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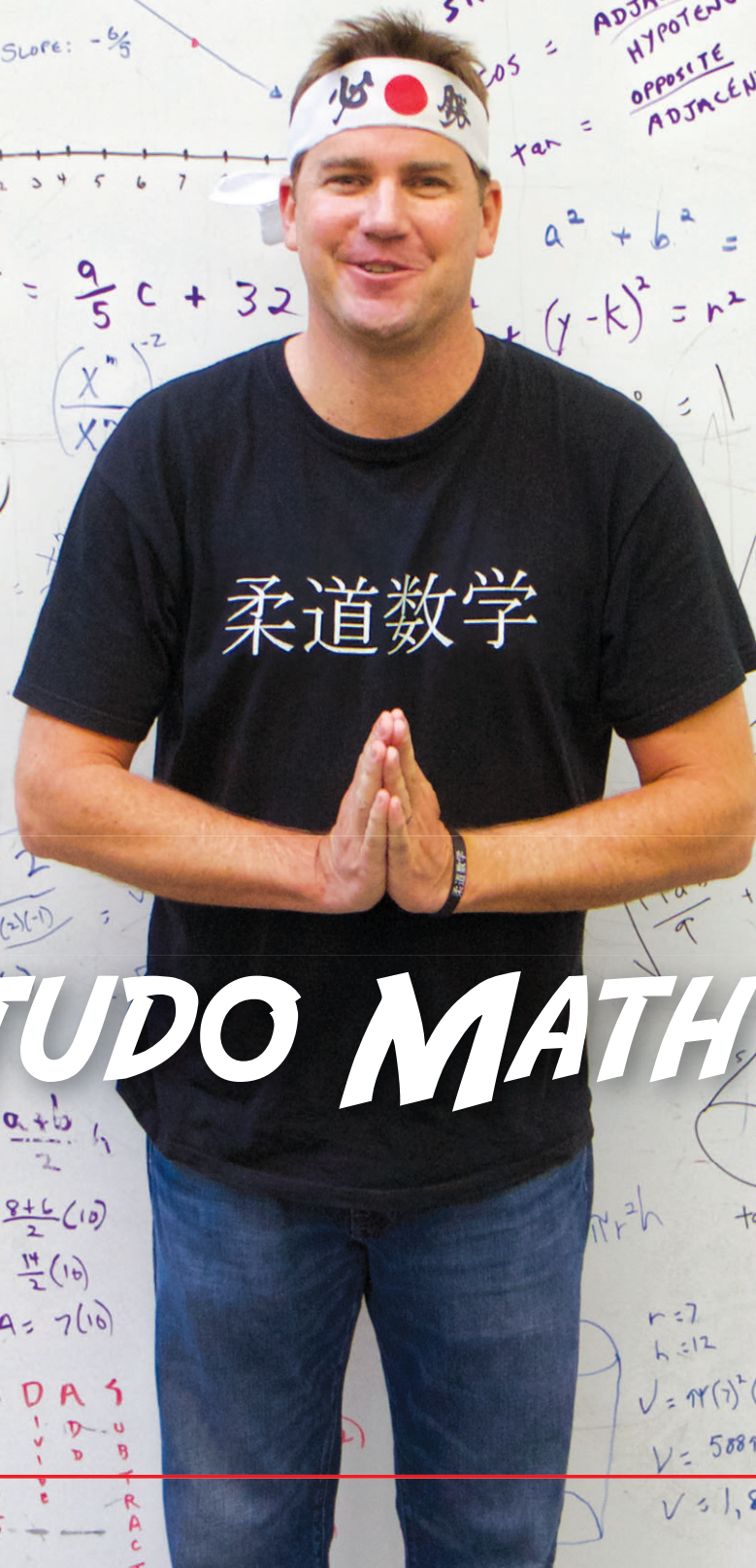
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

New faces at CPUC, but new broom unlikely

Political PR pro Picker to replace Peevey
Governor Jerry Brown named two new commissioners to the scandal-ridden California Public Utilities Commission on December 23.

Longtime Sacramento public relations pro Michael Picker, who was named a commissioner in January of this year, will take over the presidency, now held by Michael



Embroiled in controversy, CPUC president Peevey (pictured) will step aside for governor's appointee, Michael Picker.

Peevey, who is embroiled in controversy over the regulator's attempt to get a low-ball penalty for Pacific Gas & Electric, whose negligence caused the 2010 San Bruno explosion. A number of released emails have shown that Peevey, commissioner Mike Florio, and Peevey's onetime assistant worked sub rosa to help PG&E, which has fired executives who played footsie with CPUC officials and then sent the damning messages by email.

Before joining the commission, Picker was an advisor on renewable energy in the governor's office for five years. He was also a principal at public relations and campaign consulting firms in Sacramento. "He was Brown's right-hand man," says San Diego attorney Michael Aguirre, who has battled the CPUC on two major issues. "This is more of the same: he is a big political fundraiser and big labor guy." Aguirre pointed out that Picker voted for the so-called compromise in which ratepayers will be billed \$3.7 billion for the shutdown of the San Onofre nuclear plant, when, he believes, the shareholders should pick up the entire tab, because the accident was a result of mismanagement. "Picker voted for a plan that unfairly burdened ratepayers on San Onofre," says Aguirre, who believes Picker will be a clone of Peevey.

Don Bauder

Mutiny on the Google Glass

Price, addiction plague Navy's use of wearable gizmos

Google Glass, the wearable gadget from the search engine giant that has yet to become a roaring consumer success, could make a big splash among San Diego sailors.

At least that's what an experimental Navy project called Ocean AR, short for "Augmented Reality," hopes will happen,

though thus far it appears to be another of the military establishment's costly solutions in search of a problem, and may even cause dangerous addictions.

"It's a project aimed at trying to find applications and demonstrate those applications for Google Glass in full-spectrum Naval operations," Dr. Josh Kvale, an electrical engineer at the Navy's San Diego SPAWAR digs, recently told the Pentagon's "Armed with Science" website.

In February of this year, admiral Harry Harris, commander of the Pacific Fleet, was brave enough to show up at a weapon vendors' conference here adorned with the device.

"We've got a big shopping list," Harris told the assembled military contractors at an event called 2014 West. "We need platforms, we need weapons systems, cyber tools, handheld devices and, yes, even cool wearable optical devices — or WODs — like the one I'm wearing."

Besides the cost to taxpayers, the on-face gizmos may also be taking an addictive toll. In October, the *Guardian* reported that a San Diego sailor had to be detoxed from habitual use.

"The man had been using the technology for around 18 hours a day — removing it only to sleep and wash — and complained of feeling irritable and argumentative without the device," the newspaper reported.

The 31-year-old sailor had checked into the Navy's Substance Abuse and Recovery Program here. He was required to surrender his electronic devices at the door, after which



Admiral Harry Harris, sporting the Google Glass at a weapon vendors conference, stated, "We've got a big shopping list."

withdrawal symptoms soon emerged.

"The patient exhibited a notable, nearly involuntary movement of the right hand up to his temple area and tapping it with his forefinger," says a paper in the journal *Addictive Behaviors* written by treatment staffers at the Naval Medical Center.

"He reported that if he had been prevented from wearing the device while at work, he would become extremely irritable and argumentative."

As his recovery progressed, the sailor's Google Glass dependency waned, the paper says. "He continued to intermittently expe-

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Investors shun fat, sex treatments

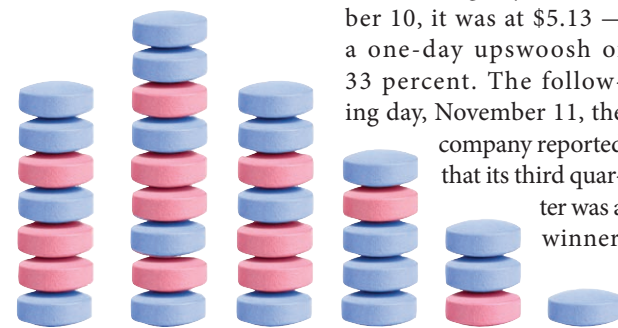
Despite strong overall market, some local biotech lag

By Don Bauder

Wall Street fat cats aren't interested in losing weight. And while many Wall Streeters make a living screwing the public, they spurn methods to improve sex lives. Such disdain hurts certain San Diego biotech stocks.

Overall, biotechnology shares soared 32 percent in 2014, but stocks of two well-publicized San Diego biotech specializing in weight-loss treatments were a mixed bag. Stocks of two local biotech hawking products to enhance sex lives got a frigid blast from investors, exacerbated by a highly volatile stock market.

As of December 24, the stock of Arena Pharmaceuticals, which has a treatment for obesity, closed at \$3.57, after starting the year at \$5.87. Orexigen Therapeu-



Investors are showing declining interest in weight-loss pills.

tics, which has a tablet for obesity, has come to Wall Street's positive attention. The stock closed December 24 at \$5.98, after starting the year at \$5.79.

