook.com/ fusemvsic.

> "I want everybody to live this moment, to live right now," Gutierrez says when asked about the future. "You can be who you are, when you are, right now."

> > - Chad Deal

No twang in paradise.

Americana singer/songwriter Mark Stuart has ricocheted between Austin and San Diego. The homegrown founder of Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash first relocated to Texas eight years ago.

"Everything except the music scene is wonderful in San Diego," Stuart tells the Reader. He was based in town when he formed BSOJC and got a personal stamp of approval from Cash himself. But, Stuart says, it's hard to twang in paradise.

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"You have a limited opportunity to play and grow your career in San Diego," says Stuart, who moved to Austin, where "there's more opportunity to advance your career and make money as a musician"

Then, in 2010, Stuart's bride-to-be talked him into moving back to San Diego. "She fell in love with the place and wanted to move here. I thought I'd give San Diego one more try."

But two years ago it was back to Austin. "We had a newborn, and her family was in Austin." And Austin seems to have a welcome mat for career musicians. "There is a community of people [in Austin] who are serious about the music business. It's like Nashville but without the goofiness."

Stuart says that networking has helped him get his original BSOJC tunes placed on

soundtracks for HBO's True Blood and FX's Justified. And, he says, those Austin connections helped him get booked on major music festivals this year, including Riverhawk (Florida), Zion Canyon

musician support in Austin runs from radio station airplay to live venues. "And they have something called HAMM. You get free health care in Austin if you are a working musician. You can buy a house there for

Though he loves our Mexican food, Bastard Son Mark Stuart says it wasn't enough to keep him here.

(Utah), Woodtick (Michigan), and American River (Sacramento)

"San Diego will always have the best Mexican food of any city, but it wasn't quite the impetus to stay."

Stuart tells the Reader that

about a third of what it costs in San Diego."

Stuart says it "just so happens" that the sixth BSOJC record, New Old Story, was recorded and released by San Diego-based Randm Records. He says he was first drawn to

Randm by their offer to record one free demo, but decided to stay with the label "because we really hit it off. They really understand the music."

Stuart followed Rosie Flores Dave Gonzalez (Paladins), and Cella Blue (West Coast Pinups) out of San Diego to Austin. "I guess Nancarrow are the country torchbearers now. If the Beat Farmers were still around they probably would have taken it to Austin at some point."

Stuart's back in town to play the Belly Up on Wednesday, December 17, and then Cheers in Ramona on Friday, December 19. "We come back once or twice or year. I have my Austin Bastards, and these supporting musicians are my regular San Diego Bastards."

– Ken Leighton Find Blurt online at SDReader.com/blurt

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Thursday, 8pm — DJ Mike Czech.

Balboa Theatre:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Peter White Christmas Tuesday, 7:30pm — Dave Koz and Friends Christmas 2014.

Bancroft:

Thursday, 8pm — Local Rhythm and Slum Summer. Friday, 8pm - Nathan Hubbard's Passengers and Grex.

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Friday, 9pm — 24K Gold. Saturday, 9pm — Bar Dynamite Saturdays. Tuesday, 9pm — Boom Bap.

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Beaumont's:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Adam

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Melanie Taylor Band.

Belly Up:

Thursday, 8pm — Johnny Marr and Meredith Sheldon. Friday, 8pm — Who's Bad: Michael Jackson tribute. Saturday, 8pm — Ugly Sweater Party: Young Guns, more. \$16-\$20.

Sunday, 8pm — Dick Dale's Holiday Show, \$25-\$44. Monday, 8pm, Tuesday, 8pm — The Growlers.

Black Cat Bar:

Saturday, 8pm — Fast Heart Mart and MJ Stevens.

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Friday, 8pm — Club Musae. Saturday, 8pm — Rootsicali and AOK. Tuesday, 8pm — Video DJ.

Brass Rail:

Friday, 8pm — Hip-Hop Fridayz. Saturday, 8pm — Sabado en Monday, 8pm — Manic Monday.

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Thursday, 8pm — Children of the Grave. \$8. Friday, 8pm — Eukaryst, SentineL, Thanatology. \$8. Saturday, 8pm — Symbolic Holiday Toy Drive. \$5-\$10. Monday, 6pm — Metal Mondays.

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Chico Club:

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BY DAVE GOOD

Some things don't change. Even into their 50s, Dicky Barrett and Joe Gittleman and

the band they started 30 years ago still seem like an ongoing frat-house party. After all, it was the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, a ska-core band from Boston that made plaid suits cool again. With Barrett on lead vox and Gittleman on bass, the lineup still includes Tim Burton on tenor sax and Ben Carr the man dancer. Add to that trombonist Chris Rhodes, drummer Joe Sirois, another saxist named Kevin Lenear. guitarist Lawrence Katz, and John Goetchius on keyboards.

The Bosstones have been around since 1983, but they finally landed on everybody's club radar following the 1989 release of Devil's

Night Out. Of all the albums they have released to date. this one may be their best, although it took time for people to warm up to what was going on. The Bosstones, you see, were among the first to mix hardcore with ska, and the respective fans of each were slow to come aboard.

But by the middle of the 1990s, ska-core was almost mainstream, and the band finally had a hit single, "The Impression That I Get" introduced a new generation of

young skankers to ska-core and songs about their assorted concerns: "I'm not a coward. I've iust never been tested/ I'd like to think that if I was, I would pass." My favorite? A song they did not write. The Bosstones' cover of "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love" throws the institution of '80s hard rock against the wall and slaps it silly. Instead of David Lee Roth's hammy swagger-pout, we get three-part horns on top of the ska marching beat. Van Halen may have been a full-blown street rod, but the



Mighty Mighty Bosstones are a Vespa motor scooter on nitro methane. "Here comes another wasted summer," Dicky Barrett rasps and grins, "and that's the way it goes."

The Interrupters and the O.S.S. also perform.

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Croce's Park West:

Thursday, 7pm — Gilbert Castellanos & Park West Ensemble.

Friday, 6pm — Besos de Coco. \$5

Saturday, 7:30pm — Coast Bop. Sunday, 6pm — Danny Green Trio.

Monday, 6pm — Mark Fisher. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Steph Johnson & Rob Thorsen. Wednesday, 8pm — 45 Revolutions.

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Friday, 8pm — FX5. Friday, 7pm — Zone 4. Saturday, 8pm — Dance Party with DJ Alex. Wednesday, 8pm — Karaoke Night.

Dizzy's:

Saturday, 8pm — Mikan Zlatkovich Quartet.

Downtown Café:

Saturday, 6pm — Brown Sugar Band. Free.

Eastbound Bar & Grill:

Friday, 8pm — DJ Skwiz.

Epicentre:

Friday, 6:30pm — Our Last Night, Richard Rogers, Dayseeker.

Florent:

Thursday, 9:30pm — Souljahs of Christ Music Festival. \$10. Friday, 8pm — DJ Chris Cutz.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill:

Thursday, 8pm — Shamrocks & Dreadlocks.

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Saturday, 10am — Digital Piano: The Wireless Revolution. Free.

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Friday, 8pm — Hip-Hop Roots. Saturday, 8pm — Erik Canzona and the Narrows. Sunday, 8:30pm — Pants Karaoke. Monday, 8pm — Benefit for Ritchie Tuesday, 8pm — Surefire Soul Ensemble Wednesday, 8pm — Xmas Party.

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Saturday, 6:30pm — Breez'n. Sunday, 8pm — Dee Lucas. Monday, 7pm — Missy Andersen.

Tuesday, 8pm — Michelle Lundeen.

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Saturday, 8pm — Black Pearl Reggae and the Bleeskiez. Tuesday, 8pm — Karaoke with Rodeo Mike

Kaffee Meister:

Thursday, 7pm — Kaffee Open Wednesday, 8:30pm — The Gypsy Swing Cats. Free.

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Movement. Friday, 8pm — Naughty Elve's Invasion. Saturday, 9pm — Seria Star. \$5-\$10. Sunday, 8pm — 3rd Eye Open. Tuesday, 8pm — High Tech Tuesdays.

Kona Kai Resort & Marina: Sunday, 2pm — Whitney Shay and Robin Henkel. Free.

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Thursday, 8pm — Rio Peligroso. Friday, 8pm — Rockgarden.

Last Call:

Friday, 10pm — Diane Marie and Randy Lane. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House:

Thursday, 8pm — Charlie Recksieck and Destinie Gardner. Friday, 8pm — My Name is You and Katie Leigh. Saturday, 6pm — Allison Lonsdale and Eben Brooks. Saturday, 8:30pm — Ramekega,

Drea Delacruz, Raelee Nikole. \$8-\$12. Sunday, 8pm - Roni Lee Rocks

Christmas 2. Monday, 7pm — Open Mic Night.

Marina Kitchen:

Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm — Matt Heinecke. Free.

Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 7669 Girard Ave, La Jolla:

Saturday, 2pm — Lupe Rios: Songs of Advent & Christmas.

Meadowlark Community Church:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Peter Pupping Quartet and Tim Holcombe, \$15.

Mediterranean Cafe:

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Wednesday, 6:30pm — Weekly Blues Jam.

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Thursday, 6:30pm — Christine Parker.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:

Thursday, 9pm — Man From Tuesday

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My Everything **Ariana Grande** By Ryo Miyauchi

Pop singer Ariana Grande used her theater-kid talent to prove herself competent on her debut, Yours Truly. Though her vocal chops were evident, the singer played it too safe to impress. A year later, she's grown into a dominant pop force with her follow-up, Mv Everything.

While Grande previously favored a more traditional R&B vibe, here she brings in contemporary sound and produc-

tion to update her style She's certainly on-trend with the sax-driven "Problem" or Zedd's booming EDM in "Break Free." But Grande also nods to styles like soda-fizz pop on "Be My Baby," courtesy Updates her trad R&B style of Norwegian producer Cashmere Cat.



with second record.

The romance gets more serious with My Everything, too. Her heartbreak feels more lived in, and she's no longer a slave to the falsetto. "Best Mistake" hits the emotions hardest, despite Grande's bashful delivery.

Guest performers bog down My Everything. Except for Australian rapper Iggy Azalea, in whom Grande seems to have found a kindred spirit, even allowing Azalea's turn on the record to be the last kiss goodbye. She might need to choose her friends more carefully, but Ariana Grande can very well stand on her own.

Switchfoot lights up Open Air

By Connie Bolger

With only a few stops left on their tour in support of this year's Fading West record, alternative-rock band Switchfoot was embraced by their hometown crowd at SDSU's Open Air Theatre. Not even the cloudy weather or drizzle of rain could dampen the excitement of the audience.

In fact, as luck would have it, the sky cleared just as Switchfoot kicked off their 15-song set. The SoCal natives delivered an energetic performance that seamlessly transitioned from several rocking tunes into the strik-

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Switchfoot frontman Jon Foreman connects with the crowd.

ing "Let It Out." Interaction with the audience is a hallmark of Switchfoot's live shows. Frontman Jon Foreman connected with the fans by strolling into the crowd. He sang, gave high fives, and took selfies.

As concert-closer "Dare You to Move" began, the audience became a sea of brightened cell phone screens lighting up the air.

Concert: Switchfoot Date: November 1, 2014

Venue: SDSU Cal Coast Open Air Theatre

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Saturday, 9pm — Lady Star. Tuesday, 8pm — Karaoke.

Rockin' Baja Lobster:

Saturday, 5:30pm — Joe Cardillo.

Rook Bar:

Friday, 9pm — Charlie Arbelaez Jazz Jam. Free. Saturday, 8pm — Underworld: Industrial, Elektro, Darkwave.

SILO in Makers Quarter: Sunday, 8pm — Burning of Rome, Barbarian, Low Volts.

Saddle Bar:

Saturday, 9pm — DJ Who.

Salty Frog:

Thursday, 9pm — Thursday Night Karaoke.

San Diego Botanic Garden:

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San Dieguito United Methodist Church:

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San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery:

Friday, 8pm — Fridays with Frank & Friends.

Saturday, 7pm — Stage IV Jazz.

SeaFire:

Saturday, 6:30pm — Blown Fuse (acoustic set).

Seaport Village:

Saturday, noon — Steven Ybarra.

Searsucker:

Friday, 5pm — Aquile. Free.

Seven Grand:

Friday, 7:30pm — Rebecca Jade and Jessical Childress Saturday, 9pm - Stevie & the Hi-Staxx. Monday, 8pm — Makossa Mondays. Wednesday, 9pm — Gilbert Castellanos Weekly Jazz Jam.

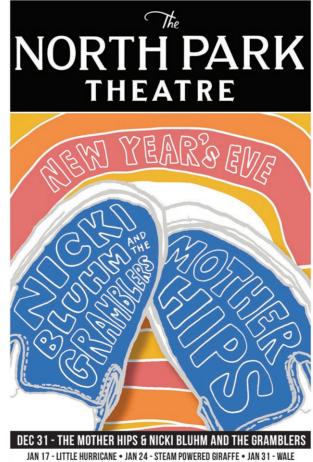
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Moustache has always struck me as a Tijuana twist on North Park's Bar Pink. Both are surefire spots to run into familiar faces most nights of the week and catch (often) free live music from touring and local acts. Both are located smack in the middle of their city's happening nightlife district (in Moustache's case, it's the particularly energetic Sexta block of Revolución). Both sling cheap drinks to a crowd of primarily 20-somethings amid murals styled after 1930s cartoons. And while it's true that analogies decide nothing, they can, as Sigmund Freud suggested, make one feel more at home.

And that's what I love about this place: it feels like home. Everything from the art by local street prowlers Ruin and Panca to the daring whirlwind of a shots menu to the open-air stage that looks like something out of an Eastern European industrial ghetto harkens to my latent hipster sensibilities, which relish in the architectural brashness of the place while also nodding in approval at their consistently tasteful lineups. I'm talking

Matthewdavid, the Rapture, Nortec Collective, Japanther, Moving Units, Los Macuanos, Mono/poly, Dorotheo, Retox, La Femme...the list goes on. Even Macaulay Culkin's halfbaked Velvet Underground knockoff band, the Pizza Underground, made a tour stop at Moustache — for a third of the cover charged in North Park the night before.

The drink de riqueur is a big-ass cup of Modelo, but for a more hometown feel, grab a tall can of Modern Times for four bucks. A marvel all its own, the shots list touts about 40 elixirs with names like Ringo Starr, Chaplin, Jack Sparrow, and Dalí — all of which are liable to contain an equally eclectic collision of spirits that would bring a tear to any mixologist's eye. Brandy, scotch, and gin? No problem. Tequila, tobasco, and tajin? Ni pedo.

Neighboring venue and art space, 1250 (for-



Moustache is a Tijuana twist on North Park hot spot Bar Pink.

merly Otras Obras), is a collaboration of Moustache's owners (the same folks behind IndieGo in the nowabandoned Callejón de la Sexta) and Todd P., an all ages venue organizer living in Brooklyn. Curated by a collective of San Diego and Tijuana residents, 1250 hosts installations, workshops, multi-genre music, and film screenings such as the January 10 showing of "It's Gonna Blow: San Diego's Music Underground 1986-1996" with live performances from Octagrape and Innerds.

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Thursday, 8pm — Bass Tribe. Friday, 8pm — DJ Slynkee and Disco Pimps. Saturday, 8pm — Hott Mess and DI Miss Dust. Monday, 8pm — Almost Famous

Karaoke. Wednesday, 8pm — '90s Hip-

Star Theatre:

Saturday, 6:30pm — HoliDAZE Concert. Free.

Sweetwater High School:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Peter Asher.

Sycamore Den:

Thursday, 8pm — Stephen Rev & the Sextette. Friday, 8pm — Jon Runion. Saturday, 8pm — DJ Ramsey. Sunday, 8pm - Liquorsmiths, Travis Hayes, D. Pel.

Tango Del Rey: *Thursday*, 8pm — Bellydance Showcase Holiday Spactacular.

Sunday, 5pm — Troubadour Holiday Party.

Thursday, 6pm — Velvet Cafe featuring Stacy Antonel. Free.

The Headquarters:

Saturday, noon — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Free.

Til-Two:

Friday, 8pm — The Loons and the Schitzophonics. Saturday, 8pm — Snail Fight, Look Up Here, Godhammered.

Tin Roof:

Monday, 8pm — The Kracker Jax Industry Night. Tuesday, 8pm — Tribal Theory Acoustic Holiday. Free. Wednesday, 9pm - Rock Out Karaoke. Free.

Thursday, 8pm — Nathan James. Friday, 8pm — Serious Guise. Saturday, 8:30pm — Detroit Underground.

Tipsy Crow:

Friday, 8pm — John Hull. \$10. Saturday, 3pm — Michael SG. Sunday, 2pm — Jonny Tarr. Tuesday, 8pm — Wes Maharas.

Tower 13:

Wednesday, 6pm — Daniel Ratcliff.

True North Tavern:

Thursday, 9pm — DJ Demon. Saturday, 8pm — DJ Chris Cutz.

Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Thursday*, 7pm — The Jade Visions Jazz Trio.

U-31: Friday, 8pm — DJ Kid Wonder. Saturday, 9pm — DJ Qenoe. Free. Tuesday, 8pm — Rad Karaoke.

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Vista Grande Community Church:

Sunday, 10:30am — Steven Ybarra.

Whistle Stop Bar:

Friday, 8pm - Fking in the Bushes Saturday, 8pm — '80s vs '90s. Sunday, 8pm — Mario Orduno's Annual Xmas Party. Tuesday, 8pm — Kiss & Makeup.

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Saturday, noon — Billy Watson and Robin Henkel. Free.

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Tuesday, 8pm — Stephen Roth. Wednesday, 8pm — Club Kingston Holiday SoundSystem.

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Saturday, 8pm — Robin Henkel. Free

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A Candlelit Christmas

Cantata The choir at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ will perform the "Glad Tidings of Great Iov" cantata with harp and organ featuring music by Robert Hebble. Sunday, December 21, 4pm; free. Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw Street

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.

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, 4pm; free. San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena.

Holiday Band Concert The 75 member Pomerado Community Band, under the baton of Dean Hickman, presents its annual holiday band concert. This year's concert features old favorites, modern tunes, and a sing-along. Sunday, December 21, 3pm; \$5-\$15. Canyon Crest Academy, 5951 Village Center Loop Road.

Peter Pupping Quartet and Tim Holcombe This Christmas concert will include a Latin and country twist, featuring classical and traditional pieces as well as Nuevo flamenco renditions of favorite Christmas songs. The Pupping Quartet combines many forms of Latin music ranging from beautiful tender melodies to exciting rhythmic dances. Singer/ songwriter Tim Holcombe will be joining the quartet, which includes two classical guitars. upright bass and percussion. Saturday, December 20, 7:30pm; \$15. Meadowlark Community Church, 1918 Redwing Street.

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December 25 — Good Times. December 26 — Junior the DiscoPunk

December 27 — DJ Mike Czech

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Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. December 26 — 80s Heart 90s. January 24 — Gone Baby Gone, Schitzophonics, Loons.

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December 29 — DJ Slowhand.

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December 31 — Tritonal.

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December 28 — Besos de Coco. December 29 — Lorraine Castellanos. December 30 — Nina Francis.

December 31 — Gilbert Castellanos & Park West Ensemble.

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December 31 — SoulKiss NYE Party.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.

December 27 — Tribute Bands Holiday Hangover. December 31 — HOB New Years Eve 2015 Block Party.

Humphreys Backstage Music

Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. December 25 — Aubrey Fay Christmas Brunch. December 26 — Reflectors. December 27 — The Detroit Underground. December 27 — Cadillac

Wreckers. December 28 — R-Thyme. December 30 — Blue Largo. December 31 — Viva Santana.

The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-543-0933

December 26 — Thank Iah It's Friday.

December 27 — Marques Wyatt. December 28 — Daedelus. December 30 — High Tech

Tuesdays. December 31 — Omega Squad, Austin Speed, more.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

December 26 — Gregory Page Christmas Show. December 27, December 28 -Dat Phan & Friends.

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December 31 — New Year's Eve with Amy & Freddy.

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The Office: 3936 30th St., North Park 619-450-6632 December 25 — No Limits with

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December 26 — After Hours.

December 28 — Uptown Top

December 29 — The Police Under Cover.