Stocks of San Diego biotech with products for sex life enhancement did very poorly. Apricus Biosciences, which has products for female sexual arousal as well as male erectile dysfunction closed December 24 at \$1.01 after beginning it at \$2.59. Innovus Phar-

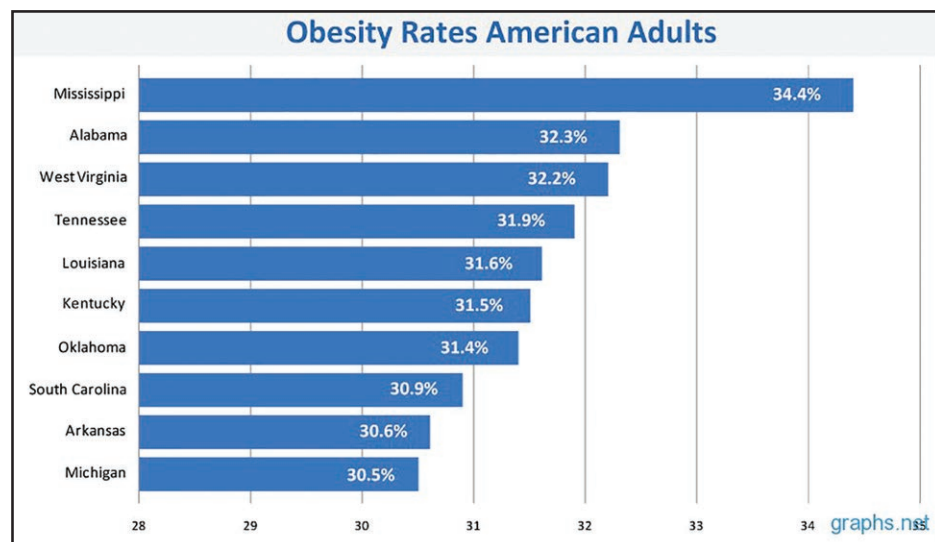
maceuticals, also a maker of sex products for men and women, finished at 19 cents after starting the year at 39 cents.

Orexigen stock closed at \$3.85 on November 7. The next trading day, November 10, it was at \$5.13 — a one-day upswish of 33 percent. The following day, November 11, the company reported that its third quarter was a winner.

Wall Street had expected a loss of 13 cents a share. Orexigen reported a profit of 9 cents a share. Wall Street had expected revenue of \$9 million. Orexigen reported \$30.9 million. "The rally...doesn't seem to be coming to an end soon," enthused Ritesh Anan of *benzinga.com*.

Analysts rushed to raise their forecasts of Orexigen's future sales and earnings. Bank of America/Merrill Lynch boosted its

Neal Obermeyer



Residents of Southern states suffer more from obesity.

target price on the stock to \$9, saying that the company could be a leader in the fight against what the firm calls “Globesity.” Sarbjit Nahal of Merrill noted, “Globally, 2.1 billion people are overweight and 671 million are obese.” That’s a big market to put your arms around.

Chris Lange of *247wallst.com* said that Merrill Lynch’s \$9 price target was “well below the consensus analyst

money manager @zbiotech.

Standard & Poor’s uses the term “investability quotient” to describe a company’s medium- to long-term potential. Orexigen scored lower than 92 percent of the companies S&P follows — in short, extremely low. However, the rating service does say the trend of the stock is very bullish, with considerable volatility.

Arena Pharmaceuticals

earlier. The stock dropped 3.2 percent on the news. “Although Arena Pharma’s overall results were disappointing, we are encouraged by Belviq sales” in the third quarter, said an analyst for Zacks Equity Research.

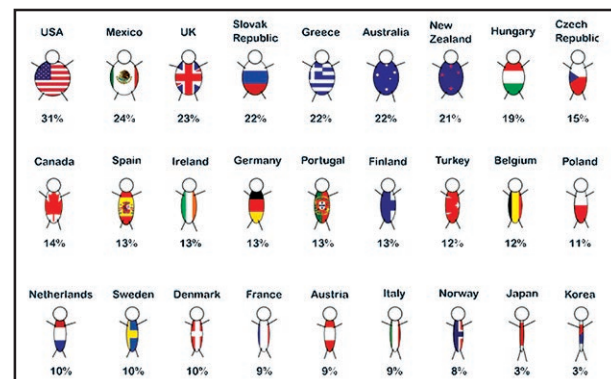
Steve Byrne of Merrill Lynch raised his estimate of Belviq sales for 2014 to \$56 million from \$49 million. He noted that Arena is also working on a quit-smoking drug, but it’s too early to assess the outcome. However, Byrne thinks Arena stock will underperform the market because of “modest market potential” of Belviq. Basically, the drug provides “marginal weight loss” potential, he said.

Belviq has not been approved for sales outside the United States. Regulators are concerned about the product’s cardiac effects. Employees and directors have been sued for making misleading statements about Belviq’s possibilities. The company can’t predict the outcomes of the suits.

Standard & Poor’s says Arena’s investability quotient is lower than 93 percent of companies the firm follows — that is, very low.

Apricus Biosciences sells a topical product, named Vitaros, for male erectile dysfunction and peddles it in Canada, the United King-

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price target of \$11.33.” The Orexigen rally lost steam, then picked up again in December after *yahoo.com* reported that the company’s weight-loss pill, Contrave, had captured 28 percent of prescriptions after only eight weeks on sales shelves. Orexigen has taken sales from its local neighbor Arena, whose market share dropped from 60 to 44 percent and whose stock reflected the decline, according to professional

has had problems. It got Food and Drug Administration approval for its weight-loss drug, Belviq, in 2012 and began selling it in mid-2013. Revenue has been on the slim side, although in this year’s third quarter, product sales hit \$16.8 million; total prescriptions were up 30 percent from the previous quarter. However, the company lost 13 cents a share, wider than the loss of 10 cents in the quarter a year

UNDER THE RADAR

Tickets fixed Admission prices for next year’s Del Mar fair are going up. “We anticipate a \$1 increase in adult admission prices in this proposed budget,” says a staff report to the board of the 22nd Agricultural District. “Prices last increased in 2013 by \$1 for all categories.

Admission for adults will be \$15, up from \$14. Admission for Children ages six and older and seniors will remain at \$8. Children age five and under are admitted free.”

The payoff should be

big, the report notes. “With an increase in attendance, an additional half-day, and a price increase, we anticipate an increase in Fair admissions revenues of \$673,560.” Meanwhile the fair board has found a way to spend some of its cash by hiring a Sacramento lobbyist with an interesting history. Capitol Strategic Advisors will be paid \$90,000 during the first half of next year for “Legislative Consultation Regarding Governmental Decisions and Policies,” according to the board’s December agenda. **James Jack**, once chief of staff to GOP ex-state senator **Bruce McPherson**, runs the firm. In 2004, he and partner **Shaun Flanigan**, then former chief of staff for ex-assemblyman **George Plescia**, “each accepted more than \$600 in gifts, including \$200 in Kings tickets from [British Petroleum] and \$122 each for a reception hosted by the California Chamber of Commerce at the Central Park Boathouse in New York during the Republican National Convention,” according to a November 2004 report by the *Los Angeles Times*. “Information is an important thing,” said Jack of his partying with lobbyists. “The increased access or increased time together provides more information, but it doesn’t automatically make you more favorably disposed.”

And the best audit goes to...

Enforcers who brought down a famous San Diego-based Navy scandal recently received a “CIGIE” award, handed out in Washington by the federal Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. “You have taken risks, persevered, partnered with others, and faced unforeseen challenges,” said **Phyllis Fong**, Inspector General for the U.S.

Department of Agriculture, who chaired the gala. An 18-member contingent of federal agents, forensic accountants, and U.S. attorneys bagged

the prize as the “Naval Air Station North Island Bribery Case Investigative Team.” ... Unnoticed in the year-end rush, members of the San Diego City Council took time before their holiday break to divvy up extra taxpayer cash from assignments to

so-called outside boards of directors. **Lorie Zapf** was given a spot on the county’s Local Agency Formation Commission, overseer of annexations and other obscure planning actions. A financial disclosure document filed by San

Diego’s city clerk shows that the position pays \$100 per meeting. Republican Zapf also got a \$150-per-meeting seat on the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board, which the disclosure estimates could gross \$3500 over a year’s time. Democrat **Todd Gloria**, freshly ousted from his job as council president, is taking a \$100-per-meeting spot on the board of the San Diego Association of Governments, as is mayor **Kevin Faulconer**, who has vowed never to accept the reimbursements. Gloria’s office released a statement saying, “While Councilmember Gloria has always turned down the car allowance offered to him by the city, he does accept pay for the work he performs on behalf of the city at SANDAG.” Zapf did not respond to a telephone message.

Turning tale of the tuna Trying to predict what’s next for San Diego-based Bumble Bee Tuna in the turbulent waters of international commerce is tough, as evidenced by a company history presented by **Andrew F. Smith** in his 2012 history of the once all-American industry, *American Tuna: The Rise and Fall of an*

Improbable Food. Writes Smith, “In 1950,

Bumble Bee was acquired by Castle & Cook, a prominent Hawaii-based food company.

Ten years later, the company launched Bumble Bee Seafoods as a wholly owned subsidiary. In 1977 Bumble Bee acquired

a tuna cannery in Puerto Rico and a fishing operation in Ecuador. Beginning in the 1980s, Bumble Bee went through a series of ownership changes, including its purchase by Pillsbury, which sold it to Uniford, based in Bangkok, Thailand. In 1997 it was sold to International Home Foods,

Inc. In 2000, Bumble Bee was acquired by the American multinational ConAgra, but three years

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“Information is an important thing” for Capitol Strategic Advisors’ Shaun Flanigan and James Jack, who each have a history of accepting “gifts” while formulating “legislative consultations regarding governmental decisions and policies.”



The USDA’s Phyllis Fong presented this year’s “CIGIE” to the team that brought down a San Diego-based Navy scandal.

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Overreach of Power

My letter is response to “Taxi Driver” in the December 25 issue.

“I felt threatened” — as if that justifies assaulting someone. If the guy was a Navy SEAL he had the training to kill and didn’t need to feel threatened by a taxi driver.

It seems to me that we are now condoning hate crimes if the assailants are members of the police or armed forces. A very sad commentary on the American system. How does that make us different from the overreach of power by our neighbors across the border?

Mukul Khurana
La Mesa

National Identity

Re: “Taxi Driver,” December 25 cover story.

Don’t they have politics in India? Is this what we’ve come to, foreign immigrants dictating our national identity? An Indian cab driver suing the U.S. Navy?

He deserves justice and due process, but if that’s still not good enough....

Name Withheld
via email

Epicene Tendencies

Angelina Jolie should be praised for bringing the story of the great hero, Louis Zamperini, to the screen. The Reader trashes the film, which is titled *Unbroken*. When one considers the increasingly epicene tendencies of the Reader, it probably would give *Brokeback Mountain* top billing.

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via voicemail

Only a Turkey

Re: News Ticker, “Ghosts of Seven Horses Haunt Del Mar,” December 25.

The expected date for the lab results of the drug tests of those thoroughbred racers that collapsed and died so suddenly that their jockey or exercise riders were tossed is Super Bowl Sunday. This gives Joe Harper a chance to send the lab tech a Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas gifts without raising any concern from the CHRB or the U-T turf staff.

As noted in the U-T, the recent Bing Crosby fall meet at Del Mar passed, and all thoroughbred racers and riders returned safely to their stalls. But that same proven-safe course is being dug out and replaced with a new dirt surface. This creates a dilemma for the U-T staff that only a turkey could resolve.

Bob
Mission Hills

In Denial

I’m writing in response to the item regarding the Coronado Beltline Railroad, “Why One Sign Could Cost \$10,000” Neighborhood News, by

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Most expensive gas in San Diego

Here's one list a small business may not want to be on: the highest-priced gas in San Diego County.

With global demand for oil decreasing and U.S. production increasing, gas prices are falling daily. Yet, three county gas stations, according to *gasbuddy.com*, remain the highest cash price per gallon for regular gas. One would expect these stations to be in the outskirts, like Borrego Springs or Jacumba. Not so.

The Shell station at 3105 Del Mar Heights Road, just off I-5, has been number one on the list for weeks, at \$3.50 a gallon.

Masoud, the manager of the Shell, seemed surprised to learn he was the highest priced. He responded, "We have the highest-priced rent in the county, \$22,000 a month."

On December 20, holding the number two and three highest-priced spots for over a week, were the two stations on Coronado. I visited both Valero and 76 on Orange Avenue, then both listed at \$3.30 a gallon. An employee of the 76 Station, when asked why they are on top of the list, said, "Because we're special." He would not elaborate.

All three top-priced stations had one thing in common. They have mechanics working on cars. Shell's Masoud said stations make more having a convenience store rather than a garage.

KEN HARRISON

OCEANSIDE

Need for speed

\$100K public relations tool

The Oceanside Police Department has a new crime-fighting vehicle for their arsenal. No, it's not one of those surplus, armored Humvees being given away by the federal government.

It's a 2015 Nissan GT-R, one of the fastest production cars sold in America. The car, whose video-game version appears in *Need for Speed*, hit the Oceanside streets last week.

The vehicle is a joint project between the department and Mossy Nissan. The department hopes to use it to connect with younger people to perhaps pursue a career in law enforcement, as a public relations tool, and for its safety programs in Oceanside and Camp Pendleton schools.

Though it has a reported top speed of 193 mph, don't expect the Nissan to be the lead



OPD's 2015 Nissan GT-R

unit in freeway police chases: it's only a two-door coupe — no room for taking someone into custody.

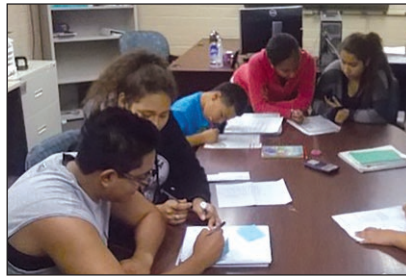
The car has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$103,365. But other than the OPD decals, fittings, and modifications provided by the city's fleet department, Nissan Corporation is providing the car free of charge to the city for at least the next four months.

KEN HARRISON

NATIONAL CITY

Somebody's got your number

Fight over boxing center continues
Clement Casillas, who teaches kids to box, likes to share a saying from the fight world:



Kids doing homework together at Community Youth Athletic Center, which nearly got shut down by National City in eminent domain dispute.

somebody's got your number.

For seven years, Casillas's Community Youth Athletic Center fought an attempt by National City to use eminent domain and a "blight" label to shut down his center where local kids get free boxing lessons.

The center, at Tenth Avenue and National City Boulevard, was condemned as blighted in 2007, so the city could push through a condo project on the block.

But, Casillas says, the Washington DC-area Institute for Justice and two San Diego lawyers, Nate Smith and Rich Segal of Pillsbury Winthrop, came to the center's aid.

In April 2011, after trial, Superior Court judge Stephen Denton ruled that the city had violated the U.S. Constitution, California law, and even the state's public records and public meetings acts in its attempt to declare the youth center blighted and use eminent domain to take it.

The city appealed the judgment, which had awarded attorney fees. In October 2013, the Fourth District Court of Appeals ruled that the trial court got everything right except for a review of attorney fees awarded to the center's lawyers.

The courts re-reviewed the fees this year and arrived at fees of about \$1.92 million, most of which are earmarked for the Institute of Justice.

"If [National City's city council] decides to appeal it some more, they are committed to paying 7.5 percent interest a year on that \$1.92 million," said Rich Segal of Pillsbury Winthrop. "That's \$150,000 in interest a year to keep fighting."

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At work on Christmas

What it's like

Christmas Day seems to be the last sacred work holiday for most employees working in the retail, food, and service industries — for some, anyway.

Back in the 1970s, I worked several Christmases at the old Butler's 76 gas station on Santa Fe Drive in Encinitas. Back then, one never found anything open except for gas stations and convenience stores. It wasn't until the 1980s that drug stores started staying open. And not until a decade ago could one find grocery stores open.

I remember one Christmas at the station, I towed in an old man off the freeway. He had an off-the-showroom looking '65 Chevelle sedan, same color as my beat up '65 Chevy El Camino. His fuel pump failed on his way from L.A. to visit his daughter's family in San Diego. There was no way I could get him back on the road on Christmas Day. I drove him to the Encinitas Greyhound stop and he took a bus back home.

I had my reasons for wanting to work on Christmas, besides the extra money. Now, in 2014, I wondered why others might be working on the one day most do not.

Lindsey was working the early-morning news desk at TV's San Diego 6. She said, "I was just scheduled to work today as my regular day." Even though it was a slow news day, for TV news, every day is a regular day.

Carrie, a longtime clerk at the Encinitas Vons store on Santa Fe Drive said she celebrates Hanukkah. "I don't work [on Christmas] just for the extra money, I do it so others can have it off and celebrate with their families. I volunteered for this," she said.

Cole, one of four state lifeguards on duty along San Diego's coastline, told his boss he was available to work Christmas. Unlike other jobs, the state doesn't pay extra for holidays. He'd be patrolling Carlsbad and Cardiff beaches from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and then enjoying a family dinner after.

"Normally we have a lot of surfers and

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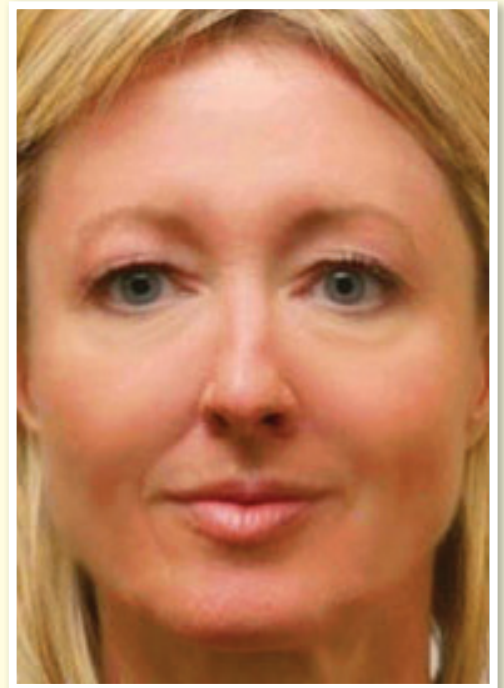


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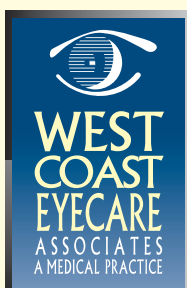
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by Barbarella

Scones for Frodo

Everyone knows that geek is chic and nerds are neat, so occasionally I like to humblebrag by referring to myself as one or the other. Sure, I'm super into *Doctor Who* and anything Joss Whedon touches, but when I set foot into my friend Beth's house, it was immediately apparent that I had light years to go before I earned any real geek cred.

There was no shelf, no wall, no corner of Beth's house that was not adorned with sci-fi, horror, or fantasy-related posters, movie props, figurines, or tchotchkes. Because it was December, an overwhelming number of artifacts were holiday-related, such as the *Nightmare Before Christmas* statuettes, and the bookshelf topped with toy characters from the stop-motion classic, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

As another friend put it, even Beth's "hearth was Hoth" — meaning every square inch of the mantle over her fireplace was filled with *Star Wars* figurines specific to Hoth, the snow-covered planet in the *Star Wars* universe. Instead of an angel topping her Christmas tree, there was a hang-gliding Ewok, and the branches below were festooned with tiny Stormtroopers.

Even the reason we'd been invited was geeky: Beth was hosting her 4th Annual Lord of the Rings Marathon and Hobbit Meals event at her home,

which, for the sake of the day, would be referred to as the Black Gate of Mordor. The only time I'd seen *The Fellowship of the Ring* (the first film in the trilogy) was when it was released in 2001; I saw the second, *The Two Towers* when it came out in 2002; and I think I rented the third, *The Return of the King*, some time in 2004. I was at a clear disadvantage. I made a mental note to smile and nod each time someone said something that could potentially be a quote or reference.