Ranking.

Patricks Gaslamp Pub: 428 F St., Downtown San Diego, 619-233-3077

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December 28 — Rosy Dawn.

December 29 — Groove Squad. December 30 — Walter's Chicken Jam.

December 31 — Mystique Element of Soul.

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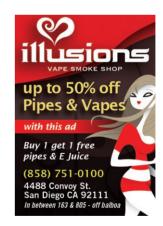
University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777

December 26 — Chickenbone

December 27 — Karl Cabbage. December 30 — Karaoke. December 31 — Big Jon Atkinson

Seven Grand: 3054 University Ave., North Park, 619-269-3819. December 26 — Soul Organization. December 27 — Jimmy Ruelas.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. December 26 — Snuffaluffagus, Astral Touch, Keith Sweaty December 27 — Hideout and



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December 27 — Son Pa Ti. December 28 — Big Boss Bubalé.

December 29 — Euro House. December 30 — Grupo Global.

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December 26 — The Devastators and Smokey Hoof. December 27 — Psydecar.

December 28 — Jose Sinatra hosts O.B.-o-ke.

December 29 — Electric Waste Band.

December 30 — Buije & the Highrise and Room Downstairs. December 31 — New Year's Eve with Brothers Gow.



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Pal Joey's: *Monday*, 9am-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 wine by the glass, \$4 select beer minipitchers. *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-630pm: \$3 wells, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 wine by the glass, \$4 select beer mini-pitchers.

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

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Azuki Sushi Lounge: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 Sapporo draft, \$5 large sake, wine, grapefruit passion, wild hibiscus, purple rain, \$3 garlic edamame, \$3 shishito, \$4 seaweed salad, \$5 vegetable fries, \$6 spicy albacore tataki.

Bankers Hill Bar + Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4:30-6pm: \$3.75 buttermilk-fried-chicken oysters, cheeseburger sliders, BBQ braised pork tacos. \$4.50 artisan cheeses. \$5 roasted beet BEER NEWS
BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Alesmith's holiday ale

Most holiday beers are high in alcohol, heavy in texture, and rife with flavors of winter spices, caramel, dried fruits, chocolate, and booze. The majority fall into two categories, Belgian strong ales and imperial stouts, both of which are well suited for cooler winter temps. **AleSmith**

Brewing Company (9368 Cabot Drive, Miramar) has cut against the grain by brewing a beer that goes down well in any climate, an imperial red ale called YuleSmith.

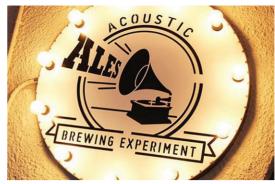
It's not a total departure, with a substantial ABV of 8.5% and more malt than most of the hoppy beers in AleSmith's portfolio. But it's the most American, and for sure the most "West Coast," of anything being produced as a local yuletide seasonal. That's thanks to a pungent bouquet of floral, piney hops, all of which come through with lively force as they march across taste buds like a platoon of bell-stockinged elves. But this beer is not one-dimensional. The malt bill is every bit as important as those hops, contributing a savory breadiness with notes of toffee and spice, and bringing familiar December flavors into the fold.

Unlike most holiday beers, this isn't one to be held onto and explored during future Christmases, Hanukahs, or otherwise merry occasions. This should be drunk fresh to experience the most vibrant hop flavors possible.

Acoustic Ale climbs the charts

My first visit to **Acoustic Ale Brewing Experiment** (1795 Hancock Street, Mission Brewery Plaza, Mission Hills) was roughly a year ago. Hop harvest had recently taken place. Hence, they had a plethora of fresh hop beers on tap. This was exciting to me, but it turned out none of them tasted all that good to me or my companions. They lacked body and refinement, coming across

as too hoppy for the wimpy base beers. Since then, I've made a point of specifically trying hoppier brews when surveying Acoustic's quaffable



With their Belgian-style Mad DUB and darker Unplugged, Acoustic's time appears to be now.

inventory...and I've been increasingly impressed. Nowadays, the company's India pale ales (IPAs) come across as crisp and brightly botanical, yet brawny enough on the malt end of the spectrum to make for a balanced brew. Case in point: Wil-

low Wolves, an IPA that does justice to a pair of high-profile hops — Nelson and Simcoe — letting their assorted citrus, tropical, melon, and

woodsy qualities harmoniously coalesce.

But there's more to Acoustic than pale ales and IPAs. In my original article, I rather enjoyed their Belgian-style offerings, and that continues to be the case, particularly with Mad DUB, a tasty, complex dubbel. On the darker end of the spectrum, Unplugged, an oatmeal Belgian milk chocolate stout (say that five times fast after a few beers) is a delightful beer with plenty of bittersweet chocolate and roasted appeal.

Acoustic's time appears to be now, and it's a pleasure to

get to write a follow-up piece like this. Cheers to them. ■

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& citrus salad; arugula, goat cheese crostini; deviled farmers-market eggs. \$6 bowl of truffled French fries. \$5.50 house white/red wine by the glass or daily draft; \$2 off specialty cocktails; \$1 off all beer/wines by the glass.

Barrio Star: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$5 Nachos pequeños, \$3 crispy taco, \$4 ensalada pequeña, \$2.50 cucumbers, \$2.50, corn tortillas with jalapeño butter, \$5 pequeño bowl.

Bertrand at Mister A's: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* 2:30-6pm: Drink specials. No HH in the month of December.

Extraordinary Desserts: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$10.95 for regular coffee and cake

Royal Cafe: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 off draft beer and wine by the glass, \$1 off bottled beer.

The Tin Can: *Wednesday*, 4pm-midnight: \$2 whiskey shots, \$1 off beer. \$5 burgers.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Cafe: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$5 select glass of wine or sangria, \$20 carafes/

select bottles of wine. \$6 select starters. Sunday, 4-9pm: \$5 select glass of wine or sangria, \$20 carafes/select bottles of wine. \$6 select starters.

RAY PARK

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

The High Dive: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off local drafts, \$4 house driple

IsaBella Artisan Pizzeria & Craft Beer Garden: Daily, 4-6:30pm: Buy a pitcher or bottle of wine and get a free pizza. Also: \$5 appetizers, \$5 pints, and \$4 house Italian table wines.

Offshore: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 domestics, \$3.50 sangria, wells, house wine, \$4.25 imports, \$6 Millionaire Mojitos. Discounted appetizers.

9pm-close: \$3 Fireball/Espolon/Jager, and domestic bottles. *Saturday-Sunday*, 9pm-close: \$3 Fireball/Espolon/Jager, and domestic bottles.

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.

BONITA

Casa Bella: *Monday*, 4-7m: Half-off bottles of wine with purchase of two entrées. *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: 15% off take-out orders only. *Wednesday*, 4-10pm: 50% off wine of the week.

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Chart House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: \$4-7 drinks. \$4-7 appetizers.

Tower 13: Monday, Thursday-Friday, 11am-2pm: \$10 pizza, \$8 combos. 3:30pm-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells, \$1 off draft beers, \$3 off wines. \$3 appetizers. Tuesday, 11am-2pm: \$10 pizza, \$8 combos. 3:30-10pm: Tequila specials, \$3.50 wells, \$1 off draft beers, \$3 off wines. \$3 appetizers, taco specials. Wednesday, 11am-2pm: \$10 pizza, \$8 combos. 3:30pm-6:30pm: Halfoff bottles of wine, \$3.50 wells, \$1 off draft beers, \$3 off wines. \$3 appetizers, prime rib dinner special.

CARLSBAD

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Clubhouse: Tuesday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$5 beer and wine, selected cocktail discounts. Discounted appetizers.

Bellefleur: *Monday, Friday,* 5-7pm: 1/2-price martinis. *Tuesday,* 5-7pm: 1/2-price all bar-menu food items. *Wednesday,* 5-9pm: 1/2-price bottle of wine with purchase of 2 dinner entrees. *Thursday,* 5-7pm: \$3 well margaritas and wine. *Saturday,* All day: \$4 shoppertinis. *Sunday,* 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, select wine and well high balls.

Bistro West: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$6.50 well brand martini-style cocktails, \$2 off wines-by-the-glass, \$1 off draft beer. \$7 signature martinis, \$6.50 tall and cool drinks. Served in bar, lounge and patio only.

Board & Brew: *Daily*, 3pm-close: Drink specials.

The Compass: *Monday*, 9pm-close: \$5 mules. *Tuesday*, 9pm-close:

all drafts \$4. *Wednesday*, 9pm-close: 25% off all brown spirits. *Thursday*, 4pm-close: Mystery wine Thursday: \$15 bottles.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm: \$3.50 bottle and draft beers, house wine, house margaritas, well drinks. \$2 off select appetizers. Late night Happy Hour 10-11pm: Sun-Thur. Friday, 4-6pm: \$3.50 bottle and draft beers, house wine, house margaritas, well drinks. \$2 off select appetizers. Sunday, Late night Happy Hour 10-11pm: \$3.50 house margaritas and well drinks.

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.

Perfect Pairings: *Monday-Friday,* 3-5pm: \$2 off wine by the glass, \$1 off draft beer. *Saturday-Sunday,* 1-3pm: \$10 wine and beer tasting.

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.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm & 9pm-close: \$4 pints, wells, and house wines. \$1 off premium wines by the glass, \$4 off premium bottles of wine.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$5 draught beers, \$6 well drinks, \$2 off any wine by the glass, \$8 signature cocktails.

Leaf & Kettle: *Friday*, 4-6pm: Tea and cake for \$5.

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

BJ's Brewhouse: *Monday-Thurs-day*, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off draft and cocktails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small

bites not included). *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and cocktails.

Black Angus Steakhouse: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Drink and appetizer specials in the lounge or bar. *Tuesday*, 3-10pm: Drink and appetizer specials in the lounge or bar.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: *Monday-Wednesday*, 4-7pm: \$2 all beer.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$1 off drafts, bottles, shelf calls.

The Hideout: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3

Nate's Garden Grill: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6:pm: \$1 off cocktails and wine.

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off wells and drafts.

The Tower Bar: *Monday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells and craft drafts. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and craft drafts.

CLAIREMONT

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

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

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.

Bridges Bar & Grill: Monday, Wednesday, Open-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, domestic pints, well cocktails, house wines; \$4 craft pints; \$2 off specialty cocktails. SDSU game specials. Tuesday, Open-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, domestic pints, well cocktails specials. SDSU game specials. Thursday, Open-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, domestic pints, well cocktails specials, well cocktails, house wines; \$4 craft pints, import pints; \$5 premium craft pints; \$2 off specialty cocktails. SDSU game



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.

Knotty Barrel: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$5 house wine and premium cocktails, \$1.50 off drafts. \$5/\$6 Knotty Nibbles.

La Gran Tapa: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cask wines & sangrias. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

The Local: Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Mexican beers, margaritas. \$2.50 tacos. Wednesday, 4-10pm: \$10 pitchers. \$1 sliders. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, select drafts/bottles. \$3 fist accos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, \$1 off local drafts. \$2-off nachos, quesadillas. Saturday, noon-9pm: \$6 Dos Equis draft & whiskey or tequila shot.

Lucky Bastard Saloon: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2 off pizza, \$3 select beers & well drinks.

Magnolia Tap & Kitchen: Daily, 3-7pm: \$4 local drafts, \$4 wells, \$6 wine and specialty cocktails.

Marina Kitchen: Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$6 specialty designed cocktails, Dark 'n' Stormy, Marina Kitchen Hurricane, \$6 Tablas Creek White Rhone Blend, Troublemaker Red Blend, Prosecco, \$6 St. Archer Blond, Stone Cali Belgique IPA. \$7 daily flatbread, \$7 sausage and pretzel, \$6 crispy jidori chicken, \$7 avocado, pork belly tempura, \$8 mini smoked New York sandwiches.

Ocean Room and Lounge: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 house wines, \$6 martinis. Discounted sushi and appetizers.

Patricks 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.

Pinzinimini: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$5 all house wine, draft beer, wells.

RA Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.29–\$8.99 select sushi and appetizers.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9pm-close: \$4.50 wells, drafts (Tecate, Dos XX Amber, Dos XX Lager, Bud Light), and wine by the glass. \$5.50 house margaritas. \$6.50 Long Islands, Shipwrecks, and sangria. \$3.50 tacos. \$6 ceviche, guac/chips, shredded beef burritos. \$7.50 ahi poke, tequila lime shrimp, and sweet & spicy calamari. \$7.50 nachos. Bar area only.

Sally's Seafood on the Water: *Daily*, 2:30-5:30pm: \$6 tapas, house wines, well drinks, beers.

Salvatore's Cucina Italiana: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$4 select beers, \$6 select wines, \$6 single and \$10 double well cocktails. \$8 kobe sliders, \$8 braised octopus, \$7 shrimp scampi, \$6 mushroom melt, \$5 various bruschetta, meat and cheese board: select 3 for \$9, 5 for \$12.

Searsucker: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$5 beers, \$7 wines, \$7 house infusions, \$8 SUJA cocktails, \$8 specialty cocktails. Select appetizers.

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)

Spike Africa's Fresh Fish Grill & Bar: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3:30-6:30pm, 9-10pm: \$5 select local craft beers, \$4 PBR, \$6 Buffalo Trace manhattan, \$6 Spike's Dirty Martini, \$6 Finlandia martini, \$6 select premium wells. \$5.25 house made BBQ chips and three-onion dip, \$6.25 roasted garlic bread, \$11 daily fresh fish ceviche, \$5.50 cedar plank salmon spread, \$5 cheesy beer and black bean dip. \$5 panko shrimp and fries, \$4.50 blackened mahi-mahi taco, \$3.50 pulled-pork slider. Friday-Saturday, 3:30-6:30pm, 10-11pm: \$5 select local craft beers, \$4 PBR, \$6 Buffalo Trace manhattan, \$6 Spike's Dirty Martini, \$6 Finlandia martini, \$6 select premium wells. \$5.25 house made BBQ chips and three-onion dip, \$6.25 roasted garlic bread, \$11 daily fresh fish ceviche, \$5.50 cedar plank salmon spread, \$5 cheesy beer and black bean dip, \$5 panko shrimp and fries, \$4.50 blackened mahi-mahi taco, \$3.50 pulled-pork slider.

SummerSalt Rooftop Pool and Lounge: Daily, 5-6pm: \$5 wine, beer, cocktails.

Sushi Deli: *Monday-Thursday*, 5-6:30pm: \$1 off all drafts. \$4.50 Crazy Milk special.

T.G.I. Friday's: Monday, 3-7pm; Half-Off Appetizers. Tuesday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$5 Jack Drinks. Half-Off Appetizers. Wednesday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$3 Martinis. Half-Off Appetizers. Thursday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$3 House Long Island Tea, House Margarita, House Mojito. Half-Off Appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$5 Ultimate Electric Lemonade, Long Islands, margaritas. Half-Off Appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$5 Bloody Mary, Mimosa, Select Calls. Half-Off Appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: Monday, Sunday, 3-8pm: 1/2 off drinks and select appetizers. Tuesday, 3-8pm: 1/2 off drinks and select appetizers. \$2 tacos & TJ dogs all day. Wednesday, 3-8pm: 1/2 off drinks and select appetizers. Half-off all 9 flavors of wings. Thursday, 3pm-close: 1/2 off all drinks. Friday-Saturday, 3-8pm: 1/2 off drinks and select appetizers. 8pm-2am: \$5 shot.

Tequila 100: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 margaritas, mojitos, tequila shots. \$4 rolled tacos, \$5 quesadilla, \$6 ceviche.

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 Appetizers, \$1 off all beers, \$4 Wells,

\$3.50 House Wine, \$2 Jello Shots. Tuesdays - \$2 tacos and \$5 margaritas.

Tivoli Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 3-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$3.50 house bloody marys, house mimosas. \$3.75 wells and domestic drafts, \$11 domestic pitchers. \$3 PBRs. \$9 PBR pitcher.

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

Whiskey Girl: Monday-Friday, 11-7pm: \$3 well drinks, draft beers, house wine. 3-7pm: \$5 select appetizers.

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

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

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

Dragon's Den: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$5 wells, \$5 select wines. Discounted menu items. *Saturday-Sunday*, All day: \$1 off draft beer, \$5 wells, \$5 select wines. Discounted menu items.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 wells and domestic beers, \$4 house wines, \$4 premium beers. \$5 select cocktails.

Gang Kitchen: Monday-Wednesday, Saturday-Sunday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 draft beers, \$5 apps, \$6 Gang cocktails, \$3 hot sake. Thursday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 draft beers, \$5 apps, \$6 gang cocktails, \$3 hot sake. Friday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 draft beers, \$1 oysters, \$5 apps, \$6 Gang cocktails, \$3 hot sake.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$2.99 hand rolls; \$1.49 nigiri sushi (one piece); \$2.50 domestic pints (\$3.50 for 20 oz.), \$4 imports & microbrew pints (\$5 for 20 oz.), \$1.99 small hot sake, \$2.99 large hot sake, \$3.50 wells. Dine-in only. Sunday, All night: \$2.99 hand rolls; \$1.49 nigiri sushi (one piece); \$2.50 domestic pints (\$3.50 for 20 oz.), \$4 imports & microbrew pints (\$5 for 20 oz.), \$1.99 small hot sake, \$2.99 large hot sake, \$3.50 wells. Dine-in only.

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

Toast Enoteca & Cucina: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$3 draft beers, \$5 wines by the glass. Half-price antipasti.

EASTLAKE

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

EL CAJON

Black Angus Steakhouse: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-7pm: Drink and Food specials. *Tuesday*, All Day: Drink and Food specials.

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$.50-1 offliquor. Everyday special all day.

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

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

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

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday*, 3-6pm, 11pm-close: \$5 house wine, \$10 wine flights, \$5 draft beers, \$6 beer flight, \$4 sangria, \$7 Moscow mule, \$6 spicy watermelon martini, \$6 maple bourbon smash. Food specials. *Wednesday*, 3-6pm, 11pm-close: \$5 house wine, \$6 wine flight, \$1 off all draft beers, \$6 beer flight, \$4 sangria, \$7 moscow mule, \$6 mandarin cosmo, \$6 blueberry lemondrop, no corkage on select bottles, food specials.

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off select drinks, appetizers, sushi rolls.

El Callejon Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 16-oz. domestic drafts, \$3 imported; \$3.75 house margaritas, wells. \$2.95 fish taco, \$3.75 quesadilla, \$4.75 flautas.

Cap'n Kenos: Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, domestic pints of beer, \$4 import pints of beer. Thursday, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 select drafts, \$3 well cocktails. \$2 off appetizers.

Encinitas Ale House: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday,* 4-6pm: \$2 off





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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.

Union Kitchen & Tap: *Monday*, 3pm-close: \$2 off beers and craft cocktails, \$6 select wine glasses. Discounted flatbreads and select appetizers. *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off beers and craft cocktails, \$6 select wine glasses. Discounted flatbreads and select appetizers.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday, 3:30-6:30pm: Drink specials. Discounted appetizers. Wednesday, 3:30-6:30pm:Drink specials. Discounted appetizers. Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: Drink specials. Discounted appetizers. 9-10:30pm: Drink specials. Discounted appetizers. Saturday, 11:30am-6:30pm: Drink specials. Discounted appetizers. 9-10:30pm: Drink specials. Discounted appetizers.

Sand Crab Tavern: *Monday-Thurs-day*, 4-6pm: Half-price appetizers.

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

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: Monday-Thursday, 3pm-close: \$3 select draft beers, \$6 wines. \$4-7 salads, oyster shooters, appetizers. Saturday, noon-3pm: \$3 select draft beers, \$6 wines. \$4-7 salads, oyster shooters, appetizers.

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

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

GRANTVILLE

Black Angus Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.50 select bottles, select 16 oz. draft, all well drinks. \$4.50

margaritas, martinis, select wines. \$3.50 onion rings, three-cheese garlic bread. \$4.50 potato skins, fried zucchini, chicken tenders. \$5.50 wings, grilled artichoke, steak quesadilla, shrimp cocktail.

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 10am-8pm: Discounted drinks, select appetizer.

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$1-off wells, drafts, bottles. \$6.50 fish sandwich.

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..

Wolf's Head Pub & Eatery: Thursday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off select pints. Saturday, 3-5pm: \$1 off select pints.