The original theatrical versions of each installment of the trilogy were notoriously long, but this was an advanced film geek affair, so when David and I arrived at 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning, we were settling in to watch all three extended versions, the total running time of which is 726 minutes, or just over 12 hours. The first thing I did was stake out my seat.

But relentless movie watching was only one half of the endurance test;

this was also a Hobbit-meal marathon. Apparently, in J.R.R. Tolkien's novels, the Hobbits had six meals a day. Add in the extra one that was included in the movies and dessert (for fun), and we were squaring off against eight separate meals.

Over the years, Beth had honed her menu. Originally, she served full, normal-human meals for every Hobbit meal. "Everyone was in a food coma by Elevenses," she said. After that, she adjusted the menu so that each meal, spaced about two hours apart, was more like a course. Like Hobbits, we would graze throughout the day to keep our energy up, and ensure that we wouldn't get too full.

All of the dishes came from a Middle-Earth Recipes website (lotrscrapbook.bookloaf.net/other/recipes.html), created and maintained by even more die-hard foodie/Tolkein fans. Miguel, one of Beth's 20 guests, had created a hand-drawn and watercolor-painted menu for the occasion. The house smelled of simmering meat and onions, and the rich sweetness of baking cakes and breads.

We began with coffee and "Breakfast Scones for Mr. Frodo," and then settled down to watch the first movie. An hour later, the Hobbits had barely left the Shire when Beth announced loudly that Second Breakfast (French toast with bacon and sausage) was ready. I was shocked when Elevenses came around (Dwarven women's pumpkin cake and Elven bread), because it was our third meal, and we were still only on the first movie.

Beth had insisted that people wear pajamas, or at least comfortable clothes, which was another tip she'd gleaned from the first year. Many people took her up on it; the rest, including David, were sporting T-shirts that revealed their individual geekiness. Miguel's shirt depicted the logo for the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense (B.P.R.D., the organization for which Dark Horse Comics' *Hellboy* works). One older gentleman was simply dressed as Bilbo Baggins, with a red vest and loose patchwork pants, his jowls completed with carefully manicured muttonchops, as if to convey that this was a daily look

for him. David was double representing with his Despicable Me and Doctor Who crossover shirt featuring mirthful Minions making away with the TARDIS.

Around noon, during the short break between the first and second movie, people mingled a bit. Most introductions were followed up with the question, "How do you know Beth?" I'd assumed many of them worked together in film (creating, screening, and reviewing movies, like our host) but most of these people were from one of the many fan groups to which Beth belongs. My favorite answer came from the man in the simple red sweatshirt with the British accent. "I run a group called the California Association of Pop-culture Enthusiasts, or CAPE," he said. He was justifiably proud of himself for making the superhero-themed acronym work.

An hour into the second film, the "dark time" (the longest stretch between two meals) ended, and we feasted on three different kinds of soup with soda bread. A few of us succumbed to dozing during the second movie. Sleepy and full, I skipped the breads and cakes served at Afternoon Tea. We were finally on the third film when Dinner (Balin's spiced beef and Taters Boulangere) was served. Supper was the heartiest, with bacon-wrapped pork, two meat and veggie potato pies, and Mushrooms à la Gandalf (stirred until they're black using a giant staff). I didn't even try to taste dessert — all those cakes and cookies — because by that time, nearly 10 p.m., after three movies long enough to have been six, and more Hobbit food than I could keep track of (including some specialty brews), I was ready for bed.

Every year, exhausted from her days of planning and cooking, Beth claims she'll never host the event again. But now that I've got the hang of it, I'm already looking forward to next year. As Tolkien wrote, and I know this because it was on the invitation, "If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world." Even wannabe geeks like me can raise a glass of the Elven-made miruvor to that. ■ (@barbarellaf)

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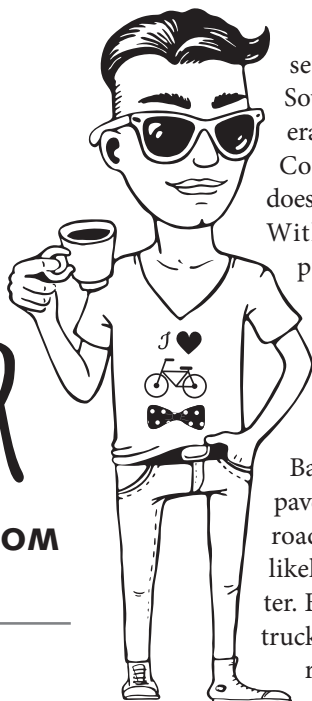
Everyone associates hipsters with fixed-gear bicycles, albeit sometimes unfairly, but why isn't there a strong association between hipsters and any particular kind of car?

— DONNY

Urban hipsters admire the boxy lines of vintage Volkswagens. They find it ironic to drive a "granny car," but that's clearly not the whole story, since we don't see hipsters hunting out pristine K-cars. Volkswagens of all sorts satisfy the hipster who can't afford a vintage Vanagon to better commune with the outdoors and tour with his indie-folk rock trio. Some 1980s Mercedes sedans can be converted to run on vegetable oil, which appeals to the hipster's sense of ecology. Hybrid and electric cars do the same.

As you can see, the vehicular needs of the hipster cannot be met by a single vehicle, thus no perfect "hipster car" exists. Because hipsters come in so many flavors, linking the generic hipster to a specific style or model of car is like trying to find a wine that pairs with roast beef and filet of sole. You don't want to end up with automotive white zinfandel, do you? The fine details of hipsterdom correlate to history, fashion, and culture. To be hipster is to be ever-changing, to seek out that which is (or will be) cool, and there is no platonic ideal of the hipster.

Contrast that to the hipster's arch-enemy, the bro. The bro, from behind the wheel of his lifted Dodge Ram brodzer, strikes an almost eternal figure against the



setting sun of suburban Southern California (preferably Orange or Imperial Counties, but San Diego does just fine in this regard). With his flatbilled cap pushed rakishly to the side, he brazenly rolls coal down crowded city streets, belching diesel smoke on passersby while his 44-inch Baja Claw tires shred the pavement in lieu of the off-road terrain they will in all likelihood never encounter. Bros have piloted lifted trucks since time immemorial and will do so as long as there is enough Monster Energy and Bud Light to fill a diamond-plate cooler!

Dear Hipster:

I remember reading about how you recommended that people should take an interest in their own security, rather than trusting firewalls or whatever. Now, the Sony hacking scandal is all in the news, and I guess they should have listened to you. Anyways, am I going to get hacked next?

— JOHN, DEL CERRO

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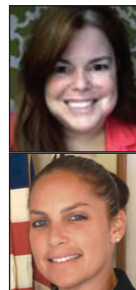
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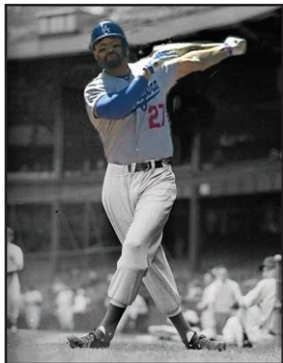
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"Nobody likes to be stuck on the bench — unless that bench is on the patio at a Front Porch Retirement Community!"

The Splendid Splint(er)

New Padre slugger undergoes surgery to receive Ted Williams's unfrozen lower half

When the Padres snagged Matt Kemp from the Los Angeles Dodgers, it was the biggest deal in the team's history. But when the word leaked out that a recent medical exam had detected arthritis in both of Kemp's hips, General Manager A.J. Preller began to worry that "biggest deal" might turn into "biggest debacle."

"Kemp has already had trouble with his shoulder and ankle," admitted Preller, "but we figured we could nurse those along with a gradually increasing regimen of physical therapy, off-season surgery, and weapons-grade painkillers. I mean, it's only five years. But arthritic hips? That was a potential disaster. We dealt for Kemp because of the speed and power of his bat, and as every hitter since Ted Williams has known, batspeed and power come from the turn of the hips. Without that, I remember thinking, you're just slapping at the ball, spraying singles here and there — the way Tony Gwynn did before Williams talked to him in '92."

His concern started to border on panic when he learned that Kemp's team had finagled a last-minute clause into his Padres contract, one that guaranteed the 30-year-old a dedicated suite at the Casa de Mañana retirement home in La Jolla. And then came the infamous post on Kemp's Twitter account, in which he stated that San Diego

would be "a great place to retire. I mean, play."

Fortuitously, it was that thought about Gwynn and Williams that inspired Preller's next move. "Ted Williams, as everybody knows, was frozen immediately after he died. His son was big into cryonics, which involves freezing people in the hope that someday, science will come up with a way to bring 'em back to life. So they sawed old Ted's head off and put it on ice. But what everybody doesn't know is that they also froze the rest of him. The body of the greatest hitter of all time — the *hips* of the greatest hitter of all time — just sitting in a tank of liquid nitrogen in Arizona. I was already on the hook for millions of dollars. I figured, what's a few more? And, so, I started making some calls. Two days later, Matt Kemp was feeling like a new man — well, half a new man, anyway."



Kemp's first tweet following the trade announcement, which was quickly deleted.

Details are still forthcoming about both the procedure and the deal surrounding it, but Preller says that everybody walked away happy. "Especially Kemp. Because for the first time in years, walking away didn't hurt a bit."

Gynocerosus?



That's a mighty droopy protrusion.

San Diego Zoo Safari Park caretakers turn to "horn porn" in effort to spur breeding

and three rhinos just isn't enough to trigger those herd instincts. It was the same here when Angalifu

and Noti were still alive.

"We agreed to bring Nola over to Kenya to see if the addition of a stranger to the mix would help

Geographic has been extremely forthcoming with extensive footage of these majestic beasts copulating like there's no tomorrow. I choose that term carefully. If these rhinos don't copulate, there won't be a tomorrow for their kind. We're hoping that once these rhinos get inside the theater and find themselves surrounded by wall-to-wall 'rhino porn,' they'll be tricked into thinking it's sexytime — you know, just like regular porn tricks the human brain."