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.

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

HILLCREST

7th Ave Pub: *Monday-Thursday*, *Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$5 craft beer flights, organic house wines, local Mary's wings, seared tuna with oroshi ponzu, vegan brussels sprouts, local San Diego Pretzel Co. large soft pretzel. *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$5 craft beer flights, organic house wines, local mary's wings, seared tuna with oroshi ponzu, vegan brussel sprouts, local San Diego Pretzel Co. large soft pretzel.

Babycakes: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$3 wells, select wine, and beer. \$5 food specials.

Baja Betty's: Monday-Saturday, 2-6pm: \$4 select appetizers and quesa-dillas. \$4 casa margarita, \$4 well drinks, sangria, house wine, house shots. \$4 bottle and draft beers. Sunday, 10am-2pm: All-you-can-eat Mexican brunch buffet, \$4 bloody marys, bottomless mimosas, champagne, sangria.

The Buffalo Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off select beer and wine.

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.

CJ's Club: *Daily*, 10am-noon, 5pm-7pm, midnight-2am: \$3 wells.

Empirehouse: *Daily*, 3-6pm: Daily drink specials.

Lava Sushi: Monday-Wednesday, 5-7pm: 2-for-1 wells, \$5 22oz Japanese beer, \$4 large hot sake, \$3 sake bomb. \$2 edamame, \$3 garlic edamame, \$4 Japanese fries, \$5 chicken karage, \$6 bangin' poppers, \$5 spicy tuna roll, shrimp tempura roll, \$6 California roll with real crab, \$8 Sin City roll, \$8 Alaskan roll. Thursday-Saturday, 3-6pm, 10pm-close: 2-for-1 wells, \$5 22oz Japanese beer, \$4 large hot sake, \$3 sake bomb. \$2 edamame, \$3 garlic edamame, \$4 Japanese fries, \$5 chicken karage, \$6 bangin' poppers, \$5 spicy tuna roll, shrimp tempura roll, \$6 California roll with real crab, \$8 Sin City roll, \$8 Alaskan roll. Sunday, All day: 2-for-1 wells. 3-6pm: \$5 22oz Japanese beer, \$4 large hot sake, \$3 sake bomb. \$2 edamame, \$3 garlic edamame, \$4 Japanese fries, \$5 chicken karage, \$6 bangin' poppers, \$5 spicy tuna roll, shrimp tempura roll, \$6 California roll with real crab, \$8 Sin City roll, \$8 Alaskan roll.

Martinis Above Fourth: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 house wine & wells, \$5 Stella drafts, \$6 Svedka martinis, classic vodka and dry martinis, drops, cosmos. 4-10pm: \$3 fries, \$5 man candy, \$5 sweet pea taquitos, \$6 three-cheese mac, \$6 chiptole meatball sliders, \$7 crab cakes. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 house wine & wells, \$5 Stella drafts, \$6 Svedka martinis, classic vodka and dry martinis, drops, cosmos. \$3 fries, \$5 man candy, \$5 sweet pea taquitos, \$6 three-cheese mac, \$6 chiptole meatball sliders, \$7 crab cakes.

The Merrow: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$5 flight of craft beers, \$3 wells, \$1 off craft beer drafts.

Nami: Monday, Wednesday-Thursday, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-price sushi rolls & house sake. Tuesday, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-price sushi rolls & house sake. 5-9pm: 1/2-price appetizer. Friday-Saturday, 5-7pm: 1/2-price sushi rolls & house sake. Sunday, 5-9pm: 1/2-price appetizer.

Numb3rs: *Saturday*, Every 4th Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$3 wells, \$3 Fireball, \$15 Dos Equis bucket.

Parma: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$5/7 select wine, \$5 cheese platter.

Sally and Henry's Doghouse Bar and Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off wells, beer.

Wine Steals: *Monday*, 4pm-close: \$5 for any cask wine. *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$5 for any cask wine. \$2 off all 30 wines by the glass. Discounted food

cials. items. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$5 mimosa pints.

IMPERIAL BEACH

The Salty Frog: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, \$2 domestic drafts, \$4 select premium drafts.

JAMUL

Brody's Burgers & Beer: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm, \$1.50 off all beers.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Thursday*, 3:30-7pm: \$2.75 glass house wine, \$2.75 draft beer; \$9 draft beer pitcher, \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 margaritas, free buffet. *Friday*, 3:30-7pm: \$2.75 glass house wine, \$2.75 draft beer; \$9 draft beer pitcher, \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 margaritas.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic bottled beer; \$3.25 wells, draft pints.

Crab Hut: *Monday*, 5pm-close: \$3 draft beer. *Tuesday*, 5pm-close: \$1 oyster. *Wednesday*, 5pm-close: \$.50 wing.

Elbow Room: Monday, 3pm-7pm: \$1-off all drinks, drafts, bottles, wine. \$1 off all food. 5-8pm: \$2.50 basket of wings. Tuesday-Friday, 3pm-7pm: \$1-off all drinks, drafts, bottles, wine. \$1 off all food. Saturday-Sunday, Open-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$3 all draft beer. \$1 off all food.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday, 3-7pm: \$3/\$5 sake, \$3 Fireball, \$4 craft draft of the day, \$5 mixed wells (\$4 unmixed), \$6 martinis, \$7 specialty cocktails: select house wines \$4.50-\$5.50. Premium whiskey flight: \$10 for three shots. Tuesday, Friday, 3-7pm: \$3/\$5 sake, \$3 Fireball, \$4 craft draft of the day, \$5 mixed wells (\$4 unmixed), \$6 martinis, \$7 specialty cocktails; select house wines \$4.50-\$5.50. Wednesday, 3pm-close: 3-7pm: \$3/\$5 sake, \$3 Fireball, \$4 craft draft of the day, \$5 mixed wells (\$4 unmixed), \$6 martinis, \$7 specialty cocktails; select house wines \$4.50-\$5.50. Thursday, 3-7pm: \$3/\$5 sake, \$3 Fireball, \$4 craft draft of the day, \$5 mixed wells (\$4 unmixed), \$7 specialty cocktails; select house wines \$4.50-\$5.50. 3pm close: \$5 martinis.

Nolbu Korean Bar & Restaurant: Tuesday, 5-8pm: \$3.50 Select craft beer drafts, \$2 Beef & Spicy Pork Bulgogi Tacos All Night. Wednesday, 5-8pm: \$3.50 Select craft beer drafts, \$1 Sake Bombs All Night. Thursday, 5-8pm: \$3.50 Select craft beer drafts; 5-10pm: Buy 1 pitcher, get next pitcher 50% Off! Friday, 5-8pm: \$3.50 Select craft beer drafts. Saturday, 5-10pm: Large yogurt soju mixes for regular size price. Sunday, 6-11pm: 50% Off Fresh Watermelon Soju.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$5 wine special, \$15 sangria/mojito pitcher.

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.

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 nigiri, \$2 hand rolls, \$3 sake. Signature rolls and cocktails starting at \$4.95. *Saturday-Sunday*, Noon-3pm: \$1 nigiri, \$2 hand rolls, \$3 sake. Signature rolls and cocktails starting at \$4.95.

Sushi Deli 3: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off Sapporo and small sake combo.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Wednesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$1 edamame, \$2 seaweed salad, \$3 kara-

age, \$3 cali roll. 3-7pm: \$1.50 Sapporo. Thursday, 5:30-7pm: \$1 edamame, \$2 seaweed salad, \$3 karaage, \$3 cali roll. Buy 2 beers receive a hot sake. Friday-Saturday, 5:30-7pm: \$1 edamame, \$2 seaweed salad, \$3 karaage, \$3 cali roll. 5:30-7pm: \$1 edamame, \$2 seaweed salad, \$3 karaage, \$3 cali roll. Buy 2 beers receive a hot sake. 10-1:30am: \$8 pitcher sapporo.

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: *Wednesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$5 select drafts, \$2 off sample flights of beer and wine.

The Haven Pizzeria: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off beer and wine. \$2 off appetizers, pizza, salads.

Kensington Cafe: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off small plates, beer, wine.

The Kensington Club: *Monday-Friday*, 2-8pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3 domestic bottles. *Saturday-Sunday*, 12-8pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3 domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday*, All night: \$5 glasses of wine. \$5 appetizers. *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

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: Monday-Wednesday, 11am-3pm, 5-6:30pm: Select appetizers and sushi rolls from \$2-6, select beers and cocktails from \$3-85. Buy a large beer get a free hot sake. Thursday, 11am-3pm, 5-6:30pm: Select appetizers and sushi rolls from \$2-6, Beers and select cocktails \$3-\$5. Buy a large beer get a free hot sake. Friday-Sunday, 11am-6:30pm: Select appetizers and sushi rolls from \$2-\$6, select beers and cocktails from \$3-\$5. Buy a large beer get a free hot sake.

Beaumont's: *Daily*, 3-6:30pm: \$5 micro-craft drafts, \$3 Pacifico, \$5 mules, mojitos, margaritas; \$3 off specialty cocktails, \$5 house wine, \$4 wells. Food specials.

Café Japengo: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-7pm: Drink and food specials. *Saturday*, 4:30pm-close: Drink and food specials.

Crab Catcher: *Daily*, 3-9pm: \$4 margaritas, domestic beer, \$4premium wine by the glass, champagne. Food specials.

Eddie V's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: All libations \$2 off. *Saturday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: All libations \$2 off.

Edo Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: 15-25%-off select rolls and sushi.

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.

Herringbone: Monday, All night: Bar and lounge only. Tuesday, 4-6pm: \$6 house wines, \$5 beers, \$6 specialty cocktails. \$1 oysters, select small plates. Half-off bottles of wine all day and night. Wednesday, 4-6pm: \$6 house wines, \$5 beers, \$6 specialty cocktails. \$1 oysters, select small plates. \$14 signature burger with fries and choice of draft beer or glass of house wine in the bar and lounge. Thursday, All day: \$6 house wines, \$5 beers, \$6 specialty cocktails. \$1 oysters, select small plates, \$5 cava, half-off champagne. Bar and lounge only. Friday, 4-6pm: \$6 house wines, \$5 beers, \$6 specialty cocktails. \$1 oysters, select small plates. Half-off all flatbreads in the bar and lounge.

Iberico Spanish Bistro: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-6pm: \$4 draft beer, \$5 tapas.

Jose's Courtroom: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 house

wines, house margaritas and well drinks, \$3 select draft beers. \$5 appetizer specials. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: \$4 house wines, house margaritas and well drinks, \$3 select draft beers. \$5 appetizer specials. 4-10pm: Taco Tuesday, \$1.99-\$2.99 taco specials.

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

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$5 wine, \$5 appetizers.

The Melting Pot: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6pm: \$2 off all specialty drinks, \$1 off all beers, \$6 house wines, \$6 well drinks. *Saturday-Sunday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off all specialty drinks, \$1 off all beers, \$6 house wines, \$6 well drinks.

Nine-Ten: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$5 wine, \$2 off beer. Half-off select appetizer.

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: Discounted appetizers, \$2 off beer, select drinks.

The Shack Bar & Grill: Monday, 7pm-close: \$2.50 domestic drafts. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$2 mahi/chicken tacos. \$2 well margaritas. \$2 Tecate . Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$4 calls. Sunday, All day: \$10 domestic pitchers.

The Shores Restaurant: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-6pm: \$6 bubbly, martinis, beer specials, wine & cocktails. \$6 fish tacos, black mussels, chicken sopes, drumettes, hummus & deviled eggs.

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.

Tapenade: *Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday,* 5:30-close: \$2 off premium wine; \$7 Irony pinot noir, Paul Mas chardonnay; \$8 cocktails. \$8 shrimp cocktail, \$9 wild-mushroom ravioli. *Friday,* 5:30-close: \$2 off premium wine; \$7 Irony pinot noir, Paul Mas chardonnay; \$8 cocktails. \$8 shrimp cocktail, \$9 wild-mushroom ravioli.

Whisknladle: Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 select draft beers, handcrafted cocktails, select wines. \$5 tapas. Bar/lounge only.

LA MESA

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

Banbu Sushi Bar & Grill: Monday-Tuesday, All Day: \$2.95 drafts; \$3.95 house wines, wells, hot sake. \$6 Grey Goose, vodka drinks; \$9 Strawberry & Mango Sake. Assorted food specials. Wednesday-Thursday, Sunday, 2:30-6:30pm: \$2.95 drafts; \$3.95 house wines, wells, hot sake. \$6 Grey Goose, vodka drinks; \$9 Strawberry & Mango Sake. Assorted food specials. Friday-Saturday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$2.95 drafts; \$3.95 house wines, wells, hot sake. \$6 Grey Goose, vodka drinks; \$9 Strawberry & Mango Sake. Assorted food specials.

Brigantine: *Monday*, 4-10pm: \$1 off select drinks. \$1 off select appetizers. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm:: \$1 off select drinks. \$1 off select drinks.

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 off margaritas, beer, cocktails. Complimentary appetizer buffet.

Centifonti's Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 beers, \$5 margaritas, \$3.50 select wine.

Charcoal House: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3-4 select appetizers.



Chico Club: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 22-oz, drafts.

Hearth House: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1-off beer, wine and appetizers, \$2-off sandwiches, \$.50-off kamikazes,

Hoffer's Cigar Bar: Monday-Saturday, Open-7pm: \$1 off select beers. Sunday, All day: \$1 off select beers.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa: Monday, 3-7pm & 10pmclose: \$1 off drafts, glasses of wine. and call drinks: \$3 off bottles of wine. \$6 specialty burgers. Tuesday, 3-7pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off drafts, glasses of wine, and call drinks; \$3 off bottles of wine, \$2.50 corned beef/zucchini tacos: \$3 all other tacos. Wednesday, 3-7pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off drafts, glasses of wine, and call drinks; 1/2 off whiskey and bottles of wine. Thursday, 3-7pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off drafts, glasses of wine, and call drinks: 1/2 off whiskey and bottles of wine. \$10 Irish boxty: \$5 Guinness. Friday-Saturday, 3-7pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off drafts, glasses of wine, and call drinks; \$3 off bottles of wine. Sunday, 3-7pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off drafts, glasses of wine, and call drinks; \$3 off bottles of wine; \$10 Champagne bottles; \$15.95 all-youcan-eat fish & chips.

Manny's Cocktails: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic bottles, \$3.75 import bottles, 1/2-off call, Rolling Rock 2 for \$5. Saturday, All Day: James and Giant Peach \$6. Sunday, 2 domestic drafts \$5

Mr. G's Tavern: Monday-Wednesday, Friday, 2-3pm: \$2 PBR pints, \$2 wells. 3pm-7pm: \$3.50 wells; \$3.25 domestic pints; \$4.25 premium pints. Thursday, All day: Draft specials. 2-3pm: \$2 PBR pints, \$2 wells. 3pm-7pm: \$3.50 wells; \$3.25 domestic pints; \$4.25 premium pints.

Pete's Place: Daily, 10am-6pm: \$3 wells, calls, domestic drafts, bottles.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Monday, Sunday, 4-6pm & 9pm-close: \$1 off all beers and mixed drinks. \$6 mules, \$6 Art Snobs. All starters half off. Tuesday, 4-6pm & 9pm-close: \$1 off all beers and mixed drinks \$6 mules, \$6 Art Snobs. All starters half off. \$3 local beers (excludes 22-oz bottles). Wednesday, 4-6pm & 9pm-close: \$1 off all beers and mixed drinks. \$6 mules, \$6 Art Snobs, All starters half off. Wings 75 cents each with drink purchase, dine-in only. Special sauces just on Wednesday. Thursday, 4-6pm & 9pm-close: 4-6pm: \$1 off all beers and mixed drinks \$6 mules \$6 Art Snobs. All starters half off. All bourbon \$4 with purchase of burger. Friday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all beers and mixed drinks. \$6 mules, \$6 Art Snobs. All starters half off.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: Friday, all day: \$5 glass of sparkling wine.

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 &

I INDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBO: 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

98 Bottles: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$5 off all bottles of wine, \$1 off all drafts, \$4 house wine by the glass, \$1 off wine and sake by the glass. \$1 off flatbreads and rice bowls.

El Camino: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 Mexican beers, \$3 sangria, \$3 margaritas, \$5 Mexican mule, \$5 select appetizers.

Cookbook Tavola Calda: Tuesday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3 Peronis, \$4 glasses of wine.

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge: Monday-Tuesday, Saturday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$1 off draft beer, drink specials. Food specials. Wednesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-close:: \$1 off draft beer, drink specials. Food specials.

Prepkitchen Little Italy: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$5 specialty cocktails, select draft beer, select glasses of wine. \$5 tapas. Friday-Saturday, 3-6pm, 10pm-11:30pm: \$5 specialty cocktails, select draft beer, select glasses of wine, \$5 tapas

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.

Desi's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2 off well drinks and speciality cocktails.

Devine Pastabilities: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm; \$2.75 select drafts. \$3.25 microbrews, imports. \$2.50 domestic beer. 3 free bread holes with each beer or wine purchased during happy hour. \$1 off appetizer specials.

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.

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3.99 Shiner. \$2.99 small sandwich, \$ 99 hot links

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.

Churchill Cigar Lounge: Thursday-Friday, 12-4pm: Beer and cigar

The Filling Station: Monday-Friday, 11:30am-7pm: \$3,25 domestic beers, \$3.25 wells, \$8 domestic

MISSION BEACH

Barefoot Bar and Grill: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$5 wells and house wines. \$4 draft beers. All draft beers are San Diego and California craft brews.

Draft: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$4 Stone, Saint Archer, Modern Times & Coronado Brewing, \$5 wells, \$4 select red & white wines.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4pm-7pm: Halfoff drinks. 25% off all appetizers.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Daily, 2-7pm: \$3 bottle beer, \$5-6 draft beers, \$4 wells, \$5 calls

Bar Dynamite: Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$3 wells, \$4 drafts, \$3 margaritas.

Cafe Bleu: Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine and drafts. \$5 appetizer specials.

The Patio on Goldfinch: Daily, 3-6pm, 10pm-midnight: 1/2-price select drafts, wine by the glass, cocktails, \$4 tequila. 3-6pm: Food specials.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off bottled beers, \$3 house wines, \$4.95 20oz Imperial pints, \$3.75 wells.

Starlite: Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 5-7pm; \$4 drafts, wells, \$1 off other drinks. Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 drafts, wells, \$1 off other drinks.

Toma Sol Tavern: Monday-Thursday, 3-7 pm: \$1 off all drafts, all wine by the glass, and all appetizers. Friday, 3-8 pm: \$1 off all drafts, all wine by the glass, and all appetizers

MISSION VALLEY

Albie's Beef Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Double wells and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: Daily, 4-7pm: margaritas.





Second City's Nutcracking Holiday Review @La Jolla Playhouse!

Also, an ugly Christmas sweater party



Twisted Manzanita Ales is amazing



Also, a HUGE thanks to Mastiff Sausage Co for existing and serving such amazing food



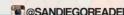
The ladies who make everything at the La Jolla Playhouse possible



Sweater game is on point people



The Second City's Nutcracking Holiday Review is at the La Jolla Playhouse until the 21st so get moving! It's a great show at a great place. We hosted a handful of festive folks down for the Ugly Christmas Sweater night and everybody was merry and jolly. Head to t as per usual to see the rest of the pictures from the evening.







HAPPY HOUR

Bully's East: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$2.50 domestic, draft; \$3.50 wells, \$5 wine. Food specials.

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.

In Cahoots: Wednesday, All night: \$2:75 u-call-its. Thursday, 5-9pm: \$6.50 grilled sirloin, baked potato, and draft beer. Sunday, All night: \$3 for any beer or whiskey.

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

Café La Maze: *Monday, Sunday,* 4-6pm: \$0.25-\$1 off drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar. *Tuesday, Saturday,* 4-6pm: \$0.25-\$1-off drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar. *Wednesday-Friday,* 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles, \$3 domestic drafts.

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

DiMille's: Monday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, cocktails, and house wines, \$2 off all appetizers. \$5 you-call-its all day. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, cocktails, and house wines, \$2 off all appetizers. 4pm-close: Kids eat free (Ages 10 & under). Wednesday, 4-7pm:

\$1 off drafts, cocktails, and house wines, \$2 off all appetizers. Half-off wine bottles. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, cocktails, and house wines, \$2 off all appetizers. \$5 flight night (4 beers = \$5). *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$\$1 off drafts, cocktails, and house wines, \$2 off all appetizers.