The project is expected to cost upward of \$5 million all told, which would make it the biggest-budget pornographic film in history — and also maybe the weirdest. ("I do kind of wonder about those National Geographic photographers," admits Jugal.) It's a big risk, but happily, there is some precedent: zoologists in Thailand claim to have stimulated giant panda mating under zoo conditions through the use of filmed "panda porn." "They got something like 30 cubs in 10 months!" exclaims Jugal. "If Sudan and Nola are half as excited as I am, they're gonna make it!"



Bootleg DVD of the Chiang Mai Zoo footage, available on Chinatown sidewalks everywhere.

to spice things up — you know, just like fantasy threesomes in human relationships. Plus, there's the excitement of travel: what girl wouldn't like to be flown over the ocean just to meet a mysterious stranger? But we also knew we couldn't count on the effect of just one additional partner. Then it hit me: rhinos don't see very well; they have trouble discerning details at any sort of distance. What if we could make Sudan and his lady friends think they were part of a herd by employing a little movie magic? Thanks to a generous grant from an anonymous donor, we've been able to construct an IMAX-style domed theater at the Conservancy. And National



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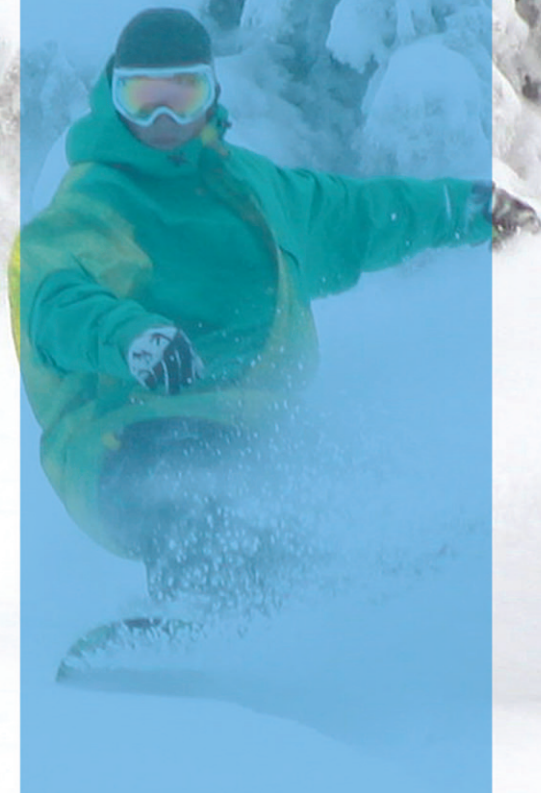
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POST TITLE: **Find the hook**

POST DATE: **December 4, 2014**

How do writers discover the hook that snags readers? Rather than hammer with the obvious, a nudge will do. Probe the intensity of sunset avoiding adjectives like beautiful, spectacular, or inspiring. Move beyond the obvious. Consider using connections and a metaphor to describe a scene many take for granted. Use a single sailboat to describe a mood. How does the slant of tree branches affect the texture of sky? Use sound and scent to enrich sight imagery.



Elephant metaphors abound in literature.

POST TITLE: **Elephant needs bicycle**

POST DATE: **December 3, 2014**

What's as unnecessary as an elephant needing a bicycle? Elephant metaphors abound in speech and literature.

Kings of Siam offered a rare white elephant to noblemen who had fallen out of favor. The cost of feeding and caring for the creature destroyed the recipient. This evolved into using "white elephant" to refer to an expensive and wasteful construction project.

Then a white elephant became an undesirable possession. A white elephant sale attracted individuals who found value in others' discards. In his story, "Hills Like White Elephants," Ernest Hemingway led the reader to decide the value.

An elephant in the room refers to an obvious situation no one wants to acknowledge.

The elephant test refers to the difficulty describing an elephant. One just knows it when one sees it. In one story, six blind men had the task of describing an elephant. Each felt a different part and described the animal from that reference point: the trunk, a tusk, an ear, a leg, the stomach, and the tail.

Have you heard anyone say that they hope to "see the elephant"? Individuals traveled miles to view an elephant in a circus parade or under the big top. As a result, any overwhelming experience could result in seeing the elephant.

Other elephant attributes include

superior intelligence and memory. Create your own elephant metaphors for a story or poem. Or, try the fox, chicken, frog, snake or donkey.

POST TITLE: **Write into unfinished efforts**

POST DATE: **November 25, 2014**

Life story writing delves into a composite of strengths and struggles. It takes insight and courage to confront mistakes and failings and let them trickle onto the page. Self-understanding results from acknowledging areas of vulnerability.

Everyone suffers from what Thomas Merton calls the "trembling

self." Individuals are not always heroic and right. Delving into troubling notions begins the eternal search for "how am I" in addition to the "who."

Write into, around, and through an issue that causes a "trembling self."

POST TITLE: **Writers need rest**

POST DATE: **November 21, 2014**

During a period of not writing, notions and ideas flicker the synapses in kaleidoscopic fashion. With deadlines approaching, it becomes difficult to let that "nothing" happen. Even a short break will prove valuable.

The ancient Greeks and Romans believed the magic of brain swirl depended on channeling from the Muses. Unknowingly, while leaving it to the Gods, they permitted time for rest to take over.

Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine, became frustrated with the notion of the sewing needle because he could not determine how to thread and mechanize it. One day he stopped and stared out the window.

Later, he told his wife he had a day-dream of standing inside a black pot of boiling water in the jungle. A native came to him, ready to thrust a spear. He looked up and noticed the spear had a hole in its tip. When he returned to his work, he decided to try a hole in the tip of the needle in his machine. *Aha!*

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New Year's Eve festivities in the Kelly home bounce between ringing in the year at private house parties to lounging at home with appetizers, drinks, and movies.

"We've never done the Downtown NYE party scene, Evie," said hubby Patrick last week as we sat sipping cocktails at Polite Provisions.

"I'm on it," I coyly smiled. A few days later, I did my best saleslady presentation and laid out our options to the man.

"Grab your best black and white party outfit, and head down to the W San Diego Hotel at 9 p.m. for their Black and White Party. The party continues on until 2 a.m. with three rooms of live DJ sets. The Rooftop Patio, Great

Room, and Upstairs Bar will all be partying. And at the stroke of midnight, three balloon drops will add to the festivities. Premium open bar tickets are **\$150** [thewsandiegohotel.com]."

"Or if you'd rather channel your inner Don Draper, we could hit the Westgate for their Mad Men New Year's Eve," I continued.

"Would you mind the serial infidelity?" Patrick asked.

"Well, yes, I would. But I wouldn't mind cocktails, five-course dinner, dancing to live music by the Lorraine Castellanos quartet, and champagne as the balloons drop at midnight. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are **\$179** [westgatehotel.tix.com]."

"Or we could try our luck on a **\$1000** balloon drop at the House of Blues New Year's Eve 2015 Block Party," I offered.

"Three party rooms, music, the bash starts at 9 p.m. and goes until 2 a.m. Tickets bought December 28 or later are **\$45** [hobbblockparty.com]."

"If we want some bay view, then the Hilton San Diego Bayfront is throwing the Big Night San Diego New Year's Eve Gala. Your ticket is all-inclusive, honey, so we can leave your wallet at home. Drinks, buffet, and entertainment amid 12 party areas, with six dance floors, which should bring enough party even for you," I said. "Partying from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. and tickets start at **\$119** [bignightsandiego.com]."

"Any parties not in the Gaslamp?" asked Pat.

"Porto Vista Hotel in Little Italy is hosting a Totally '80s New Year's Eve bash," I said.

"Have you been missing the crimped hair

"Have you been missing the crimped hair and leg warmers? Michael Jackson and Madonna?"

and leg warmers? Michael Jackson and Madonna? All you can drink cocktails from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. and a champagne toast at midnight. General admission is **\$99**. Or we can reserve one of their cabanas and invite eight of our BFFs. Two bottles of cocktails, mixers, two hot appetizers and snacks, all for **\$800** for ten people [portovistasd.com].

"And the Bahia Resort Hotel is offering a party package that includes a hotel room and boat party cruise on Mission Bay," I said. "Live entertainment, cash bar, champagne, cruise on the bay from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m." Cost is **\$269** per couple [bahiahotel.com].

"New Year's Eve on a boat, I like the sound of that," smiled Patrick.

"Another boat option is the Hornblower New Year's Eve cruise,"

I added. "A four-course dinner cruise for four hours with a live band or you can opt for DJ pumped tunes. Champagne, party hats, views of the skyline, this option sounds like you, baby." Boarding at 8 p.m., tickets are **\$195** [hornblower.com].

"If you want to feel your inner beat, the World Beat Cultural Center is hosting an Alternative New Year's Eve Ascension party. African drum and dancing, vegan vegetarian buffet, healing drum circle, Kirtan chanting, the party starts at 7 p.m. [worldbeatcenter.org]."

"You lost me at vegan," Patrick said.

"Another musical New Year's Eve option is Balboa Park. It is celebrating its 100th year anniversary with a concert from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Bagpipers will process down the El Prado and there will be different musical acts following. The event is free."

"Any options for celebration with the kids early on New Year's Eve?" asked Patrick.

"The Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista is hosting a New Year's Eve Celebration," I answered. "Champagne or sparkling wine to toast the East Coast New Year's at 9 p.m. Hot chocolate bar with cookies, wildlife viewing, arts and crafts for the young ones, trail walks for star viewing along San Diego Bay." Tickets at the door are **\$16** for adults and **\$14** for children. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. [thelivingcoast.org].

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— *Bradley Thalken, a retired Lieutenant Colonel*



Annette Wilson stands in front of her sixth-grade class wearing a *Karate Kid*-style bandana tied around her forehead. She explains to her students at Vista Innovation and Design Academy that they're getting ready to start a new

math program. After a brief description of Judo Math, she dims the lights and uses her computer and a projection screen to play a scene from the *Karate Kid* via YouTube. In it, Daniel-san (played by Ralph Macchio, who wears a bandana around his head, too)

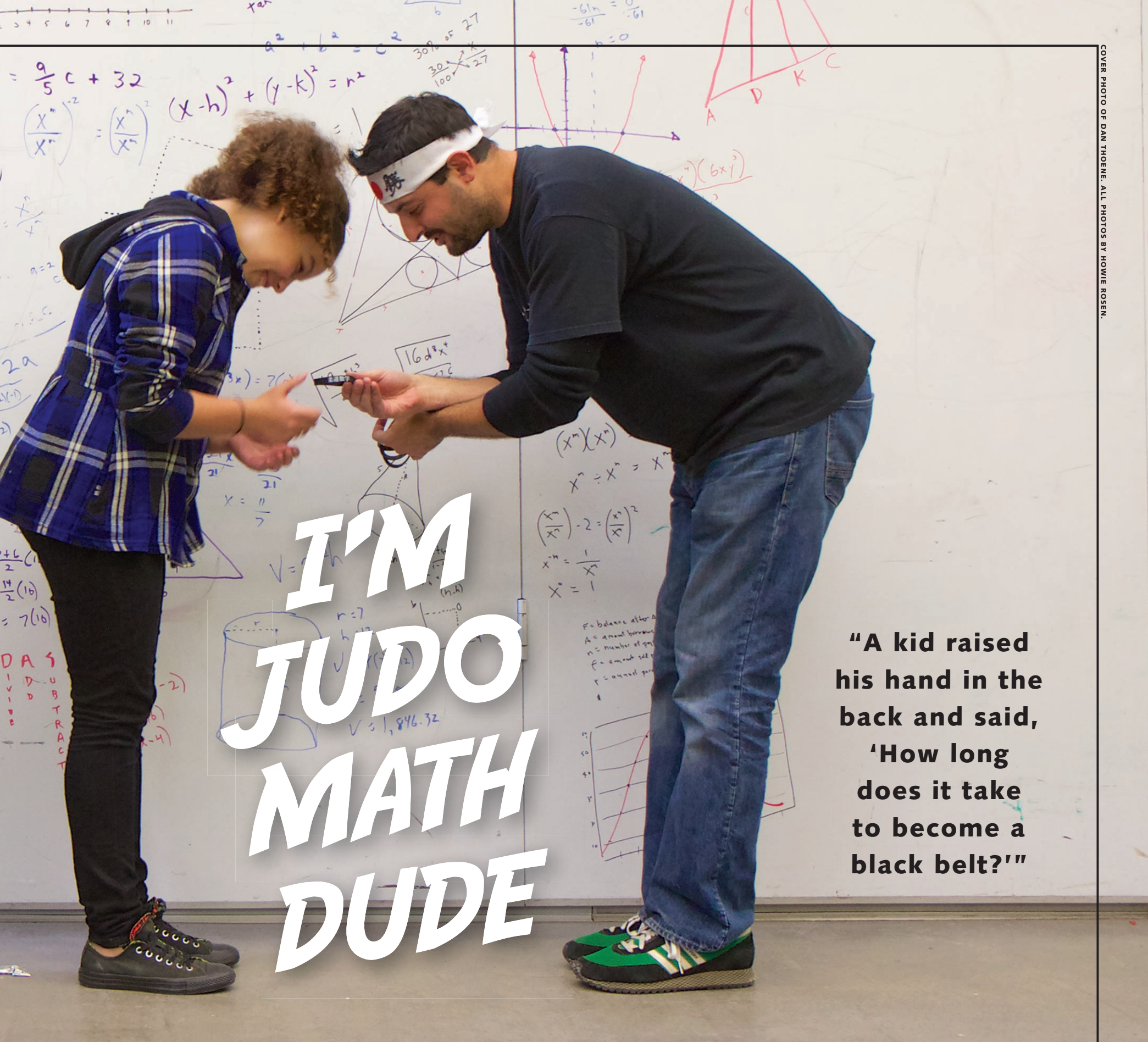
expresses his frustration with all the chores Mr. Miyagi has given him. He seems just about to give up when Mr. Miyagi reveals that "wax on, wax off," "sand the floor," and "paint the fence" were not the mere chores they appeared to be, but instead

were exercises that laid the foundation for Daniel-san's karate training.

Wilson's students watch, rapt, but it's hard to tell if they understand exactly what this movie clip has to do with the new math program. After Mr. Miyagi tells Daniel-san,

"Look eye. Always look eye," Wilson stops the clip and turns the lights back on.

"Sometimes in math, you're learning skills so that you can get to higher-level skills," she says. "So keep that in mind. Keep the *Karate Kid* in mind."



I'M JUDO MATH DUDE

"A kid raised his hand in the back and said, 'How long does it take to become a black belt?'"

To understand what's happening in Wilson's classroom, and in 400–500 other math classes in San Diego, South Carolina, Canada, England, and elsewhere, we need to go all the way back to the beginning when a sportscaster named Dan Thoene had

the most lucrative year of his sportscasting career.

At the time, Thoene lived in New Haven, Connecticut and worked for ABC. His previous gigs had included CBS in Butte, Montana and NBC in Santa Barbara. In 2001, his 11th and final year

as a sportscaster, his salary had gotten up to \$85K (from \$16,000 in 1994) and he had won an Emmy for Best Sports Reporter. He was firmly established in his career and could possibly have continued climbing the sportscasting ladder, except that he never

got to see his wife Kira, a schoolteacher.

"She went to school during normal school hours, and I would do the 6:00 and 10:00 and 11:00 news. I'd go in about 2:00 p.m. and then I'd work until 1:00 in the morning. I get home, she's asleep.

I go to sleep, she wakes up at 6:00," he tells me from across a lunch table outside High Tech Middle on Truxton Road. "Sports happens on the weekends, and I had Monday and Tuesdays off. For one year, we did not have one day off together. That's when

I was like, ‘I gotta get out of this.’”

So he quit.

At the same time, Thoene and his wife decided to move from Connecticut to San Diego where he had family. They sold their house, packed their things, and spent most of a summer driving in a series of zigzags across the country. They arrived in San Diego one week before the beginning of the 2001 school year. They plugged the address of all schools in the Poway School District (which hires per school rather than through a district office) into the GPS system of a car borrowed from his mother. Thoene drove, and his wife applied to all 27 schools in one day. She landed a job at Westwood Elementary



Students display their bracelets

that afternoon, and she still works there 13-plus years later.

As a sportscaster, Thoene had developed an internship program to help introduce young people to the world of sportscasting. Through

the program, he found that he enjoyed teaching. That, combined with his math skills (he’d minored in math in college “for easy A’s,” he says), led him to pursue his teaching credentials through San Diego State Univer-

sity and thus embark on his second career — as a math teacher.

Thoene signed up for the teaching program full-time, and planned to finish in one year. Half-way through, a friend in the insurance business who wines and dines clients, invited him to fill a last-minute absence in a round of golf at Cottonwood. That day, Thoene met Larry Rosenstock, currently of High Tech High fame.

“In 18 holes we hit it off,” Thoene says of Rosenstock. “He told me about his school, and he was like, ‘You



should come work for us,’ and I was like, ‘I’m not even done with my credentials,’ and he was like, ‘I don’t care, I got a job opening. What are you going to do?’ I loved everything he was saying about the school. So much so that I stopped the credential [full-time] program for two years.”

Thoene laughs. He has an easygoing vibe. Every now and again, while we talk, a student or a teacher passes by the table where we sit and shakes his hand or slaps him on the back. Each one seems both surprised and happy to see him. Thoene is on sabbatical. This is the first first week of school in the 11 years since High Tech High opened that he hasn’t been a part of all the hustle and bustle of a school year.

High Tech Middle

opened its doors in 2003, with approximately 300 students and 15 teachers. Thoene had hired on as an eighth grade math and science teacher. Once he fell into a rhythm, he was able to finish the credential program at night while he worked at High Tech during the day. He received his credentials in 2005.

High Tech High teachers create their own curriculum. They follow state guidelines about what their students are supposed to know by the end of each year, but it’s up to each teacher to create the projects that will help the students learn. In one of his early years, Thoene’s students learned math through a project in fantasy baseball.

One day, in 2007, during a community meeting at the school about after-school pro-

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grams, Thoene took particular note of an exchange that happened between a student and karate instructor.

"A kid raised his hand in the back and said, 'How long does it take to become a black belt?' And the sensei said, 'It's different for everybody. Everyone learns at their own pace,'" Thoene says. "And I was thinking, well why don't we teach math that way?"

That evening, Thoene went home and began to research martial arts. He became particularly interested in the story of judo, which was created by a man named Jigoro Kano,

who meant for it to be not just an art form, but also a way of life. One of the core principles of judo is cooperation — working for mutual welfare and benefit.

"I'm like, 'That's what I want in my class,'" Thoene laughs recalling his excitement as the idea for Judo Math began to develop.

Thoene tells me that in the typical math curriculum in the United States, students are expected to learn between 180 and 185 topics per year, which he calls "ridiculous," given that there are about the same number of days in a school year. In addi-

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tion, standardized tests are usually given in April, even though school is in session until June, driving many teachers to rush through all 180 topics in 150 days.

"That never made sense to me," Thoene says.

In his research, he discovered that the country of Singapore is "at the top of the world as far as math goes." In the '80s, however, they were at the bottom. Their revamped program was adopted in the United States, and called "Singapore Math."