The Ould Sod: *Monday, Wednesday,* 2-7pm: \$3.50 Fireball shots, \$2 off 20-oz drafts. 8pm-close: Third drink for 25 cents. *Tuesday, Thursday-Friday,* 2-7pm: \$3.50 Fireball shots, \$2 off 20-oz drafts. *Sunday,* All day: \$2 off 20-oz. Guinness, Smithwicks, and Harp.

Proprietor's Reserve Wine Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm:
\$2 off wine by the glass, \$1 off draft
beer. *Saturday*, Noon-4pm: Half-off
all open wines.

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

The Air Conditioned Lounge: *Daily*, 4-8pm: Draft beers and call spirits for \$5.

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

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off liquor & drafts *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off liquor

El Comal: *Monday-Wednesday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 house margarita. *Thursday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 house margarita.

Endzone Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$4 select draft beer. \$5 select appetizers. Saturday, All day: \$6.50 domestic pitchers, \$3 mimosas all day. Sunday, All day: \$3 mimosas.

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.

The Office: *Daily*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks. 7-9pm: \$5 signature cocktails.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday,* 4-7pm: \$3 wells & domestic bottles. *Tuesday,* 6-10pm: \$8 buckets of Coronitas, \$5 jefe margaritas. \$1 tacos.

Sabuku Sushi: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, Sunday, 4-6pm; Appetizers from \$5 to \$8, drink special: \$6 all large beers, \$8 all wines (by the glass) and cocktails. Wednesday, Saturday, 4-6pm; Appetizers from \$5 to \$8, drink special: \$6 all large beers, \$8 all wines (by the glass) and cocktails.

OCEAN BEACH

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 local draft beer, \$4 house wine, \$4 glass of sangria, \$14 carafe of sangria. 10pm-1am: \$10 all food items. *Saturday*, 10pm-1am: \$10 all food items. *Sunday*, 9-11pm: \$10 all food items.

The Arizona Bar: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: 1/2 price pitchers, \$3 domestic draft, \$3 micro draft, \$3 well drinks, \$3 house wine, \$3 appetizer sampler, \$3 for 2 AZ or meatball sliders, \$3 for 2 turkey tacos.

Cheswick's West: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$6.25 domestic pitchers, \$3 wells, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$4.25 import pints.

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).

OB Noodle House: *Monday-Saturday*, Opening-5pm: Select \$2 pint of beer/\$7.50 pitcher. 3-6pm: 1/2 off beer. *Sunday*, Opening-6pm: Select \$2 pint of beer/\$7.50 pitcher. 3-6pm: 1/2 off beer.

Ocean Beach Kabob: *Daily*, 2pm-6pm. 50% off all beers. \$2.99 Sapporo.

Sunshine Co.: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers. 11am-5pm: 50¢ off pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

Winstons Beach Club: Daily, 1-6pm: \$2 wells. \$1 off all beer and wine.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: Drink and food specials.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. Half-off select appetizers.

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.

Old Town Mexican Café: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: 1/2-off well drinks & selected appetizers. Tuesday, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: 1/2-off well drinks & selected appetizers. Taco Tuesday all day!

PACIFIC BEACH

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 drink specials. Half-off munchies.

Barrel Republic: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm; All beers 20 percent off.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.60 any draft beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$12 pitchers, \$4 select cocktails. \$3 chips and dip, \$5 nachos, cheese sticks, steakum bites, bbq sliders. *Sunday*, 9pm-1am: \$3 drafts, \$12 pitchers, \$4 select cocktails. \$3 chips and dip, \$5 nachos, cheese sticks, steakum bites, bbq sliders.

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.

JRDN: Monday, 4-7pm: \$7 specialty

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.

SD Taproom: *Monday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off taps, apps, cocktails, wines. \$3 off 1/2-pound Angus beef burger. 15% off specialty bottles. *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off taps, apps, cocktails, wines.

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.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Daily*, Noon-7pm: Free pool when \$10 per person is spent at the table. \$5 wells, \$4 Bud-light.

Table 926: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off glasses of wine, draft beer and appetizers.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

Tidal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 draft craft beers, \$7 wells and craft cocktail of the day, \$8 wine.

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, 10pm-close: \$3 craft draft beers, \$4 wines & sangria. \$3 & \$4 tapas.

Turquoise Cellars: *Daily*, 5–6:30pm: \$3 pints, \$5 glasses of wine.

POINT LOMA

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

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 all wells, bottle beer & wine; \$5 specialty drinks; \$6 shaker margaritas; \$5 appetizer specials. Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 all wells, bottle beer & wine; \$5 specialty drinks; \$6 shaker margaritas; \$5 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.

Café on the Park: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$1 off select beer, cosmos, margaritas, select wine.

Capri Blu: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

RANCHO SANTA FE

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

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Daily*, All Day: Drink Specials.

Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Daily* 3-7pm: \$.50 off everything.

Dos Desperados Brewery: *Thursday*, 7-9pm: \$1 off all pints during trivia!

SCRIPPS RANCH

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 over \$10.

SHELTER ISLAND

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: Drink specials \$3-\$4.50. Bar food special. *Sunday*, 4-6pm: Drink specials \$3-\$4.50. Bar food specials.

Fiddler's Green Restaurant: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$1 off beers, wine, spirits. Appetizer specials.

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

SOLANA BEACH

Pillbox Tavern: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and wine.

SORRENTO VALLEY

AJ's Cave: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: All drinks and beer on special.

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

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$2 off menu drinks. Half-price bar snacks. *Sunday*, During NFL games: \$2 off menu drinks. Half-price bar snacks.

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

South Park Abbey: *Monday*, All Day: \$3 rotating pint, \$3 wells, \$1 off beers. *Tuesday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$3 draft beer of the day, \$3 wells, \$1 off all beers.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

Cali Comfort BBQ: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: \$1 off drinks & half-price appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-close: \$1 off drinks & half-price appetizers.

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

Cheers: *Monday-Thursday*, 11am-7pm: \$.50 off bottles and domestic drafts. *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic 22oz bottles.

Great Maple: *Daily*, 5-6pm: Drink specials.

The Lancers Cocktails: Daily, 10am-2am: \$3 well drinks and domestic beers

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.





THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to thone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Ion Theatre presents a workshop production of Claudio Raygoza's new play. A documentary filmmaker searches for her missing climatologist son, pursued by her eldest son, a celebrity DJ, a border patrol agent, a mysterious Russian woman - and by the first ever recorded category 6 hurricane. URBN CENTER 4 THE ARTS 3708 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST, 8PM THURS-DAYS & FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATUR-DAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 20

A Christmas Carol

Cygnet 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. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM

SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS. THROUGH DECEMBER 28

A Christmas Carol: Mr. Scrooge & Mr. Dickens

The San Marcos Historical Society hosts a production of the popular Christmas story: "with a new embellishment: Dickens himself appears on stage to read sections from the work." The evening includes carolers, dancers, and music (and a surprise visit by Santa).

SAN MARCOS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1952 SYCAMORE DR SAN MARCOS 760-744-9025. 7PM FRIDAYS & SAT-URDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

A Ghost Story of Christmas

For four days only, the Tenth Avenue Theater hosts a production of Eddie Yaroch's play about a modern-day Scrooge, based on his award-winning screenplay. Afraid he's being haunted, Scrooge hires professional ghost hunters, one of them his former fiance, Belle. "Pay what you can at the door.

TENTH AVENUE ARTS THEATRE 930 TENTH AVE., FAST VILLAGE, 619-237-4510 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS 2PM SUN-DAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

A Tuna Christmas

Horton Grand Theatre

444 4th Ave. SD CA 92101

WomanInTheMirror.bpt.me 800-838-3006

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.

SCHOOL PLAYS

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S **FEVER**

JAN. 30 7PM, JAN. 31 7PM CORONADO SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

FEB. 13 7PM, FEB. 14 7PM, FEB. 15 4PM, FEB, 20 7PM, FEB, 21 2PM, FEB, 21 7PM, FEB, 22 4PM CREATIVE PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS

LITTLE MERMAID JR.

FER 28 2PM FER 28 7PM MAR 1 2PM MAR 7 2PM MAR 7 7PM STAR THEATRE

LOVE OF THREE ORANGES

DEC 18 2:30PM SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

THE MOUSE THAT ROARED

JAN. 9 7PM, JAN. 10 7PM, JAN. 15 7PM, JAN. 16 7PM, JAN. 17 7PM SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY CLAYTON E. LIGGETT THEATER

MULAN JR.

FEB. 13 7PM, FEB. 14 2PM, FEB. 14 7PM, FEB. 15 2PM, FEB. 20 7PM, FEB. 21 2PM, FEB. 21 7PM, FEB. 22 2PM MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SPOON RIVER

JAN. 11 7PM MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

THE PIRATES OF

24 8PM, JAN, 25 1PM DAVID AND DOROTHEA GARFIELD THEATRE

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TRADITIONS OF

DEC. 19 7PM, DEC. 20 2PM, DEC. 20

DEC. 22 2PM. DEC. 22 7PM. DEC. 23

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7PM, DEC. 21 2PM, DEC. 21 7PM,

DON POWELL THEATRE AT SDSU

CHRISTMAS

2PM, DEC. 23 7PM

PENZANCE JAN. 17 8PM, JAN, 18 4:30PM, JAN,

THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

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, staring 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 &

DAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 27.

SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNES-

Irving Berlin's White Christmas

San Diego Musical Theatre presents the stage adaptation the timeless film, featuring 17 Berlin songs and a live, 22 piece orchestra. Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind. the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former Army Commander.

NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVER-SITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRI-DAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

La Pastorela de Inspiracion

For its 24th annual "Mexicaninspired Christmas musical," Teatro Mascara Magica follows the travails of poor shepherds on their way to Bethlehem. But if Lucifer and his evil minions have their way, the shepherds are in deep trouble. Once again Max Branscomb has written a new, bilingual script for this, one of San Diego's most popular shows. William Virchis directs LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO, 619-544-1000. 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER

Lamb's Festival of **Christmas: Northern Lights** Lamb's Players Theatre's popular

POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA, 619-225-0044 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEM BER 21.

An American Christmas

Lamb's Players stages its popular Christmas show in the ballroom of the Hotel del Coronado, 100 year ago. The Marshall family hosts an evening of music, songs, stories, dancing, and a five-course meal- all taking place in 1914 Coronado. Robert and Deborah Gilmour Smyth co-directed. HOTEL DEL CORONADO, 1500 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO, 619-435-6611. 6:30PM SUNDAY, MONDAY, & TUESDAY

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.





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 OR-ANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNES DAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 28.

MOMologues

Different Stages presents a comedy about the ups and downs of motherhood: "what binds mothers together, not what sets them apart" and "what mothers know but don't always talk about." Jerry Pilato directs.

SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE LINIVERSITY HEIGHTS 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY.

Mistletoe, Music, & Mayhem

The Coronado Playhouse presents a "special holiday cabaret," written by Phil Johnson, Rayme Sciaroni, and Matt Thompson that "skewers the crazy side of the holidays," including an irreverent look at Old Saint Nic, and every Christmas carol ever sung in 90 seconds flat.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21



Salute the magic, mystery, and mayhem of the season with the Second City troupe's Nut-Cracking Holiday Revue at La Jolla Playhouse through December 21.

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 allages friendly" collection, starts at 6:30pm; Naughty, which begins at 9pm (and 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 THURSDAYS &

FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS. THROUGH DECEMBER 20

Orpheus & Eurydice

For five performances only, the inventive new theater company The Trip presents Tom Dugdale's take on the ancient Greek legend of Orpheus and Eurydice and their ill-fated wedding day. "What if their whole love story happened before they ever got famous? What if they were just like you and me, hitting it off online, seeing where it goes?" Dugdale directs.

ARTHUR AND MOLLY WAGNER DANCE

BUILDING, UCSD. 8PM THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY

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 SUN-DAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

Seria Star

Seria Star will showcase tribal fusion belly dance, cabaret, hoop dance and a little burlesque. Edible delicacies will be featured as well as arts, crafts and jewelry. Sonic groove will be provided by San Diego DJs who will bring Middle Eastern, gypsy fusion, electro swing, tech, and deep house to the dance floor. KAVA LOUNGE, 2812 KETTNER BL., LITTLE ITALY 619-543-0933 9PM SATURDAY.

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., SO-LANA BEACH, 858-481-1055, 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEM-BER 28.

Tru

"When God hands you a gift," wrote Truman Capote, "he also hands you a whip, and the whip is intended solely for self-flagellation." Jay Presson Allen's biographical piece takes place during Christmas, 1975. Esquire published two chapters from his long-promised masterpiece, Answered Prayers, a tell-all about the super rich, and many of his closest friends reject him. He's also suffering from

Second City's Nut-Cracking

760-744-9000

Auditions: JAN, 19 5PM

Falsettos PATIO PLAYHOUSE 201 East Grand Ave.. Escondido

AUDITIONS

LAWRENCE FAMILY IEWISH COM-

Young artists ages 7 to 18 may audi-

tion. Callbacks January 7, 6pm-8pm.

Rehearsals begin January 19. Runs

4126 Executive Dr., La Jolla

Auditions: JAN, 5 & 6 6PM

13250 Powav Rd., Powav

founder, Edwin S. Lowe.

Auditions: FEB. 16 & 17

Factory

Runs May 1 to June 7. Directed

by Raylene Wall. The play has one man and six women. Best friends

and bingo pals Vern. Honey, and

Patsy brave a terrible storm in order

to attend the yearly celebration of

the birth of bingo and tribute to its

Charlie and the Chocolate

SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY CENTER

3 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos

The City of San Marcos Theatre

West invites youth ages 7 to 17 to

audition for the musical Charlie and

the Chocolate Factory. Be prepared

to sing a one-minute excerpt from

a song of your choice. Bring an

instrumental CD if desired. Also

bring a school photo and a short

list of past experiences you have

Performances will be held at the

San Marcos Community Center on

February 19, 20, 21, and 22, Info:

had speaking, singing, or dancing in

front of a group. Beginners welcome.

Annie

MUNITY CENTER

March 6 to 22

Bingo

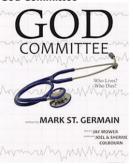
POWPAC

mances March 19 to April 19. Non Equity production. Vocal auditions

require a one-minute prepared song. Please provide your own CD. cassette, or MP3, Acting/movement auditions are cold reading from the

Auditions: IAN 4 & 5 7PM

God Committee



Runs March 6 to March 29. 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

Les Miserables

AVO PLAYHOUSE 303 Main St., Vista Callbacks January 29 (7:30 to 10:30 pm) and January 31 (10 am to 2 pm). Show dates April 17 through May 10 (four weekends/16 shows). Auditions: JAN. 26 & 28 5PM

Pirates of Penzance

BROADWAY THEATRE 340 E. Broadway, Vista Bring two one-minute vocal select tions, 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

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a creative crisis (when he died nine years later, he had only 180 pages of the novel in his papers). In Act one Capote talks — on the phone, to a tape-recorder, to the audience - and, in the first act, drinks straight vodka like water. In Act two he tries to change his life. The play is impressionistic with occasional depths, Along with a wordy second act, it unfolds like an entre nous dish-fest (assumes you know the names dropping by the minute). Capote was a deliberate caricature of himself, decades before Stonewall. Todd Blakesley has Capote's mannerisms, but minus the caricature, which some might find incomplete. But the choice draws attention past the surface and paints the desperate portrait of an addict on the edge. Capote can still

choose. Two years later, that option was gone. Worth a try. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

Winter Wonderettes

The Welk Resort Theatre offers Roger Bean's yuletide show. When Santa turns up missing, the Wonderettes 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 LAW-RENCE WELK DR ESCONDIDO 888-802-7469 1PM & 8PM THURSDAYS 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS. THROUGH DECEMBER 28



Unhomey home

MOVIES

f you want horror to be horrifying — scary, as opposed to simply tense or shocking — then it helps to shine a light into the real-life dark corners that people would rather not investigate. *The Babadook* does just that, gazing steadily upon the strained and fraying mother-love that the widow Amelia (a stellar Essie Davis) bears her troubled son Samuel. Samuel is forever encountering a monster, you see — or is

it just that he's sneaking down to the basement to go through (dead) Dad's things? Either

way, he's very hard to live with, especially without a sympathetic grownup by your side. The shadowy Babadook shows up a little ways via a silly-butchilling children's book, but Sam knows the shadows were already there in their unhomey home. Writer-director Jennifer Kent lets the dread creep in slowly and wisely goes easy on the effects; she knows that hand-drawn pop-ups can be more than enough to unsettle things. Also, that sympathy is what makes horror truly harrowing.

— Matthew Lickona

INTERVIEW WITH THE BABA-DOOK WRITER-DIRECTOR JENNIFER KENT

Matthew Lickona: How did you pitch this?

Jennifer Kent: It's funny, because all the things that people are liking about it are the things that the financiers said wouldn't work. But I think it's about being gently persuasive and persistent in your vision. I pitched it as a love story, actually, between a mother and a son. She just has to go through hell to get there. For me, that's what was really important about this film: those positive, loving aspects. We pitched the light through the dark.

ML: This sort of started out as a short film (*Monster*, 2005). Can you talk about the developments that took place in taking it from short to feature?

JK: When I was making *Monster*, I wasn't planning *Babadook*. But I was working on a number of films that were quite big and ambitious in terms of budget, and they just kept getting to a point and not getting made. And this other idea kept pulling me back. So, I thought I'd see what happened if I tried to develop it. It just happened by accident, really. For me, it was always about the woman — her story — and less about the monster. I'm not saying that the Babadook is extraneous, but it springs out of the woman's particular story. So the woman and her story were

the biggest developments.

ML: Talk about developing the actual children's book about the Babadook that's featured in the film.

JK: I was thinking, "How does this thing come into the house? How does this energy arrive?" And from the get go, it made sense that it would be a book. A book communicates something to you that it contains, and it can grow. Then this silly, strange name developed, and

then the rhyming couplets. We developed it very early on, probably six months before we

started shooting. The world of the film radiates out from the book. It's not just a prop or a device for me; it's an important core element of the story.

ML: I got a kick out out of the snippets of late-night TV that Amelia takes in while she's staying up all night. Could you talk about finding the bits you used? And what was the old cartoon into which you inserted the Babadook?

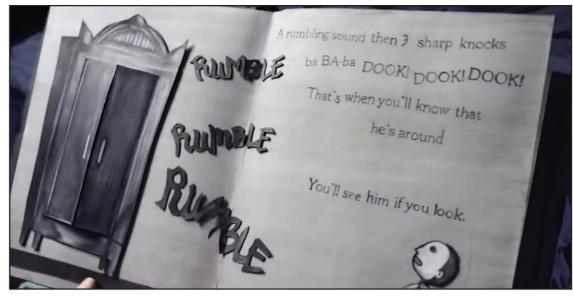
JK: Everything on the TV directly relates to Amelia or confronts her in some way. It was all kind of serendipitous; my editor and I had a lot of fun putting it together. I'd say, "I need a cartoon about x," and I'd Google it, and things would come up on YouTube very quickly. It was just a matter of, "Can we afford it?" It was a producer's nightmare, but they were real troopers about it. I think we used an old Betty Boop cartoon, from before they got sanitized. They were pretty scary.

ML: I know you don't want to ruin the ending for people, and maybe you don't even want to answer a question like this, but how would you describe the ending in terms of emotional affect?

JK: I guess it comes back to my original pitch that something is moving through hell to get to something worthwhile. I think we're left with something real. I didn't want to create a film where it's, "These nice people had something bad happen, and then they woke up and it was all fine." The whole point of the film is that terrible things happen to people, and they have to find a way to live with that. That was important to me, because that's my experience of life. I could only go from what I felt was true.

ML: In your interview with *New York* magazine, you said, "I think a lot of filmmakers who make horror now go in with dubious motives." What are the right motives for making horror?