"They teach 12 topics per year," Thoene explains. "And they teach it in depth."

So that's what Thoene did. He broke up a year's worth of eighth grade math into 12 topics. He was taking a risk in leaving out the topics

that he found "just ridiculous, topics that adults don't ever use," such as graphing absolute value inequalities and quadratics. At the time, 40 percent of the eighth grade standardized test was on quadratics, which comes at the end of algebra. But because quadratics accounted for such a large percentage of the test, teachers rushed to it before students had a chance to master all the material that precedes it.

"About 30 percent of California kids in eighth grade are proficient in math. Only 30 percent. It's just those fast kids," Thoene says. "I said I'm going to throw out quadratics. Only my fast kids are ready for it anyway. So, if they want to get to it, they can, but the rest of my class, I'm going to do what Singa-

pore Math does."

As a High Tech High teacher, Thoene had, for the most part, the freedom to do as he wished, at least as far as teaching math was concerned. So, he went back to his stu-

The kids shot down the idea of headbands, too.

Eventually, they settled on the LiveStrong bracelets ("That was back when [Lance Armstrong] was not a cheater"), one

the test than anyone else, even though they never even saw quadratics," he says, "because they knew everything else really well."

Annette Wilson explains the components

"mastery" is recognized through receipt of belts called "obi," which are actually silicon bracelets).

The curriculum is divided into 12 parts, three units covering four topics each. At the beginning of the year, students are given a white armband, or "obi," and a "scroll of knowledge" for the first topic, which they use to study and practice before the first "advancement." Some teachers give advancements on Friday of that same week. Others give them on Monday the following week.

If students pass with an 80 percent or higher, they receive their yellow obi to recognize their "mastery" of the topic. The belts are presented with great ceremony. Each student comes to the front of the class. In

Teachers visiting from out of town began to peek in and ask questions about how to make it happen in their own classrooms.

dents with a loose plan.

"I said, 'Let's create this together. We'll call it 'Judo Math,' because it's judo and math, and these are the core principles. They do belts in karate and stuff. We can wear belts,'" he says. "They were like, 'No, no. That's totally lame.'"

of which Thoene wears on his wrist today. It's black printed with white Japanese characters, the translation of which reads, "Judo Math."

The first year of the program, 88 percent of Thoene's eighth graders tested proficient in math.

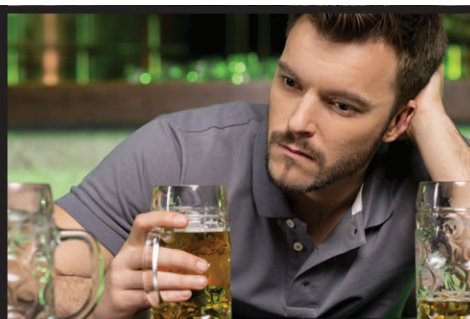
"They did better on

of the Judo Math program to her students via a PowerPoint presentation, which includes slides with catchy phrasing such as, "More Training, Grasshopper." The vocabulary is new, too: work packets are called "scrolls of knowledge," tests are now "advancements," and

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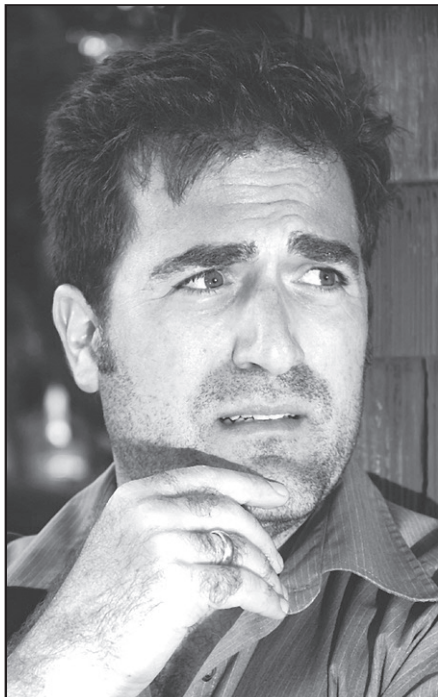
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Thoene's class, he bows and recites in Japanese, "*Omedeto gozaimasu watashi no gakusei*" ("Congratulations, my student.") And the rest of the class cheers. In other classes, the students create a tunnel with their bodies, arms up, hands linked overhead, and each time a person receives an obi, he runs through the tunnel.

After receiving an obi, the students also receive their next scroll of knowledge.

Those who do not pass the first time continue to study the topic further, practicing in groups or working with partners, and when advancements are given the following week, they take another. When they do pass, they, too, have their moment of celebration by the class.

As the weeks go by, things become rather complicated, as students all move through the material at their own pace. A dry erase chart on the wall keeps track of each student's progress.

"All for one and one for all" is a major component of the program.

Every student will receive a black belt in each of the three units, and it's up to the class to help make sure everyone gets there. Green belts are available for those who complete their black belts early and continue on through an extended curriculum. Quadratics (which has since been eliminated from the Common Core for eighth grade) figure in heavily here. The green belt is also "sensei" belt, and those who receive it often act as mentors for those who are still working toward their black belts.

"We're going to start out with integers, positive and negative," Wilson explains to her class. "We take advancements every Monday. So you'll get your yellow belt advancement next Monday. Everyone will take it. If you pass it, you go on to your next belt topic. If you don't pass it, you just go back and get some more training and you take it again the following week."

A student in a light blue shirt and madras shorts raises her hand to ask if she can take the

advancement, say, right now, if she wants to.

Wilson answers that, no, not before she's had a chance to look at the scroll of knowledge.

"But if you look at it tonight and decide you want to come in at lunch tomorrow to take the yellow belt advancement, then, yes, you can do that," she says.

The student seems satisfied.

After a brief pause in which Wilson offers the students a moment to jump up and down in place, she leads the class through the recitation of the Judo Math Oath.

"I accept the challenge of fulfilling my destiny to become a Judo Math master. I will never waiver in my drive, conviction, determination, so that I can prove to myself and to all that with time and hard work, learning the art of math can be attained. I will honor the principals of cooperation, teamwork, concentration, and sen [initiative] in the pursuit of my goals. *Domo arigato.*"

Afterward, she takes out a bag of white silicon bracelets and a stack of

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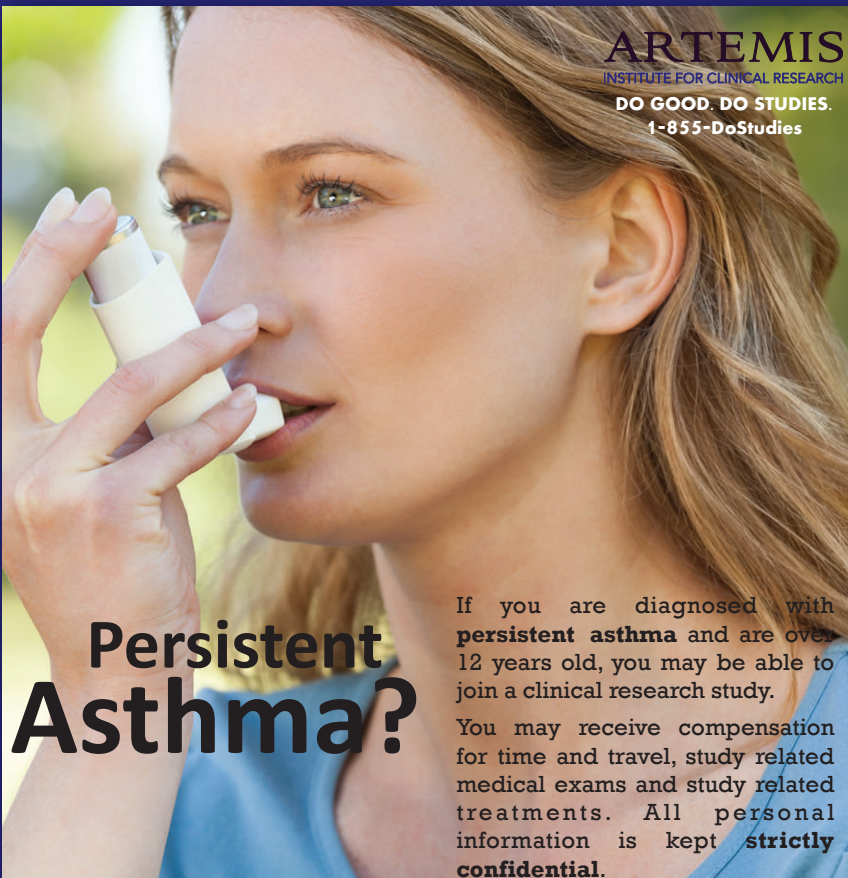
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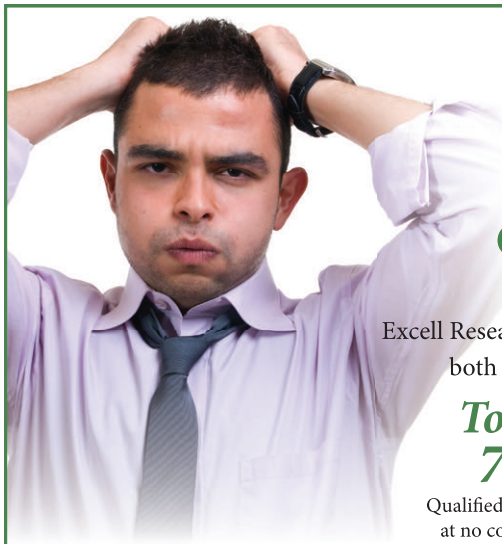
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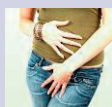
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more than a strategy
Thoene used to help
himself and his students.
He didn't intend it as a
program that would go
any further than his own
classroom. But other
students and teachers
began to inquire about
what was going on that
had Thoene's kids run-
ning around with these
bracelets and cheering so
loud for each other that
everyone else could hear.
After hearing his class
was 88 percent proficient,
the directors became curi-
ous, and soon, teachers
visiting from out of town
(as many do to visit High
Tech schools), began to
peek in and ask ques-
tions about how to make
it happen in their own
classrooms.