JK: I think they're the same reasons I hope anyone would have for making a film, which is to share an idea or a point of view. If filmmakers can really focus on what makes them tick and what they



The Babadook: Kids, reading is super bad for you!

want to say, then I think the result has a natural resonance. Not with everyone, but with the people who get that idea. The horror genre is so often cynical: "People like this, so I'm going to make it like this." That's not the way it works. And then, often, the motivation is to make money, and if you're making a film to make money, well, God help you, really. It's not the best reason. And it's usually the audience that suffers.

ML: You also called horror a "pure form of cinema." Care to unpack that?

JK: I think it's very close to a dream. It can play with time. It doesn't have to be naturalistic. Cinema, for me, is like a dream, or it can be. So what makes horror pure is that it has the potential to be very cinematic. A lot of the early horror films were arthouse films that were as beautiful as they were terrifying.

ML: Finally, the *New York* piece included this: "Much like *The Exorcist*, *The Babadook* revolves around an unspeakable horror visiting an ordinary suburban family." But what I kept thinking of was *The Shining* — the tension between a parent and a child, and the horror that arises from the straining of that relationship.

JK: The comparison to *The Shining* makes sense to me. I didn't set out to emulate any other film, but since I've watched horror since I was a kid, I guess that I can't help but be influenced.

— Matthew Lickona

MEESTER MOONLIGHT

Two lifelong friends begin to drift apart when one grows to dislike the other's taste in boyfriends. That's the premise of *Life Partners*, a new romantic comedy opening Friday at Landmark's Ken Cinema. Leighton Meester, one of the film's two shining co-stars was on the promotion trail eager to discuss (almost) anything, including the allure of Jack in the Box tacos.

Scott Marks: Do you remember the first movie your parents took you to see?

Leighton Meester: This is actually awful because I don't remember the very first one. I remember they brought me to *The Hunt for Red October*.

SM: Great film for kids!

LM: It was really in touch with where I was at as a five-year-old. I just remember being like "Yay! We're going to the movies!" I'm sure that I'd been to the movies before and couldn't remember. It was like, "What is this?" I felt bored and then I fell asleep. I'll always remember that never having seen it as an adult, but obviously I have heard it's very good.

SM: You're probably sick to death of talking about this and if you don't want to that's fine. Your mother gave birth while serving time in a federal prison for marijuana smuggling. How old were you when you found out?

LM: I want to be as respectful as possible to you, but I think I just want to talk about the movie, if that's okay.

SM: No problem. In your relatively young career you've already worked in a musical, you were a scream queen in *The Roommate*, there have been comedies, chick flicks, romantic dramas, pretty much everything short of a western. In what genre do you feel the most comfortable?

LM: I really like switching. I've been really happy to be presented with a total variety of different roles, all, for some reason, to whom I can relate for the most part, especially in the last couple of years. *Life Partners* would be my favorite thing that I worked on because it's a really nice mixture of funny and sweet and it captures two women as the leads, which is so rare. It was made and written by women and I really like what they achieve as far as capturing a friendship.

SM: Did you know Gillian before *Life Partners*? Because the two of you come across on screen as tight as the characters you portray.

LM: That's great and it's exactly what we were going for. I credit a lot of that to

[director and co-writer] Susanna [Fogel] and [co-writer] Joni [Lefkowitz], who I met before hand. Thinking that we might like each other, they presented it like a blind date. They were right. It could be hit or miss, but I think the both of us were bent on achieving as much authenticity as possible. I love the fact that the film is about close female friendship that isn't competitive or centered around a man. I think both of us have probably experienced that — I know I have — and that's what I had to bring

SM: Have you ever been in the situation where you dated someone that your best friend can't stand?

LM (Laughing): Probably most of them. When your best friend starts dating someone you feel a need to be friends with this person, too. And if you're not, it sucks. It's one of those situations where you don't find out until way later, and then you're like, "Why didn't you tell me?" And I've been on the other side,

SM: Last question. Seriously, other than in the movie, when was the last time you went to a Jack in the Box drivethru?

LM: It's so funny that you say that. It actually wasn't that long ago and I had to admit to myself and all my friends that I ended up going. I was hanging out at my girlfriend's apartment a couple of months ago. We had dinner and at about 1 o'clock in the morning I felt really hungry. I was on my way home and had to stop and eat some tacos.

SM: Not cheese sticks like in the movie?

movie?

LM: I do love those, but I had my fill after eating about a thousand while we were shooting.

SM: Tacos with meat the color of which doesn't exist in nature.

LM: You know it's not real meat. It's tofu or whatever. It actually makes me feel a lot better than eating mystery meat.

— Scott Marks 🤼

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Annie — A cast that can neither sing nor dance, a director who three times breaks the 180-degree rule (and that's just in the opening credits!), and musical numbers butted together to make way for untold minutes of vanilla babble position this wretched remake of the almost-as-appalling John Huston paycheck somewhere between Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and Mame as one the most egregiously unattractive musicals ever filmed. Call her Little Foster Kid Annie - the offending term "orphan" has been sidelined in favor of a rougher-on-the-tongue, more socially pliable handle. Quvenzhané Wallis doesn't have the mini-Merman pipes needed to belt out the film's signature song. The hauntingly frozen stare that announced her arrival in Beasts of the Southern Wild thaws to reveal a talented kid actor unable to connect with light musical comedy fare. Even the dependably evil Miss Hannigan, Annie's beastly, hard-drinking jailer, has been sanitized to a point beyond effectiveness. Cameron Diaz — shown only once with booze in hand — plays her with all the subtlety of Lucille Ball high trying to claw her way out of luggage. One minor point of character: Jamie Foxx's Herculean spit-takes, strong enough to drown an army of ersatz Danny Thomas spritzers. So bad, it may actually warrant a fifth viewing. Directed by Will "From Easy A to What the 'F?" Gluck. 2014. S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Antarctica: A Year on Ice — Director and co-writer Anthony Powell is one of the few hardy souls who lives in Antarctica year-round. And because he has a tinkerer's knack for camera setups and a love of time-lapse photography, he is uniquely qualified to share the experience with you - though from a certain distance. The sun disappears for months at a time during the winter, and the resultant night skies are just as astonishing as the residents say they are. But alas, that happy union of showing and telling is something of the exception here: way too much screen time is given over to folks describing what it's like to live in such a place, as opposed to, you know,

actually living there. It's understandable — Powell lives there too, and poking around with a camera could easily raise tensions in such a contained community. (Hey, now there's an idea for a movie, one that could feature the best establishing and mid-range shots in recent memory before going in for the claustrophobic kill.) But it's also regrettable. The end result is gorgeous and a bit draggy. 2014. — M.L. ★ (LANDMARK KEN)

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 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 voiceacted 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)

The Babadook — Reviewed this issue. 2014. M.L. ★★★★ (DIGITAL GYM)

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 computeranimated 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)

Dumb and Dumber To — Hey, remember *Dumb and Dumber*? 2014. (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Exodus: Gods and Kings — Well, at least they got the biblical proportions right: the massive Egyptian monument industry, the vast peoples and vaster landscapes, and most importantly, the God-sized plagues and waves. Otherwise, Ridley Scott's take on the great contest between Moses and Pharoah is underwhelming and ill-conceived. First, the underwhelming: nearly everyone — from Christian Bale's doubtful, grouchy Moses to Joel Edgerton's frowny. pouty Ramses to Ben Kingsley's sanguine Hebrew priest — seems eager to underplay and humanize their characters, as if to say "We're just regular folks who happen to be engaged in an epic struggle over whose God will dominate Western Civilization for the next few millennia. Don't mind us. These fancy headpieces and divine plagues? Just window dressing, really. In the end, it's just an argument about civil rights." Which brings us to the ill-conceived part: it's true that some modern people still believe in the Old Testament God, but that doesn't mean it makes sense to have your Old Testament figures talk and think like modern people. "What kind of God tells a man to leave his family?" asks a woman who also tells her child that he's not allowed to climb "God's mountain." "Is this your God? A killer of children?" asks a horrified Ramses, shortly after he has declared himself a god and promised to murder all the Hebrew children. "Is this meant to humble me?" asks Moses after God has already humbled him You get the idea. And portraying God as a snotty English schoolboy may have looked clever on paper, but it does get annoying. 2014. — M.L. ★ (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. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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 vise versa. 2014. M.L. ★★ (ÎN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Hobbit: The Battle of Five

Armies — Look, if you were as bloated as *The Hobbit* trilogy, you'd probably be showing signs of exhaustion toward the end of a nine-hour runtime, too. And if your films were as stupidly profitable as director Peter Jackson's, you'd probably be just as blind to your own cinematic sins. So let's avoid repeating the charges hurled at the previous two installments, and concentrate on the wrap-up of this fantasy epic. There's a dragon on the loose at the

outset, but don't worry, he's just there to destroy the town and so provide motivation for Bard the relatable action hero. er, Guard. And hey, remember when the dragon said he was tempted to let Thorin the exiled dwarf king find the Arkenstone, so that it might drive him mad with its bewitching power? Totally unnecessary: he goes mad because he can't find it! At least it stops his moning: Thorin twisted by greed is vastly more interesting than any other Thorin. (The titular hobbit is mostly reduced to the role of Jiminy Cricket.) There is, as the title implies, a battle of five armies, and in the early going, it looks like it might make for an interesting bit of large-scale filmed warfare. (Fun touch: the orcs' use of a mountaintop as a kind of strategic semaphore station.) But it isn't long before we're back to mano a mano (dwarfo a orco?) combat, because that's what you care about. Right? Notable moments include Jackson nodding back toward his weirdo-horror past in a battle between an elf queen and a necromancer, and Thorin's trippy goldlust fever dream. Plus a fine death scene near the end. 2014. M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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 crosscountry 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 IOLLA VILLAGE: READING CARMEL MOUNTAIN: READING GASLAMP)

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-andsmarts 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)

Interstellar — Remember when your high school teacher would wheel out a 16mm projector and proceed to put the class to sleep with hopelessly unengaging 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.

FILM FESTIVALS

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Film Forum: The Act of Killing Joshua Oppenheimer's radical dive into historical reckoning, an experiment that puts a human face on incomprehensible evil confronting some of the gangsters involved in the 1965-66 purge of "communists" in Indonesia. A P.O.V. documen tary. Indonesian with English subtitles. 2012. 115 minutes. Not Rated. Discussion to follow. Monday, December 29, 6:30pm

C.S.A.: The Confederate States of America What if the South had won the war? Kevin Wilmott's political commentary is presented as a wacky, faux documentary that imagines a parallel universe and alternate history — the Confederacy wins the Civil War, Lincoln is exiled to Canada, and slavery is alive

and well. 2004. 89 minutes. Not Rated. Discussion to follow with Ajani Brown of SDSU's African Studies Department. In Conjunction with the Central Library's current exhibit "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War." Two hours free parking with validation. Monday, January 5, 6:30pm

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One True Thing The Hemlock Society of San Diego presents One True Thing, the story of a career woman (Renée Zellweger) who puts her life on hold to care for her mother (Meryl Streep), who is dying of cancer. With William Hurt. The Hemlock Society believes in choice, dignity, and control at the end of life. Info: 619-233-4418 or hemlocksandiego@gmail.com. Sunday, December 21, 2:00pm

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Film Forum: The Skeleton Twins Saturday 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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13940 Pomerado Rd., Poway 858-748-0121

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

With no costumes other than space suits for his characters to hide behind, brainiac Nolan displays a mastery of the spacetime 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-hipfor-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)

Life Partners — Two long-term buds — a clingy-and-looking, perpetually aspiring musician (Leighton Meester) and a mutually dependent, mostly plugged-in environmental lawyer (Gillian Jacobs) - feel the foundation of their friendship begin to seism when the former is asked to take a backseat to the latter's latest suitor (Adam Brody, the real life Mr. Meester). The playful blast of road-rage role-playing that opens the picture makes for blissful character set-up. On the surface, it's an LGBT date movie, one devoid of controversy and messaging, thanks to director Susanna Fogel and co-writer Ioni Lefkowitz's waggishly engaging storytelling. But Partners could never incorporate were it not for the chemistry and perfectly paced delivery of its two high-contrast leads, and the depth both bring to their characters. A trip through familiar territory that leads to a predictable outcome and, oddly enough, one I rather enjoyed thumbing a ride on. 2014. S.M. ★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Night at the Museum 3: Secret of the Tomb — Director Shawn Levy and star Ben Stiller both faltered in their recent attempts at grown-up, elevating wisdom pictures (*This Is Where I Leave You* and *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, respectively). So it's almost a relief to find them striding confidently here through the smooth, familiar terrain of entertaining wisdom-lite. Gen X avatar Stiller, having made his own way and found some peace, must now confront the fact that his son has his own plans for life and how to live it. This is, we are shown, a Good Thing, because here, he's also gifted with another

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son of sorts, one who wants to be just like him. It's not a pretty sight. Oh, and there's also a quest: the magical tablet that gives life to the exhibits at the New York's Museum of Natural History is corroding, and our heroes must travel to the British Museum to unravel the mystery. A good time is, ultimately, had by all. 2014. M.L.

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 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 doeeyes, hands-in-pockets demeanor. and proverbial gift of gab fool you. Within minutes of meeting Bloom, screenwriter and first-time director Dan Gilrov 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 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. $\star\star\star\star\star$ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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.

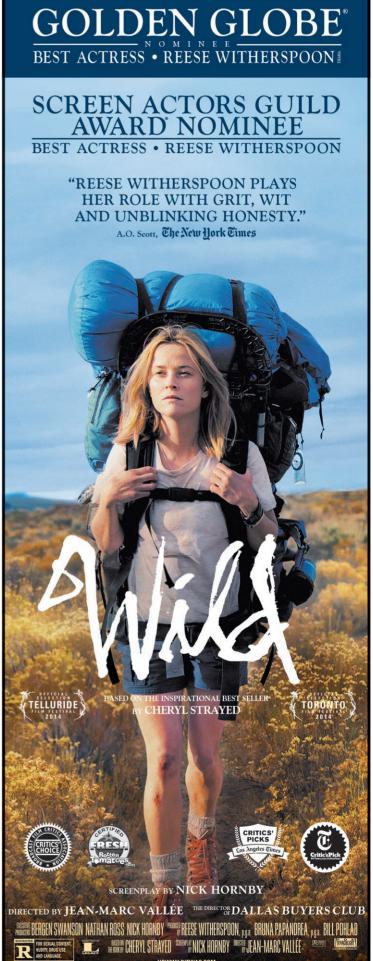
But for all their passable attempts to give the film a little directorial pizazz, franchise co-creator Eric Darnell and *The Bee Movie's* Simon J. Smith appear content to pass the time dispensing pop-culture references, punny celebrity name-dropping, and cartoon special effects more befitting a "live-action" Michael Bay slumber party. 2014. S.M. 2014. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Top Five — As a director, Chris Rock makes a fine stand-up comic. Like a good Gilbert Gottfried ectype, eyes wide open and minus the tics, Rock squawks dialog with the same intensity he brings to a Madagascar dubbing session, only his latest creation is being pitched as gutsy and ambitious. To date, Gilbert has not felt the need to construct a confessional in which to scatter semi-improvised condescension which is exactly what Rock piles on in this inept alliance of Stardust Memories and Lost Weekend. What little story there is to tell gets regularly interrupted with time-padding flashback skits, off-topic rants, and more "n" words than a KKK smoker. Things might have been different had I been laughing, but apart from a gag involving Rorschach-stained hotel sheets and a Chaplinesque turn by DMX, the only knee-slapping moment comes in the form of Rock's dead-serious utterance of three pathos-laden words: "He's my father." 2014. - S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Wild — The story of Cheryl Strayed (an unadorned Reese Witherspoon) and her attempt to, in her words, "walk myself back to the way I was." The path to the past runs 1,100 miles or so along the Pacific Crest Trail. Walking is slow business. To break the monotony, director Jean-Mark Vallee (Dallas Buyer's Club) tosses in encounters with other hikers, rednecks, bikers, Deadheads, and even an amazed journalist from the Hobo Times. He also doles out an artful array of flashbacks to help you understand just what Strayed is running, er, hiking from. (Mostly, it has to do with Mom, played with great, vulnerable appeal by Laura Dern.) Alas, this is a journey that ends, not because it reaches some actual dramatic resolution, but because the author (the real-life Strayed wrote

the memoir that serves as source material) tells you she's done. We know she's different, not because of anything in particular that's happened, but because she says so. Strayed comes across as a real

person, Witherspoon is a real actor, and the film is a real showcase. But you may wind up wishing for more to change than the scenery. 2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)



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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL BALBOA PARK

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Hidden Universe IMAX (NR) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 6:00 Sat-Sun 1:00, 6:00; Journey to the **South Pacific** (G) Fri. 2:00, 5:00 Sat-Sun 11:00, 2:00; Mysteries of Egypt (NR) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat-Sun 12:00pm; Perception: See Beyond the Illusion (NR) Sat-Sun

San Diego Natural History Museum - Kaplan Theater

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Call theater for program information.

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Dr (800-326-3264 #2722) Annie (PG) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sun (10:25, 12:50, 3:15); **Birdman** (R) Fri-Sun 9:55pm; **Exodus:** Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:20, 11:30, 2:55) 6:15, 7:45, 9:25, 10:45; **Exodus:** Gods and Kings 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:30) 4:35; Foxcatcher (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; Interstellar (PG-13) Fri-Sun 5:45, 9:15; Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sun (10:10, 11:10, 12:25, 1:25, 2:40, 3:40) 4:55, 5:55, 7:10, 8:10, 9:35, 10:35; Penguins of Madagascar (PG) Fri-Sun (10:45, 12:55, 3:05) 5:15, 7:40: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 10:55, 1:05, 1:55) 4:15, 5:05 7:15 8:00 10:15 11:00: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 3:00) 6:10, 9:30; The **Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 1:10) 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **Wild** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:40) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theater Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:15) 5:00, 8:30; **The Hobbit: The Battle** of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:30) 5:00, 8:30; **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:30) 5:30, 8:30

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Ave (800-326-3264 #2709) **Annie** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 12:15, 1:55, 2:55) 4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:55, 10:50; **Boyhood** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:35) 6:50, 10:10; **Exodus:** Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:00, 2:05) 4:20, 5:20, 7:30, 8:30, 10:35 Sat-Sun (11:00, 1:10, 2:05) 4:20, 5:20, 7:30, 8:30, 10:35; **Exodus:** Gods and Kings 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:05 3:10) 6:20, 9:40; Force Majeure (Turist) (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:50) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; **Fury** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 2:00) 4:45, 7:35, 10:40; **Hor**rible Bosses 2 (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:10) 4:40, 7:05, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25; **Interstellar** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 11:55, 2:15, 3:25) 5:45, 7:00, 9:15, 10:30; Penguins of Madagascar (PG) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:05, 3:20) 5:40; The Homesman (R) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **Top** Five (R) Fri-Sun (10:50, 12:10, 1:15, 2:25, 3:30) 4:55, 5:50, 7:10, 8:05, 9:30, 10:20

Regal Horton Plaza Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

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KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken 4061 Adams Ave (619-283-3227) **Life Partners** (R) Fri - Sun & Thu: (2:30), 7:00, 9:00, Mon & Tue: 7:00, 9:00, Wed: 7:00; Antarctica: A Year On Ice (PG) Fri - Thu (4:45); **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Midnight Show with "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "()"; **Pioneer** (R) Opens Friday, December 26; Viva La Liberta (NR) 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; Zero Motivation (NR) Opens Friday, January 16; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Midnight Show with "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Plays Saturday, January 17; **Human Capital** (NR) Opens Friday, January 23

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

Landmark La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7622) Exodus: Gods And Kings (PG-13) Fri: (1:00), 4:00, 7:00, 9:50, Sat: (10:15), 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50, Sun: (10:15), 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, Mon & Tue: (1:00), (4:00),7:00, Wed: (1:00), (4:00), 7:10; The Homesman (R) Fri; (1:15), 4:15, 7:10, 9:55, Sat: (10:25), 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55, Sun: (10:25), 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, Mon & Tue: (1:15), (4:15),7:10, Wed: (1:15), (4:15); **The Theory Of Everything** (PG-13) Fri: (1:25), 4:25, 7:20, 10:00, Sat: (10:45), 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:00, Sun: (10:45), 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, Mon & Tue: (1:25) (4:25),7:20, Wed: (1:25), (4:25); **Whiplash** (R) Fri: (1:35), 4:35, 7:30, Sat: (10:35), 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:05, Sun: (10:35), 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, Mon & Tue: (1:35), (4:35), 7:30, Wed: (1:35), (4:35), 7:30; The Imitation Game (PG-13) Wed:

Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **Big Eyes** (PG-13) Opens Thursday, December 25; **The Imitation Game** (PG-13) Opens Thursday, December 25

7:00; **Big Eyes** (PG-13) Wed: 7:20. Discount

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Rd (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

SAN DIEGO

8.40, 11.20

ArcLight La Jolla

4425 La Jolla Village Dr (858-768-7770) **Annie** (PG) Fri. 9:20, 11:40, 12:30, 2:05, 3:25, 4:30, 6:00, 8:35, 10:40 Sat 9:20, 10:40, 11:40, 12:30, 2:05, 3:25, 4:30, 6:00, 8:35, 10:35 Sun 9:20, 10:40, 11:40, 12:30, 2:05, 3:25, 4:30, 6:05, 8:45, 10:40; **Big Hero 6** (PG) Fri. 9:05, 11:00, 2:15, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40, 11:05 Sat 9:05, 11:00, 2:15, 4:20, 7:05, 11:05 Sun 9:05, 11:00, 2:15, 4:20, 7:05, 11:15; **Birdman** (R) Fri. 11:45, 1:50, 4:25, 6:10, 8:45, 11:30 Sat 11:45, 1:55, 4:25, 6:10, 8:45, 11:30 Sun 11:45, 1:50, 4:25, 6:10, 8:50, 11:30; Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri. 9:45, 12:25 4:45, 8:25, 10:25 Sat 9:45, 12:25, 4:45, 8:25, 10:30 Sun 9:45, 12:25, 4:45, 8:35, 10:35; **Exodus:** Gods and Kings 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 3:10, 7:30: Gone Girl (R) Fri-Sun 9:35, 1:05, 3:00. 9:25; Interstellar (PG-13) Fri. 10:45, 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 10:20 Sat 10:45, 1:25, 4:05, 7:00, 10:20 Sun 10:45, 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 10:20; Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri. 8:55, 9:55, 12:00, 12:55, 2:00, 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:45, 11:55 Sat 8:55, 9:55, 12:00, 12:55, 2:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:20, 10:40, 11:55 Sun 8:55 9:55, 12:00, 12:55, 2:00, 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:45, 11:55; Penguins of Madagascar (PG) , 11:05, 2:10, 4:15, 6:35, 11:35; **The** Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sun 1:00, 7:15 Fri-Sat 6:05, 9:00 Fri 9:00, 11:50, 5:40, 8:30, 11:50, 12:00 Sat-Sun 9:00 11:50, 5:40, 8:30, 9:45, 11:50 Sun 6:00, 9:00; The **Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies** in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:45pm; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in HFR **3D** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 4:00, 10:30 Fri-Sun 9:30 2:40, 6:45, 8:55 Sat 10:00, 4:10, 10:30 Sun 10:00, 4:00, 10:30; The Theory of Everything (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:10, 11:20, 1:15, 3:45, 6:20 10:55; Top Five (R) Fri. 9:25, 11:35, 1:55, 4:35, 6:25, 8:40, 11:15 Sat 9:25, 11:35, 1:50, 4:35, 6:25, 8:40, 11:15 Sun 9:25, 11:35, 1:55, 4:35, 6:20,

Digital Gym Cinema

2921 El Cajon Blvd ((619) 230-1938) **The Babadook** (NR) Fri. 6:00pm Sat 4:00, 8:00 Sun 1:00, 5:00; **Violet (I) (2013)** (NR) Fri. 4:00, 8:00 Sat 2:00, 6:00 Sun 3:00, 7:00

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)

Wild (R) Fri: (1:25), 2:00, 4:20, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, Sat & Sun: (10:30), 11:00, 1:25, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, Mon & Tue: (1:25), (2:00) (4:20), (5:00), 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, Wed: (1:25), (2:00), (4:20), (5:00), 7:15, 8:00; **The Theory Of Everything** (PG-13) Fri: (1:40), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sat & Sun: (10:40), 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:15, Mon & Tue: (1:40), (4:45), 7:30, 10:15, Wed: (1:40), (4:45): Foxcatcher (R) Fri: (1:10), 4:05, 7:00, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (10:15), 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00, Mon & Tue: (1:10), (4:05), 7:00, 10:00, Wed: (1:00), (3:50); **Birdman Or (The Un**expected Virtue Of Ignorance) (R) Fri: (1:50), 4:45, 7:40, 10:20, Sat & Sun; (10:50), 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20, Mon & Tue: (1:50), (4:45), 7:40, 10:20, Wed: (1:50), (4:45), 7:40; The Imitation Game (PG-13) Wed: 7:00, 7:30, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **The Imitation Game** (PG-13) Opens Thursday, December 25

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:45) 7:30; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:15, 3:00, 7:00, 10:30; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 2:15) 4:00, 6:30, 10:00, 11:00

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Ctr Dr (800-326-3264 #2710) **Annie** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:25, 11:45, 1:30) 4:35, 7:40, 10:45; **Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (3:05) 6:30, 9:40; **Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20, 11:20, 12:40, 1:40, 2:55, 3:55) 5:10, 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50, 10:50; Penguins of Madagascar (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:10, 3:20); The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:15, 10:55, 1:15, 2:00) 4:15 5:00, 5:40, 7:20, 8:05, 8:45, 10:25, 11:05, 11:45 Sun (10:15, 10:55, 1:15, 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 5:40, 7:20, 8:05, 8:45, 10:25; **The Hobbit: The** Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55, 3:10) 6:25, 9:30; **The Hunger** Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Rd (800-326-3264) Annie (PG) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:30: Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:30) 4:00 6:30, 9:00; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:45) 7:30, 11:00; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 3:00) 7:00, 10:30; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in HFR 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:20, 4:15) 8:00, 11:30

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) Call theater for program information

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennerv Rd (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey

1025 Tierra del Rey (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Ave (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Ronita

3030 Plaza Bonita Rd (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village

5256 Mission Road (760-945-8784) Annie (PG) Fri-Sun (10:15, 1:15) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (NR) Sun (12:55pm); Night at the Mu**seum: Secret of the Tomb** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 6:45, 9:15; **The Hobbit:** The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 11:00 Sat (3:30) 10:15 Sun (3:30pm): The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri. (12:15) 7:00, 10:15 Sat-Sun (12:15) 7:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mntn Rd (800-326-3264 #2704) **Annie** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05: Birdman (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:05) 5:00, 7:50, 10:20; Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 3:15) 7:05, 10:10; Foxcatcher (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:35) 4:35, 7:45, 10:30; Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sun (10:25, 10:55, 11:20, 12:50, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15, 3:50) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35; Penguins of Madagascar (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:45, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35 9:50: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:30, 3:45) 6:1 7:00, 9:30, 10:15: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 1:30) 4:45, 8:00; The Hunger Games: **Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 1:25) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; **Wild** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:40, 10:25

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Annie (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:10) 5:10, 7:00, 10:00; Night at the Museum: Secret of **the Tomb** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:30, 3:50) 7:10, 10:30; **The Hobbit: The Battle of the** Five Armies An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:30, 3:00, 6:30, 9:50; **The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies** in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:20) 6:00, 9:20

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa

Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Annie (PG) Fri-Sun (10:00, 1:05) 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (NR) Sun 12:55pm; Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Eri-Sun (11:10. 1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; **The Hobbit: The** Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 12:30) 4:00, 7:30, 11:00; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies An IMAX **3D Experience HFR** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55) 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; **The Hobbit: The** Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 1:30) 5:00, 8:30 Fri-Sun (9:30, 1:00) 4:30, 8:00, 11:30

POWAY

Digiplex Poway

13475 Poway Rd ((858) 679-3887) Call theater for program information.

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Blvd (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Digiplex Temecula Tower Cinemas 27531 Ynez Rd (951-699-4970)

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Krikorian Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Dr (760-945-7469) **Annie** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:25, 5:15) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:20; **Big Hero 6** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:10, 11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05; **Birdman** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:45, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:35pm; Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:15, 3:45) 7:10, 10:25 Fri-Sun (11:35, 3:00) 6:35, 9:50; **Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:15, 11:50, 12:30, 2:10, 2:50, 4:30, 5:15) 6:55, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00; Penguins of Madagascar (PG) Fri-Sun (10:10, 12:20, 2:40. 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **The Hobbit: The Battle** of the Five Armies (PG-13) Fri-Sat (12:35, 3:30) 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 Fri-Sun (10:35, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun (12:35, 3:30) 6:30, 8:00, 9:30; The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies in 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:10, 1:05, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **Top Five** (R) Fri-Sun (12:15, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:20; **Wild** (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:10, 4:55) 7:45, 10:30

NORTH COASTAL **CARLSBAD**

Cinépolis La Costa

6941 El Camino Real (760-603-8638) Call theater for program information.

Moviemax Plaza Camino Real 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

Cinépolis Del Mar

12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045) Call theater for program information.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) AWAKE, THE LIFE OF YOGANANDA (PG) Wed-Thu(Dec 17-18): 4:00, 6:00, Fri-Sat(Dec 19-20): 4:00, Sun-Thur(Dec 21-25): 4:00, 6:00; GONE GIRL (R) Wed-Thu(Dec 17-18): 8:00, Fri-Sat(Dec 19-20): 6:00, 9:00 Sun-Thu(Dec 21-25): 8:00; ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R) Fri: Midnight

OCEANSIDE

Digiplex Mission Marketplace

431 College Blvd ((760) 806-1790) Annie (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05) 10:30; **Exodus: Gods** and Kings 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:15) 5:25, 8:30; Fury (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:15) 5:20, 8:15: Horrible Bosses 2 (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:15; Interstellar (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:40) 6:30, 10:10: Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45) 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:20; **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) Tri-Sun (11:05, 1:30, 3:50) 6:20; The Hobbit:

The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13)

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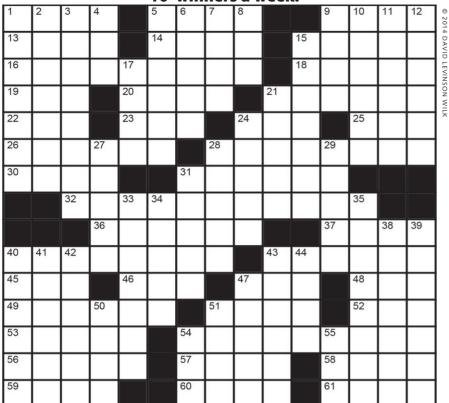
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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.

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 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. "Tootsie" Oscar nominee
- 5. Stupefy
- 9. Educated guesses: Abbr.
- 13. Only country whose capital starts with "Q": Abbr.
- 14. School recalled in Orwell's "Such, Such Were the Joys"
- **15.** Hidden store
- **16.** Give a Kennedy a French kiss?
- 18. Milo of "The Verdict"
- **19.** Mercedes models
- 20. 1974 Sutherland/Gould spoof
- **21.** Harps (on)
- 22. R&B singer with the hit "It's All About Me"
- **23.** "Live ____ _" (Taco Bell slogan)
- **24.** Energy
- 25. Music genre
- **26.** Battle cry
- 28. An Op-Ed piece written in defense of management, presumably?
- **30.** Snookums
- 31. Nader's 2000 running mate
- **32.** One who takes a scalpel to a common cereal ingredient?
- 36. It comes with all the bells and whistles
- 37. Prego competitor
- **40.** What a person is in after making a surprising discovery?
- **43.** Rifles with tiny shots
- 45. Course listing
- 46. "Viva _____ Vegas!"
- **47.** Hosp. designation
- 48. Freelancer's encl.

Citv:

- 51. High point
- 52. Airport alternative to JFK or LGA
- 53. Students take them in class 54. Words after a digression (or with the exception of this answer's final letter, a remark
- on this puzzle's completed grid)
- **56.** Wintry temps
- 57. Throna
- **58.** Slightly
- **59.** "____ are ..." **60.** Really impresses
- 61. Barclays Center hoopsters

Down

- 1. Bristles
- 2. Devoted follower
- **3.** Keeps charging shots, say
- 4. Cleaning cloth
- 5. "Quantum Healing" author Chopra 6. Firm group: Abbr.
- 7. Actresses Saldana and Kazan
- 8. Finish 9. Allay
- **10.** Haul (around)
- 11. 1991 Geena Davis title role
- 12. Add zest to
- 15. Cattle drive participant
- **17.** "Semper Fidelis" org.
- **21.** Fix, as a computer program
- 24. Tony Gwynn, throughout his career

State:

- 27. Rich tapestry
- **28.** Cum

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29. Corp. shake-up

31. Exams with analytical reasoning parts: Abbr.

33. Naive

34. Big tournaments for university

- teams, informally
- 35. Sicken
- 38. Chews on, as a bone
- **39.** They get you in
- **40.** Not against trying
- 41. Like many Madonnas
- 42. Gave a keynote, say
- 43. Gets on
- 44. Overdo it in the sun
- 47. Caterpillar rival 50. Hamiltons
- 51. "What a relief!"
- 54. "Huh?"
- **55.** Looking sickly

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baitcaster reels or poles Bass Fishing Swim Baits - \$90 I have an assortment of swim baits for sale. Various sizes and styles. \$90 for all. 619-993-6232

WATERFRONT

6'6" Firwire Tomo V4 - \$500 6'6" x 20 1/2" x 2 7/8" - 42.2L - 5 Fin Futures.

20 1/2 x 2 1/8 - 42.2L - 5 Fin Futures. Basically brand new, only taken out once. No dings not even pressure dings on the deck and board is still bright

white w/ black logo's. It just didn't worl for me, board is impeccable. 858-344-

Fishing reels - \$20 (Clairemont) 4

spinning reels for sale. One Shimano AX2000, one Quick 1202, one is Diawa d shock, and a Quantum SX long strokel Selling for 20 whole lot. The old lady is making me get rid of all my extra gear. 858-333-9832

9'1 LONGROARD SURF ROARD - \$295

water tight, ready to surf. Dimensions 9'1"" long x 23" wide x 3" thick. Comes with all fins. Call or text 760-456-9299

Daiwa 8'6" Fishing Rod - \$30 Nice

Dawa 8'6" Hishing Nod - \$50 NICe rod for surf fishing, this is a lighter weight spinning rod, super fun for surf fishing with light line but can still get your bait out there. All graphite and rated for 6-10# line. This is really a light steelhead river rod but works great for slinging a small lead head grub in the surf. 808-778-9990

- \$300 Kayak for sale, comes with adjustable paddle. L/XL vest, and black

crate, all for \$300 cash only, no trades, no tattoos. 619 571-3853

Vintage bamboo fishing rods - \$10 Vintage bamboo fishing rods. asking \$10.00 each or best offer. Call 760-

Erand New 6'2" x 19.75 x 2.63 Xanadu "Zany" Surfboard - \$450 Brand New 6'2" x 19.75 x 2.63 Xanac "Zany" Surfboard. FCS fins included. 760-612-8100

Cal star fishing rods - \$100 Two Calstar state of the art fishing rods- one GFTR 765-L 30-80 granite trolling rod and one BWC 670C. 20/50 Both in good shape 619-520-9125

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Yakima Surf Racks for 2003-2008
Toyota 4Runner - \$85 Racks are in great shape. Slight petina on aluminum housing which can be easily painted. Rubber still excellent. These do not lock, however Yakima still makes the locks for them. Bars are longer for side to side boards or larger items. Bars are \$80 new. Make an offer 909-510-2289

Aluminum Valco and Bayliner16ft

is registered and tagged. Title in hand I also have a 1992 17ft bay liner with

railer just needs motor. Any questions call or text 619-655-8377 or 619-206-7757 or trade for some nice saltwater

Pelican Anex 100 Fishing Kayak

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CENTER CONSOLE OPTIONS.

STEERING -Several options to convert your boat to a center console would apply to dinghies, skiffs and inflatable boats. Comes with the steering and the controls, wires, switches, cables, etc. 858-568-2939

858-568-2939

8'8 PADDLEBOARD WITH PADDLE
CHEAP!! - \$660 8'8x28x4.25 perfect for small or intermediate surfers. Board has never seen the water! Brand new and ready to go, fins, leash, and deckpad are included. 760-815-1212

8' Vintage Custom salt water rod completely wrapped - \$65 Old fishing pole/rod. Vintage custom saltwater rod. Great piece for display. 8' long. Completely wrapped. It's a beauty 858-335-3624

000-330-3024

10' Sun Dolphin Journey Sit-On
Fishing Kayak - \$240 Selling my brand
new 10' Sun Dolphin Journey Sit-On
Fishing Kayak for \$240. First with cash
takes it. Dimensions: 120"L x 30"W

x 11"H Text or call 858-249-8659

Scuba Pro Scuba Gear Full Set - \$600 Complete diving set. Scuba Pro Large Black Classic BC with Air2, Scubapro Regs and Guages, Scubapro Mask/ Snorkel/Fins, Scuba Pro titanium knife, dive gloves, booties. Weights and belt, large storage bag, game bags, spare parts and first aid kits. Xlarge Titaniun Dive wetsuit. 1-aluminum and 1-steel tank. Barely used. 858-663-0283

Shimano Baitrunner 3500 Spinning reel - \$45 firm. This reel is in perfect working order.

Cash Only, No Checks or Money orders. Daytime pick up. Please TEXT for faster response. 619-942-2165

Penn Squal SQL30VSW - \$250 o.b.o. Penn 2 speed..new never been used. Too big for me, will trade for a smaller size 2 speed about same value. 619-227-8672

Scuba Equipment Seapro Sm BCD Jacket and 2 Wetsuits - \$50 firm. Seapro Inc BCD Jacket Size Small Pink and black, Scubapro Profile 3 full dive wetsuit Mens Medium, Oneill sleeveless dive wetsuit with velcro shoulder. Medium, All in Excellent condition 760-

SUP- KINGS - \$650Stand up paddle board, hand shaped by Dave Daum at Kings. 9'2"x 29"x4" Excels as a nose rider but make no mistake this board surfs all around with incredible performance. 1500.00 new asking 650.00. No Trades Cash Only 858-

Soft surfboard car racks! Rusty-Del Mar - \$25 Put your surfboard on top of your car with these easy, light-weight soft racks made by Rusty. 602-358-

Custom Michel Juned 10' Long Board \$650 Junod longboards cost over \$1000 and are hard to come by because they sell quickly. Shaped from high density foam and with a 5/8 inch dark cedar stringer, volan glass and a black glass on D fin. 831-234-7661

Body Glove Boogie Board Rush 425 - \$25 Brand New. Orange color on one side and a waves on the other. With leash. 619-241-0876

Morey Skim Board - \$15 Morey skim n good condition. Asking \$15 OBO Please call John at 760-421-

Shimano Tackle Bag NEW with 6 new trays - \$60 Perfect condition all zippers work fine, no issues. New Tackle bag with 6 trays. I'm near Navajo Rd and the 125. 619-246-1283

Cal 30 sailboat not Catalina or Columbia sail boat + \$3400 Boat in yard ready to finish. Owner financing available, has diesel engine, folding prob, all sails and mast. Trailer available for 7500 call 619-356-3770 trades/ offers accepted \$5000 and you get free shipping plus free storage for 3 months

shipping plus free storage for 3 months

16' aluminum fishing boat with

trailer - \$1000 16' Valco boat, Johnson

9.9 two stroke,6 gal gas tank, trolling,
fish finder, 2 swivel seats, bow and
stern lights. Needs battery. Currently
registered, have title. Great for bay,
lake, lobster hooping. No lowballs,
willing to take fishing gear in part for
trade. (619) 300-4289

F470 military zodiac 16.5 feet 10 people - \$1400 sweet military rib zo with roll up aluminum floor. rated for 40 horse Power, 10 people. Fast and stable/ speed tubes. Not pvc and will not degrade in the sun like the newer boats will. 619-356-3770

Firewire Tomo Vanguard 5'8" - \$600 Firewire Tomo vanguard. 5'8" no dings. Includes thruster fin setup. 619-417-

USED Tahoe SUP Bliss Model - \$1250 USED Tahoe SUP Bliss Model - \$1250 126" long, 28" wide, 25 lbs, 210 lb. capacity. Torsion Box 10" DURAfin Displacement hull Extra comfort handle, pad Front/Rear deck plugs Bambootech top / bottom construction Carbon fiber rails. Board Bag, coiled Leash included. Great cond. 760-722-0195

6hp evinrude outboard - I have a 2 stroke 6hp running outboard motor. Pushes my 17ft aluminum boat with no problem Looking to trade for 9mm ammo, Nixon 51-30 watch or fishing gear. Bait caster reels, spinning reels, poles any question 619-655-8377

poles any question o 19-000-007.

4 Fishing Rods good shape - \$50

Zebco Mercury spincaster w/Zebco rod,
Zebco Bullet spincaster w/Shimano
Rod. Zebco Rhino RSC3 w/Storm

Thunder Stick Rod (never used) Zebco
33 w/Shakespeare Micro Graphite Rod.

Total corell 610-540-70107 Text or call 619-540-O107

Great fishing boat - \$1200 Beach craft open bow boat, it's not the pretiest boat out there.but it floats doesn't take on any water motor runs, I take it out in the bay all the time to go fishing. Seats 6. Also comes with a tube for play time. 541 646 1414

Hurricane Redbone Fishing Rods \$139-\$159 MSRP - \$60-80 extremely lightweight (look like bass rods) but have power up to 200# line. 760-918-9303

Ripcurl full wetsuit XL - \$100 obo Dawn patrol e4 tech, 3:2 seal. Worn once, doesn't fit me right. Paid \$180 new. Can't even tell it's been worn once Holidays are right around the corner. Great gift! Txt/call 619-997-5980.

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14 ft Valco aluminum boat & trailer - \$850 1973 14 ft Valco with trailer, new carpeted seats, 2 swivel seats, anchor, gas tank, bait tank, life jackets, pole holders. Registered w/title. Both fresh water and salt water tags. Great for lobster hooping, bay, lakes, paddies. No motor 760-586-7228

Pelican case 1740 brand new - \$250 obo I have a brand new pelican case with no markings and brand new uncut foam. Text me at 503-307-5944

5'11' Bill Johnson short board - \$70 Used 5'11 Bill Johnson short board. Rounded pin. Show signs of significant use but is still a fantastic board. Very light with a good glassing. Great beginner or overall beater/mess around board. 619-520-4066

Calstar Grafighter 800m rod - \$150 Custom black and green wrapped rod is in good condition with Fuji guides. Will consider trade for a Phoenix black diamond 8'+ rod or Calstar 9' jigstick only, with some cash on my side. 619-892-1672

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Kids Shorty Surf Suits - \$37 ea. Great condition. Two quality 3-2mm Shorty Surf Suits, Winning Edge (WE) size-M (8) and Jobe size-8. Both wetsuits have been thoroughly cleaned! Depending on your kids' size, should fit about 8-10yr old boy or girl. 619-933-8941

Sail boat with motor/trailer - \$1900 Sail boat with motor and trailer \$1900 or \$1500 without motor. Just the sailboat has current registration call 619-621-9951 for more info No flakes please.

Sept 1 for more inio No lakes please.

Kayak-cobra fish and dive - \$580

Cobra Fish and Dive kayak is probably the most popular and must trusted fishing kayak out there. Good condition. Comes with upgraded Crack of Dawn inflated seat and paddle. It's a hard decision to sell but situation has changed and I don't use as often. 619-726-1452

Hyperflex Wetsuit - \$150 Hyperflex AMP 3/2mm taned and alvert Hyperflex Wetsuit - \$150 Hyperflex AMP 3/2mm taped and glued seams. Stay warm this winter! Used once. It did not fit me properly, that why I'm selling. No rips, tears. Perfect shape! Medium men's 858-220-9436

Penn Fishing Reel 320 LD - \$60
Excellent Condition Penn single speed lever drag/level-wind 320 reel. Brought it out on my boat a couple times but never actually fished it. Text only. 619-656 720/A never actually fished it. Text only. 619-565-7304 **Two person hobie kayak 14 ft** - \$600

Comes with two seats, two paddles, all the plugs. Good condition. Text 760 533 9340

Wanted! Shimano TN 30 gold fishing reel- I want to buy or trade for shimano tn 30 or tn 20 gold. Ihave cash, Avet or Newell reels to trade. Call or text 760-522-7979

Longboard Noserider 10 foot Donald Brink - \$850 Beautiful 10 Foot Nose Rider, handcrafted by Donald Brink.
Triple Stringer, Single Fin. Condition
is 9.5 out 10, mint, no dings, cracks,
stress marks. I picked it up at the recent Leucadia surfboard swap. I have too many boards and 2 new ones coming. 619-602-2529

619-602-2529
Surf Board with case awesome
surfboard - \$300 8 ft (epoxy) surf
board, Made by Vernor surfboard wit
storage bag. This board is valued at
1000 + new 619-808-5070

Jointed fishing lures - Pike, minnows, Jointed fishing lures - Pike, minnows, and more! Cheap prices ranging from 2\$-155 The more you buy the better the deal! I have irons and trolling jigs and all sorts of poles and reels!! Any type of fishing, let me know what you're looking for. Trades considered. 858-952-4575

BRAND NEW Custom Surfboard
5'11" Al Merrick Proton Template
\$250 I've never used this board. Thi
is a custom 5'11" high-performance
shortboard based on the Al Merrick
Proton template. 757-447-3950

Surfboard classic longboard from

1960's - \$850 Classic 1960's era Surfboard, 10' 02" no dings, no surf shop label, \$850. Call 760 994-5790 Daiwa SLD 30 - 2 Speed Reel - \$180 full metal frame and very strong drag loaded with 80 pound spectra. great freespool and very clean. Perfect for trolling, yo-yo jigs or bait. Text 858-722-7865

Scubapro wetsuit 5mm with zippers - 660 Scubapro wetsuit 5mm with zippers in excellent condition. Size ML which says fits Height 5'10" - 6'0" Weight 155 - 175 lbs Chest 34" - 40" Waist 31" - 33"-760-884-3179

Shimano Trinidad TN30 - \$280 For Shimano Trinidad TN30 - \$280 For sale is a perfectly working shimano Trinidad In30, just got serviced by Pacific Bait and Tackle. They also replaced the bearings. Also for sale is a 7° ML Calstar Grafighter line #20-40 also in good condition. Price is \$140 Buy both and it'll be yours for \$400, great combo for tuna. Please txt 760-580-2577

Vintage 5'6" G&S Twin-fin - \$250 Vintage 5'6" G&S twin-fin I bought in 1983 at the Gordon and Smith surf shop in Pacific Beach. Board has been shop in Pacific Beach. Board has been kept in a travel bag since 85 in storage Shaped by Hank Warner and has star fins. In great shape. 858-255-1655.

11'3" SUP by Amundson Design Hawaii - \$350 Although this is an older model it is comparable to Amundson Design's Impulse 11'0". 858-353-5194

Carver Max SurfBoard Rack for Bicycle - \$75 Almost New Longboard Rack! Cheapest Online price is \$99 plus shipping. \$75 Firm. 619-921-7572 SCUBA REEL - \$110 Brand new deep

outdoors wreck reel 400' Call or text 619-871-8281 Stewart Long board 9" - \$700 Great long board few bumps! Custom made for me from Stewart in San Clemente. Call and leave a msg or text I will get back to you soon as I can 760-576-

7523. Great opportunity 6' 0 Fishtail shortboard - \$100 6'0 Fishtail shortboard incl Dakine board bag MANNKINE nose got busted 2nd time out. Re-done by a great shaper, fixed up now and rides amazing! 125\$ with bag 619-862-5385

7 ft. Surfboard good surf Buy Burns \$155 Great local board made in LA grip top tri fin. Good shape. Wet suit, add \$30 858-779-1117

Posu 858-7/9-1117

Penn International II 50sw trolling reel - \$325 This is a nice 2 speed trolling reel. Looks unused just a couple nicks full of 60# mono. These cost 650 plus tax plus line save 350.00 or so. Great Xmas gift give me a call or text. 951-322-5498

Vintage Ocean City Fishing Reel #320 - \$27 obo. I am selling clean used working old spinning reel in box (box

Womens Wetsuit size 14 (more like 10-12) - \$60 Gladiator 3/2mm Proformance full wet suit. Wife no longer needs it because she bought a new wetsuit. Still in great condition, always rinsed and dried after every use. Great for surfing or snorkeling, tho a little to thin for diving on the west coast. 858-344-7663

6'5" Rat surfboard - \$90 6'5" x 18 1/4' x 2 1/4" surfboard shaped by Rat Battisti in ok condition, a little discolored but not dinged up no delam or stress cracks. 619-792-4862

9.6' 23" 2 7/8 Lost Mayhem Custom Longboard. Trifin. Carrying case -\$500 This is a custom board made by Lost. Had this board made a few years ago. This "Lost Toes" board was in ago. This "Lost Toes" board was in commemoration of my lost toes. Sadly, this makes me a really crappy surfer. So I am losing the board as we are downsizing. Board is in excellent shape. No cracks, very few minorcompression dings. Includes leash, travel bag. Call or text \$500.00 OBO 858-344-7489

Fishing reels for sale - Shimano Bait-runner #6500 like new \$75.00 2ea jig masters penn \$25.00 ea. Penn senator 112h \$35.00, Shimano CS 300, A Corsair like new \$35.00, Abu Garcia 5500C \$25.00, Abu Garcia with Finwick rod \$45.00, Zebco reels \$10.00 ea. 619 977 8389

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Brand new channel island al merrick
5'9 m 4 surfboard - \$430 5'9 18 7/8"
2 5/16" 27.2 L volume. Like brand new,
rode one time on surf trip. I have 2,
this is an al merrick custom made for a
surf trip! Love the Board. This will sell
fast!! The custom paint is amazing! Has
future fins setup and a brand traction
pad. Call 858-335-2185

Step up surfboard TDK - \$300 7'4" x 18.75" x 2.5" No dings ever, only surfed on really good days. I'm to heavy for it now if you have a similar step up with more volume I would consider a trade. 619-417-9550

Body board "Team Madrid Pro Channel " - \$25 Good condition, fast board, 41" Team Madrid Pro Channel body board. 619-392-1561

True Ames 7" Fin - \$35 Brand New Blue True Ames California Classic Center Fin. Nice amount of rake for performance and nose-riding. 336-3706

Brand new O'neill 7mm j-type srand new O'neill 7mm j-type wetsuit with hood. size small will trade 4 surf - \$200 Brand new with tags. Size small. Never worn. Cash or trade for small wave style surf board or long board 619-609-3322

Fins, SCUBA, Atomic Split, Size: Medium - \$75 Atomic Split fins size medium. Good condition 858-357-6221

Cold Water High Quality Surf Wetsuits and Gear - \$20 I have many wetsuits. Shortys. farmer johns, full suits etc. Oniell, Bare, Patagonia etc. Also a few hoods booties and surf gloves. please call me for details. Sorry no text 619-947-1531

Negotiable 8' Longboard Surfboard - \$390 8' Bill Minard. Great for beginner to advanced surfboards. 858-333-7596

Water Rower - \$675 Original owner. Water Rower in Good condition. With display and manual. 619-992-9399

MOREY boogle boards - MOREY 42" Red/White boogle board-\$35 MOREY 42" Blue/Vellow boogle board-\$35 CXS 38" boogle board-\$25 All in very good condition. 858 676-5305 Cell 530 314-1200

Isurus Elite Full Wetsuit - \$85 Mens Small (115-130 lbs) low wear, 232 Chest zip, air tight seams (glued, blind stitched, taped) 858-336-3706

Penn Reels & Seeker Rods Usedhave 6 Penn reels & 2 Seeker G270, G870, Penn Int'l 975LD, Torque 200, Torque 300, Rods and Int'l are barely used. Senator 114H, Pier 209, Senator 9/0still in good condition. Asking for a package price or by pieces. 619-794-8749 text only.

Triathlon wetsuit and Seal goggles - \$25 I have about a dozen quality triathlon wetsuits some new, some almost new. priced from \$25 for snall almost new. priced from \$25 for snall ones that were originally \$498 to \$108 for largest suits. Seal brand swim Goggles are mostly new or same as new. \$38 new, my price \$15 Call 619 395 3529 sorry. no text.

Rip Curl Surf Booties - \$10 Flash bomb booties size 12 Call or text me if interested. 805 377 1940

Surfboard Ezera 6'2" tri-fin - \$75 6'2" x 18" x 2" 1/4, has like 6 minor surface dings that need repair, very light board, no soft spots, tri-fin, good condition, great deal \$75.00 (619) 392-1561

Youth/Kids 14 spring wetsuit - \$25 New condition, no rips or stains. Size 14 Black JOBE Fits Wt. 55-70 lbs. and Ht. 4'4-4'7- 858 676-5305 Cell-530 314-1200

SCUBA Wetsuit and Sherwood BCD \$300 Men's Large Henderson 7mm div wetsuit. 8 yrs old, used ten Xs, like new shape. Includes hood, Henderson Dive Skin and Sherwood Genesis BCD. I take care of all my dive gear and store it in bedroom in the house. 619-977-0702 Wet suit - \$40 (size md -large 40euro)

dition used once by girl. 619 971 4970

Beginner Surfboard - \$40 5'.5' beginner surfboard, soft board, three fins and leash, used once. No rips, Great for kids under 100 lbs \$40.00 firm. Text 619-665-2862

Canoe Coleman 15' Outfitter - \$350 Nice canoe, comes with two paddles. Has storage in seats. Very stable for 2 or 3 people. Come take a look. Thanks Call 619-838-8605

Large mares fins. Military edition \$100 Set of Mares Plana Avantifica-\$100 Set of Mares Plana Avanti fins . Please text me for details. 813-716-4705

Longboard surfboard 9'2" - \$322 OBO Great longboard. Has a few repaired spots but overall in great shape. Will consider trades just le me know. Looking for archery targ arrows, hunting gear, tree stands 813-716-4705

Wake Boards - \$45 Wake Boards \$45 Great Shape & Lots of Fun! 619 each - Gr 210-5363

Boogle Board - \$25 Like new boogle board for sale, only used once. Call or text if interested 619-316-5856

Quiksilver Neo Goo Surf Booties size 9-10 - \$40 Quiksilver Neo Goo Surf Booties. Size Medium 9-10 Booties are in fair condition there are a couple of tears on the back of the bootie that have been repaired with thread/neo rez 208-818-4037

Old Russell surfboard trashed Son Russell surrboard trashed - \$60 Robert "Russell" Brown shaped. Newport Beach surf shop shaper since the 60's. 6"9" x 19" wide. Split stringer, and written logo. \$60. Condition is trashed, collectable wall hanger. Call between 9am - 5pm @ (619) 276-8535

Nice duck host seats - \$25 I have 3 original Polk boat seats for sell. They are both the tall and the short ones with built in coolers/storage boxes under the seat. Call 619-838-8605.

Oceanmaster 10ft surf rod 1-4oz w/ Oceanmaster 10ft Surf rod 1-402 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 40z rating. Retail: \$160 Daiwa Sealine-X SL-X30SHA Ultra High Speed Retail: \$132. Like new. Price firm. 619-995-

Penn Fathom 30 and Daiwa CVX-Penn Fathom 30 and Daiwa CVX-300A fishing reels - \$120 Up for sale 2 reels, a Penn Fathom 30 filled with 300 yds of 40lb Suffix mono-\$150. Daiwa CVX300A baitcaster with 2 handles and filled with 25lb P-Line mono \$120. Call 619-200-7528

Trident Scuba Diving Weight Belt Weights, and Kona Weights Bag %60 Used 3 times. Excellent condition. Included: 2 ea. Of coated weights (in blue): 2 lbs, 3 lbs, and 4 lbs, Black Kona Weights Bag, Blue Trident Nylon Weight. No texts, please. 901-828-1238

Wakeboard and water ski's - \$20 Hiperlite wakeboard with bindings and bag \$20 Water skis with bag \$20 619-313-3979

Aqua Lung Sport Adult and Youth Proflex FX Mask, Snorkel, Fins Sets - \$25 I have several Aqua Lung Adult and Youth Sizes Mask, Fins and Snorkel Sets in storage. Youth Sets are \$25 Adult Sets are \$35. Various Sizes and Colors, get them now before they are all gone! Text 619-916-5839

are all gone! Text 619-916-5839

7'3" Wayne Rides Longboard

Surfboard - \$390 Hand crafted in

Goleta, Ca. Comes with FCS fins. Gree

for beginner(up to 150lb) to advanced

surfettes. Perfect for someon

transitioning from long to shortboard.

Good all around board. 858-333-7596 Great

Bass Fishing Gear - Fishing rods reels, float tube, waders, tackle, fishing bag. 619-609-6233

bag. 619-609-6233
NEW 677 Connelly Shortline Slalom
Water Ski w/Adj. Binding & Rope \$55 CL2259 - NEW. 75% off retail! The
front boot needs to be repaired due to
a tear in the rubber strap that velcros
the back of the boot. Please call/text at
(619Z) 994-2235. Thank you!

Sevylor Rio inflatable canoe kayak like new condition - \$195 Like new condition. Retails on Sevylor for \$439- I also have another brand new Sevylor Rio canoe in in the box and (2) Sevvlor ST6566 Sit on Top kavaks and one new in the box Sevylor Tahiti for sale as well. Thank you! 619-994-2235

Brand new 5'11 chemistry - \$320 I'm selling a 5'11x 20 1/4 x2 1/2 chemistry surfboard. I use this board only two times. So there is no dings and virtually no dents. If you're interested give a call 808 389 3387.

Ocean fishing gear- Well the season is winding down so I have decided to sell off some of my gear. I have mostly calstar, seeker, shimano, and phenix rods. For reels I have shimano trinidad 12, 14, 20 and 30. Torium 14 and 20. Tranx HG, Curado 300e, Calcutta 200b, 200te, 400te, 700 and 700te, Torsa 30, Tiagra 12 16 and 30-wide, TLD 30 and 50 and all kinds of newells!!!! I am available most days at 3:30 or 8:00pm Please text or call to make an appointment to come by. 760-672-7080

Laird SUP 12'1" - (stand up paddle included) - \$650 12'1" SUP - Laird Hamilton model. Surftech epoxy - super strong & light. Goes very well

in the open ocean, catches waves and handles well in the surf & cruises easily in the flat bay. I've always stored it in the garage and haven't used it in about 10 months. Everything included. Adjustable paddle (cost \$200 new), very light and strong. Text me at 619-244-7260. All week after 5:30.

Custom wrapped Ulua fishing rod \$450 Custom wrapped super seeke
Ulua rod. Green blank. Wrapped by Mike at bobs sporting goods in west LA. This rod is a piece of art. You have to see it in person to really appreciate it. It has a really nice weave right after the Turks head. Handle is wrapped with cord. Guides are top of the line Fuji SiC (silicon carbide, Fuji claims it to be the most advanced ceramic). Mike cut 4" off the top, this rod measures 9'6". 619-750-1676

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Custom Expedition Kayak - \$200
Seda Impulse design. Red- Excellent
condition but one small tic-tac size
scratch. 55 lbs fiberglass, custom
design, expedition layup. It does
not have a seat or seat frame. It has
bullheads in front and back. No rudder.
There are foot holds inside in the front.
These are adjustable and meant to pus
your feet against. Not for especially tall
people. 619-322-4855 ople. 619-322-4855

Waders: Stone Creek - \$40 2 Stone Creek Amphib 3.5mm Neoprene Stockingfoot Waders, Dark Green, One female one male size adult-small. Used only once. like new. Each \$40.00. 619-455-0818

G-Loomis Rods Fishing Rods -\$100IMX and GLX G-Loomis Rods all are conventional and near new. I also have one GL3. Call or Text if interested. Ranging from \$100 to \$150 619 997-5832

Life raft, Anchor, Chain, Rope Parachute Sea Anchor, Drogue GPS- I am selling cruising boats, so expensive gear has been removed and is for sale. Hundreds of items, most all new or in excellent condition. Way too much to list. Please just call if you are looking for gear, 619 395 3529

looking for gear. 619 395 3529
2011 aluminum triple axle 45 foot
boat trailer - \$5500 45 feet long has
3- 8k rated axles gooseneck style boat
trailer and can be switched to 5th whee
for 200 bucks has tires are in very
good condition. Cal title in hand ready
for trade or cash. Will owner finance
@6000 bucks or cash price of \$5500.
619-356-3770

Hyperlite wake board - \$80 Hyperlite
Perez wake board in good condition

Perez wake board in good condition with just a few minor surface scratches. 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

611 Larry Mabile Twinzer Fish
Surfboard - \$500 Used less than 10
times - no dings or pressure spots.
Super fun board but it's a little too big
for me. Comes with Larmo twinzer fins
(FCS system), 61" x 21.25 x 2.7 Board
is in mint condition. 210-365-1258

6'10 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!!! 15 Grumman aluminum camo canoe - \$200 Got this 15' Grumman canoe ready for duck season. It's a beater but years of abuse left. We used it for humphrey's shows. With two wood paddles, could use some varnish. Text is preferred. 805-276-7564

Is preletred. 80-276-7864

Hobie Adventure Island with Trailer
- \$4000 Hobie Mirage Adventure Island in excellent condition (as new) with Trailer. Included-Mirage drive, Padded seat, paddle, Heavy duty Plug in Cart Beach Wheels, Life vest and anchor. Trailer in good shape. Ready to sail Bay or Ocean 858-531-3810

Fishing pole (perfect for kayaking!) \$150 selling a fishing pole I have had for 3 years and have never used it. rod is a gloomis gl2 very nice and in excellent condition, specs on the rod are med heavy 10-20lb 3/8- 2 1/4 oz med-fast action call or text 619-504-4126

Vintage Deep Sea Fishing Rod - \$45 Vintage Deep Sea Fishing Rod - 619-729-5576

Bass crankbait & jerkbaits - \$60 I have 51 mixed crank baits and jerk baits (new and used) - a couple have a missing hooks, but besides that they're ready to fish and are not junk! 51 Lures-\$60 or make offer. 760.978.4629

Practically brand new surfboard, ridden twice. 6'5 - \$300 Really nice board, perfect for bigger winter. Just a little too big for me unfortunately. No pressure dings, no dings what so ever, as close to mint as it gets. 760-487-8145

Surf Board - \$195 BMS in perfect to surf any waves from 3 footers to 70 footers. 8'5" x19. Call 760-310-7295

footers. 8'5" x19. Call 760-310-7295

Y Longboard Surfboard - \$180 9'
x 22 1/4" x 3" Longboard Surfboard.
Perfect beginner to intermediate board.
Paddles well and catches waves easily.
This board is in good condition, water
tight and ready to surf. it's ready to
go surfing, Includes everything you
need...3 fins and leash included! Steve
619-995-5597

Yahima kayak Aero saddle and

Hullyroller - \$200 Yahima kayak Aero saddle and Hully-roller and straps for two kayaks \$200 for both OBO Pick up only 619-921-4966

2 person kayak w/paddles included -\$500 Beautiful 2 person kayak with storage and includes two paddles. Can fit a small 3rd person in between. Text fit a small 3rd person in between. Text at 213-458-1992.

Olin safety signal kit - \$60 Day and night signals. For boat or desert vehicles. \$60. obo 760 554 3664

Surfboard - \$700shaped by J. Grygera in San Diego . Dimensions- 8'10" x 22 1/4 x 2 7/8 This board is brand new and has never been surfed or waxed. 619-246-6932

KiteFish Kiteboard - \$200 Liquid Force board is in mint condition. Used 4 times and always kept inside my garage. I never got into the kitesurfing sport but was told that this was the board to use for beginner to intermediate level. \$450.00 New. Call me for more info @ 760-419-9661

Orvis fishing waders - \$50 Like new Orvis fishing waders in very good condition. Size 11s don't fit so they must go to someone who can use them to catch lots of fish! \$50.00 or best offer gets these awesome waders. 619-922-7693

Fishing reel - \$200 2-Speed triton beast master 80/130# double strike drag. 619-247-2195 drag. 619-247-2195

float tube Fish Cat 4 - \$150 I have an awsome Fish Cat 4 for sell. Its perfect for lakes, ponds or the bay. It has no leaks and is ready to go. Please no low ballers on this one. Can take it to you or meet you somewhere. 619-548-9766

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-

Vintage fly fishing reel made in japan - \$20 Vintage compac model 26 fly fishing reel Made in Japan. 408-429-0145 449-8962

9'6" Stewart Longhoard Surfboard - \$640 9'6" Stewart Surfboards Hydro Glide. Please visit their website for details. Great for beginner to advanced surfers. 858-333-7596

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 hand selected and purchased through a broker that deals only in cane for building fly fishing rods. Culms are checked (drying checked) and cured. Each pole was individually selected for size, strong power fibers and straightness. Each 12 foot cane pole is capable of making two rods. \$250 for all ten culms. 858-367-0191 Please leave your phone number when inquiring.

Brand New SEVYLOR Rio™ 1-Person Inflatable Fishing Canoe Kayak -\$225 SEVYLOR Colorado™ Canoe - Hunt Fish Model. Brand new in box Retails 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!

Thank you!

Wet Suits. Women's and Men's - \$120-150 Women's BARE wetsuit, 7 mm, size 11/12, BARE wet jacket, 7 mm, sz 13/14, DIVESKIN, sz medium; easy on, easy off. All in great condition never used. \$120 gets all 3 pieces. Men's OCEANQUEST wet suit, size XL, wet jacket, sz XL, 8 mm. Hood and DIVESKIN. All in very good condition. \$150 gets all 4 pieces. 619-843-8499

8 Fishing Rod Display Rack in Excellent Condition! - \$30 | 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.

2- SCUBAPRO MK5 & 109 / 156 UPGRADED REGS - \$250 I have 2 sets of scuba pro mk5 109 upgraded to balanced 156 reg set that have been just completely gone through & rebuilt. \$250 for set or best offer. Will separate. 619-889-8100six

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? Custom 5J 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: 8125 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 surfhoards - Three 3 good condition surriboards - Infee 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

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 or to see. 619-660-9243 Landline - do

Kiteboarding kite new 11m - \$600 New in bag switch kite element2 11m color red. Save over \$100 from company call or text Dave at 619-443-

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 \$1000. I've only surfed this board twice. Cash only-No trades. 619-248-5464

Cabrinha kite surf gear - \$300 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

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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

2 Kayaks for sale - \$300 2 one man kayaks for sale. Great condition hardly used. One sit inside type, the other sit on top. Both with dry storage. Fishing pole holder, seats, life jackets and oars included. Asking \$300 each or both for \$500. 619-212-1891

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LOST 6'3 surfboard shaped by MATT
"mayhem" BIOLOS - \$500 original
LOST short board custom shaped by
Matt "Mayhem" Biolos, the founder of
LOST Surfboards. it's 6'3 with hand
drawn designs by Matt himself. Will
trade for a nice noserider. SPECS: 2805
- 6'3 - 18 ¼" – 2 1/8" 619-780-7430

Aqua Lung US Divers Knife SEA HAWK Scuba Knife - \$80 For sale is my Sea Hawk Aqua Lung Dive Scuba Knife with strap case. Stainless steel blade with measurement marks. Top brand andquality for dive knife. Asking \$80 Call Chris at 619-726-3731

Inner tube float u-boat - \$125 Like new inner tube float great for fishing and cruising down the river comes w fins and a life vest. Plenty of storage pockets on the float rugged no leaks 619-212-1891

Calstar WCDH 690J/Shimano Torium 16 - \$225 Calstar 9' 20-40# jig stick with a Shimano 16, 6.2:1 reel. Rod in very good cosmetic shape. Reel has usual boat rash. A fine combo for throwing the iron. 619 449-8962

Abu Garcia BlackMax Combo - \$50 In good shape. Still smooth as the day I bought it. Doesn't get much use so I'm letting it go. 619-952-0133 let me know if you want pics or more info, text works best. Thanks.

9'0" SUP FOR SALE - \$550 9' Stand up paddle board for sale. Includes Gerry Lopez fin set. Great board...light and surf's well. I don't get out much on it any

surf's well. I don't get out much on it any more and it's just collecting dust. Time to make some room in the garage. Scott Chandler custom design. 858-361-9090

Fishing poles & gear - \$125 5 fishing rods, 8 reels ALSO tackle boxes wiflies, lures, weights, bait & more, exc cond all \$125. call Paul 858-486-2597

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2 Wake board decks - \$50 2 wake boards 50 takes both call or text 884-0850

5'9" Firewire El Fuego - \$400 5'9" Firewire El Fuego in Excellent Condition. No dings, Minimal Pressure Dents in deck. 5 fin future setup. Awesome board, need to sell it to pay rent. Please call or text: 619-944-5749

rent. Please call or text: 619-944-5749

Vintage Grizzly-Fenwick FL-902 fly
fishing rod - \$75 l have a Vintage
Grizzly-Fenwick FL-902 fly fishing rod
for sale. This rod is a very rare find as it
was made i the 1950 when the co. name
was still Grizzle-Fenwick The FL stands
for fly rod. Rod is 7 1/2 ' long and is in
good shape. I'll also throw in a 8' sea
rod that has no markings but looks like
a vintage Fenwick. 619-549-3660

Shimano corsair reel c4 401 left

Shimano corsair reel ca 401 left hand reel bait caster - \$120.00 ea Hardly used with a Shakespeare pole Both are Left handed and work great. And an s 401 left hand \$120,00 each 619-454-0130

Super brand surfboard 5'11 - \$250 Selling my 5'11 x 19 1/8 x 2 5/16 Super Brand Toy, great board for any conditions minor pressure depts on conditions, minor pressure dent deck \$250 OBO 619-840-0470

Avet MXL 6/3 2 speed reel - \$230 I have a really nice Avet MXL 6/3 2 speed reel for sale! Reel is in excellent shape both mechanically 10/10 and cosmetically 9/10. Recently serviced at Squidco. Reel is loaded with 65# power pro. Great reel for all offshore and inshore applications. Yellowfin dorado, yellowtail, bottom fishing you name it. Cork buddy included with Phenix neoprene reel cover. \$230 firm! 858-333-9832

Vintage 50's/60's ocean fishing reels - \$125 Vintage fishing bait careels dating from the fifties and sixt All four for \$125.00 or \$35 each. 85

Fishing ocean kavak - \$599 Great fishing ocean kayak with 2 flush rod holders. Its 11 foot long and is very stable. I take it to La Jolla for yellow tails. Comes with seat, kayak carrier, paddle, fish finder, 3 lb anchor, custon live bait tube, milk crate with rod holders, and car carrier. \$599 obo. Text 918-202-4143

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USED Tahoe SUP Bliss Model - \$1250
12'6" long. 28" wide, 25 lbs, 210 lbs.
capacity, BOARD FEATURES: Torsion
BOx 10" DURA'sin Displacement hull
Extra comfort handle and pad Front/
Rear deck plugs Bambootech top /
bottom construction Carbon fiber rails.
Comes with Board Bag and Coiled
Leash. Minor Use, Great Condition
(no dings) Great Ocean or Flat Water
Paddler-760-722-0195

6'0 VIVARIAN Surfboard shortboard - \$175 6'0 x 18.6 x 2.3 future fins included. Ready to ride no damage or repairs. Great condition. Call or text 561-414-4510

Al Merrick surfboard OBO - \$300 3 Al Merrick boards-300 each OBO 760-692-7651

Old Devocean surf board - \$35 Old classic 6' short board, with a (double? fish tail), has a bubble in the top and a slight very minor ding on the bottom, and one fin. Cool looking old board. \$35 is cheap so that's my bottom line. Thanks 858-568-4380

Thanks 858-568-4380

Oceanic SCUBA Dive Computer & 500 Lumen LED Dive Light - \$150

Selling an Oceanic SCUBA Dive Computer (Data Plus Oceanic Glo / Scuba Dive Console) in great condition and a brand new 500 Lumen LED Dive Light. Computer comes with extra set of o-rings. Reads air pressure, temperature, depth, compass & more. Flashlight has never seen water and is Extremely Bright! Asking \$150 for both CALLS ONLY, no text or email. (760) 498-6179 Matt

Wetsuit 3/2 ripcurl fireskin fullsuit - \$80 I got a ripcurl fireskin 3/2 fullsuit extra-large short (XLS) in great condition. \$80 OBO. Any questions call or text. 361-779-8069

or text. 361-779-8069

S Assorted Vintage Fishing Poles
Garcia, etc. Used condition - \$100

I am selling 5 poles, a few with reels.
One is a Garcia which I believe is worth
almost 100 by itself. Ocean poles and
freshwater, a pole for all seasons. Reels
may need some lubrication as they
have not been used in some time. Keith
650-922-1974

Fishing Rod and Reel Very good
Condition ABU GARCIA - \$60 Great for
fresh or salt water. Master Grey Series
pole 9ft. Keith 650-922-1974

Surfboards - Rawson H 5.11 W 18.5 - \$100 Michael Waters H 6.0 W 18.75 - \$75 Shimbawar/Vonsoul H 6.0 W 19 \$150 or \$300 for all OBO Contact me texting or calling at 760-908-5745

8'2" Eaton BLB Bonzer shaped by Joe Bauguess - \$500 8'2" x 23" x 3" thick at the stringer. Eaton BLB Bonzer shaped by Joe Bauguess in excellent condition with board bag. \$500 FIRM.
Will also consider trades for small wave boards 5'8" and under of equal value. 760-845-1485

6'3" 6'5" 7'2" surfboards by Mario Zouvi - \$100 All three in great conditior
\$100 each 858-254-1253 Please call or text, thank you

text, thank you

Scuba equipment- Scuba pro seawing
novas extra large \$80 great shape. 1
aqua lung stretch 5 mil wetsuit, used
4 times, new condition \$130 XXXL. 1
Neosport 5 mil westsuit. Used about 40 dives \$50 XXXL. Xs scuba 5 mil boots sz 13 brand new \$30 Pocket weights 10 lbs total \$30, retail for \$50. Masks-scuba pro and oceanic \$25 a piece. 858-602-2946

Vintage surfboard from the 60s- Got a diwain surfboard from the 60s made only for a couple of years \$400 obo. Text 760-681-0080

Electric motor for Kayak, mounting bar and battery. Used once - \$100 Minn Kota Electric Trolling Motor with battery and bar mount for kayak. Looks and works like it is new, Looks and works like it is new, probably because it was only use once. Good value for this trifecta package.858-342-1271

package.858-342-12/1
Penn fishing reels - \$75 Penn
squidder 146 with tiburon red frame \$75
or obo...Penn Sqidder 140 with tiburon
red frame \$75 obo. Original owner. call
or text or email. 619-937-1125 thanks

FOUND GoPro camera on Cardiff Beach. Call to ID. Cheryl 760-815-5010 email: califcomedy@aol.com

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10 winners a week!

THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

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1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDRreader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will

 We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

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4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our **new** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eliaible.

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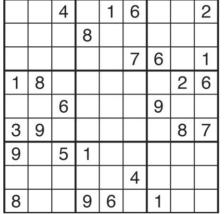
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

- Paula Henderson . La Jolla. 2.
- Robert Crumrine, San Diego, 2.
- Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 2.
- Larry Johnsgard, Escondido, 2.
- Thomas LaFleur, San Diego, 2.

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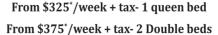
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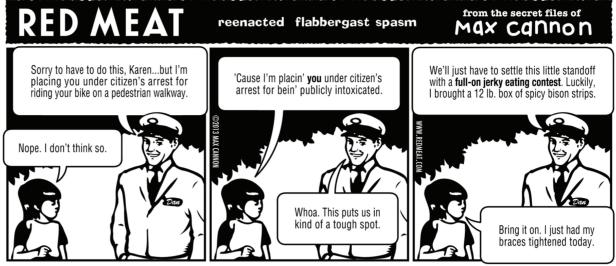
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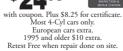
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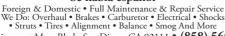
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 Nicholas Felton's latest annual recap of his personal communications data is now available, for just \$30. Key findings, graphically presented, of Nicholas's busy 2013 (according to a report by FiveThirtyEight.com): He received 44,041 texts and 31,769 emails, had 12,464 face-to-face conversations and 320 phone calls (all detailed by communicatee, from where, at what time, in what language). He reported 385 conversations, for example, with female cashiers, and that 54,963 exclamation points were used across all methods of written communication. (The 2012 report went for \$35, but is, along with 2010 and 2011, "sold out," according to feltron.bigcartel.com).

Can't Possibly Be True

- The U.K.'s Barnet Council got aggressive in August against a landlord in Hendon, in north London, who had defied an earlier order to stop offering a too-small apartment for residential rental. Landlord Yaakov Marom said tenants were still eager for the room even though the entryway required most people to drop to all fours, since it was less than 28 inches high (and therefore a fire-code violation). Council officers checking on the earlier order

against Marom found a couple still residing there, paying the equivalent of \$685 a month.

- When he was 19, Rene Lima-Marin (with a pal) robbed two Aurora, Colorado, video stores at gunpoint and, winning no favors from the judge, received back-to-back sentences totaling 98 years. In 2008, eight years into the sentence, Lima-Marin was mistakenly released and until this year was a model citizen, employed, married with a son, on good terms with his parole officer. However, the mistake was found in January, and he was returned to prison, and according to his lawyers in their August appeal, the original sentence has been reimposed, thus moving his release date to the year 2104.

- Among the more than 350 convicted violent felons whose right to carry guns has been restored over the past six years by the state of Georgia were 32 who had killed another person and 44 who were sex offenders, according to an August report in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. As pointed out by ThinkProgress.com, among those who once again can carry is Dennis Krauss, a former Glynn County police officer convicted of raping a woman after a traffic stop. According to the 2003 Georgia Court of Appeals decision affirming his conviction, Officer Krauss had drawn his service weapon and said he wanted to anally penetrate the woman with it. (However, he was convicted only for his extortionate demand for sex.)

For their first anniversary in August, Londoners Dan MacIntyre and Dunya Kalantery decided on an odd commemoration: their outsized fascination with their city's notorious 2013 crisis over the 15-ton "fatberg" that clogged a sewer line. They giddily donned waders and went exploring for more masses of the congealed-oil-and-sanitary-wipes, but told The Guardian that they mostly encountered only smaller chunks. (Update: Their timing was off; a "fatberg" "as long as a 747" was spotted in a sewer in west London about a week later.)

Close Enough for Government Work

- Florida was one of 26 states to decline billions in federal funding under the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") to establish their own state insurance "exchanges" (including expanding their state Medicaid programs). Florida legislators chose instead to offer a separate state program, funded at less than \$1 million, to provide a small level of assistance, including help to the 764,000 people whose low income

qualified neither for Medicaid nor Obamacare subsidies. The Tampa Bay Times reported in August that according to the most recent tally, the nine private plans under Florida Health Choices had registered 30 people (26 of whom receive only discount plans for prescription drugs or vision care).

Recent American Scenes

- A Washington State Patrol lieutenant pulled over a 28-year-old drunk driver on Aug. 9 in a logistically impressive arrest. The lieutenant, when he spotted the driver, happened to be in the 36-foot-long motor home converted to the department's mobile unit for processing DUIs, but nonetheless maneuvered the vehicle well enough to pursue and stop the driver.

- Sarah Espinosa, 22, crashed into a fire station in New Hyde Park, New York, on Aug. 4, notable for the involvement of two factors alcohol and the presence of a python draped around her neck. (She was charged with having just stolen the snake from a Petco store.)

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Winter Basics.

Meet Bruna.

Bruna is a student, part-time model and world language enthusiast from Amsterdam. She speaks Lebanese, English, Dutch and French. When she was younger she wanted to be a plastic surgeon; now she books for a modeling agency. She loves cooking (her favorite food is avocado but her nickname is "Brownie"), and when she isn't up all night studying she's usually watching horror movies in bed. After graduating university in 2014 she hopes to visit Japan, become fluent in Spanish and pursue a career in fashion. She is pictured here wearing the Cotton Spandex Jersey Long Sleeve Turtleneck,Ponte Mid-Length Pencil Skirt and Lightweight Crop Sweater.

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