"A lot of teachers
thought, 'Okay, I just
want the curriculum, the
packets and those brace-
lets, and hey, boom, it'll
just work magically,'" he
says. "Nope, that's not it
at all."

In 2009, when Marc
Shulman began teaching
eighth-grade math and
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about the successes of
Thoene's program and
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it a try. The director's
suggestion had enough
push behind it that, he
says, he "hesitantly took
it on."

"Being the cocky
20-something-year-old
I was, I didn't want any-
one telling me what to
do," the now 36-year-
old Shulman tells me
over the phone. "Going
in with that mindset,

I pushed back on that
idea. Even after talking
briefly to Dan, I said, 'I
like the idea, it's cool,
but I'd like to put my
own twist on it.'"

The way Thoene tells
it, "It bombed. It was
horrible."

Shulman's rendition
is a little less...harsh.

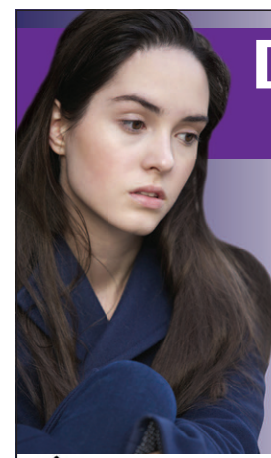
"It wasn't working
well with me," he says.
"It was just fizzling out.
It got to a point where
kids didn't care anymore.
They were losing belts. I
couldn't keep track of
what was happening. I
was just really struggling.
I'd say within three or
four months, I was like,
'Screw it.'"

At the end of the
year, however, Shulman
sat down to "shoot the
breeze" with Thoene,
and came to understand
that the content of Judo
Math comes second to
the culture of the class-
room. Shulman knew
that it was important to
keep students engaged
and to make learning
fun, but says, "I had a lot
of rethinking to do in the
day to day way I ran my
classroom."

This year marks
Shulman's fifth as a Judo
Math teacher. He now
also works with Thoene
as social media direc-
tor and has helped to
develop the curriculum,
the teacher training, and
the presentations for
educators. Over the years
they've both realized the
importance of failure as
something to reiterate
often so that students
can begin to see "failure"
as a step toward success
rather than the absence
of success.

The celebrations, too,
are a huge part of culture
building in the classroom.
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the front of the room at
least 12 times in the year,
and while that sounds
like a lot of pomp and

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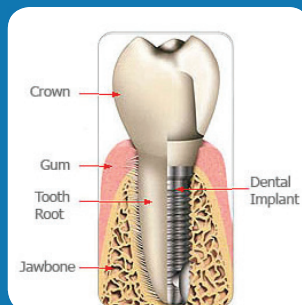
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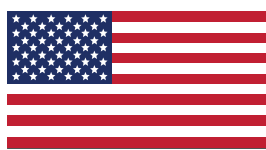
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circumstance, Thoene has found it to be a key aspect of Judo Math that shouldn't be taken lightly.

"You know you hear about the kids that take a test and they put their test up on the refrigerator?" he says. "There's a lot of kids that have never done that ever. Well, in this, every single kid has that experience. We celebrate the heck out of them."

Managing a classroom of kids all at different places in the curriculum and all at different paces was, in Shulman's words, "another part of my failure." Thoene, too, struggled with that in the beginning. But when they developed the program's mentoring component, it made it more manageable.

"That might mean, 'Jeff, you passed your

blue belt, and you really know this stuff, and really could use your help in mentoring these five people. So just for today or today and tomorrow, can you make sure that these five people understand these small topics here?' Or 'Your job is to make sure that these five people pass by the end of this week.'"

The kids, he says, love the mentoring and take pride in it. Their parents, on the other hand aren't always sold on it right away. They say things like, "My kid's not going to school to teach."

Shulman says he tries to help them understand teaching as another way of learning and getting a deeper understanding of the material. "And we're celebrating that. Not only celebrating the kids that

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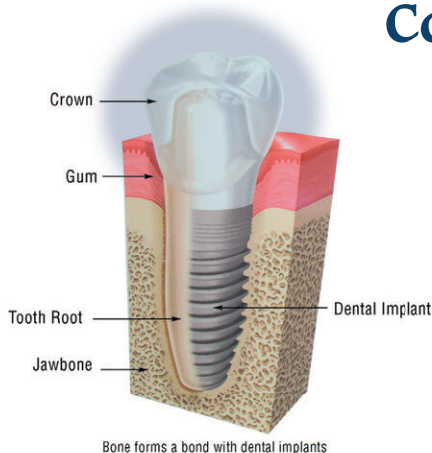


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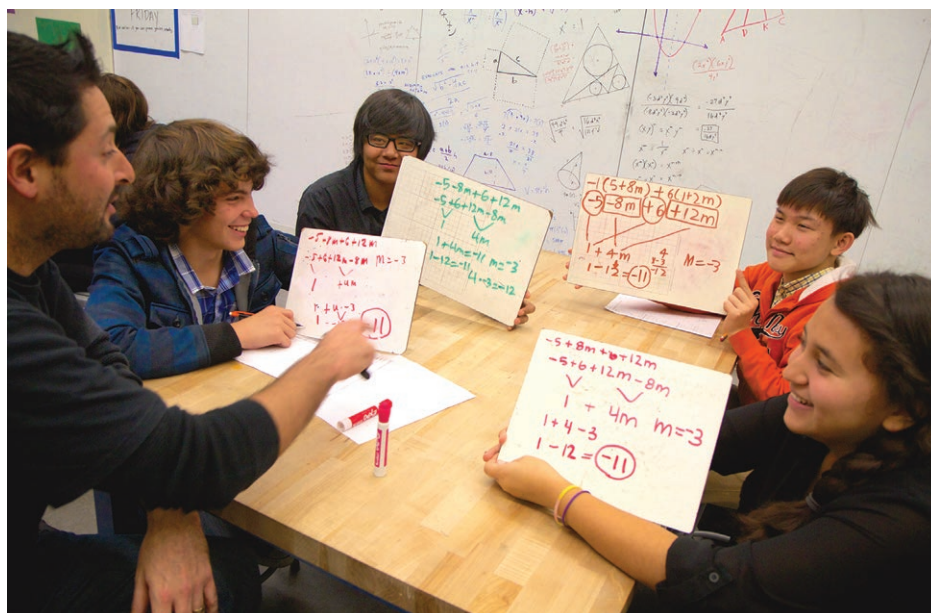
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pass but celebrating the kids that step up as mentors,” Shulman says.

In his class, the students nominate each other to sit in the Chair of the Week, or COW, as they affectionately refer to the big, comfy office chair on wheels designated as a special recognition for mentors or significant improvements made.

During Back to School Nights, Shulman says, he gets to hear a lot of parent “pushback” about the Judo Math program. And they’re not just complaints about the mentoring. The parents of kids who are accustomed



to being at the head of the class in math question whether their kids are challenged enough. And those whose kids

have often struggled in math express concern that the posters on the wall make every kids’ progress visible.

To the former, Shulman says, “This program raises the floor and opens the ceiling. Kids who struggle typically don’t get through an entire grade level curriculum, but in Judo Math, the lowest kid is going to do is get through grade level curriculum. Every kid becomes a black belt. The kids that get to the end sooner, they’re doing so much more than the grade level curriculum. Last year, I had kids go through an entire tenth grade trigonometry course and successfully passed it.”

And to the latter, he says, “It makes mentors obvious. If you’re stuck

on yellow belt, there’s a whole list of people that you can go to for help who have passed it.”

By exposing his own weaknesses (he occasionally writes things back-

or it gets jumbled up in my head. Mental math has always been difficult for me. I feel like if I had been given an option to work at my own pace, I would have been more

“Kids in South Carolina can be showing my kids over here how to do the same exact type of math problem.”

wards or out of order but hasn’t formally been diagnosed with dyslexia) and asking for help himself, Shulman attempts to emphasize that there’s no shame in kids learning at their own pace and having both strengths and weaknesses. Acceptance of where you are is a part of creating a safe environment where it’s ok to make mistakes.

“I tell my students all the time, I struggled in math all the time. I have to write everything down. I work at a slower pace than most other people,” he says as an example. “I have to write everything down

successful and more confident in myself.”

In 2011, Dan Thoene made Judo Math a corporation. He estimates that he has put over \$50,000 into it, including the cost of traveling to conferences, curriculum development, and the design and purchase of materials. Some conferences, he says, charge as much as \$2000 to \$3000 for a booth, and then charge additional fees for the rental of carpet (required) and a chair.

Thoene estimates that he has grossed \$17,000 from Judo Math in 2014, the first year he turned a profit. It was

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mostly through teacher trainings, of which he has done over 100 in San Diego, Vista, Hesperia, South Carolina, Iowa, Maryland, Canada, and London.

He charges \$695 for the two-day training, which includes posters, one year's worth of bracelets for up to 50 students, access to the membership site, and access to a kids site that he likens to "Judo Math Facebook."

He emphasizes that the success of Judo Math is due in part to the High Tech culture that allowed him to dream it, create it, and troubleshoot it along the way.

"I talked to the CEO [Rosenstock] and the CFO about four years ago, and I said, 'Look, I'm going to start maybe doing this, but if I make money in this, is this okay?' And they were like, 'Absolutely, [but] what about with teachers here?' I said, 'I'll always train them and give them stuff for free. So, every teacher that I've trained here, it's always free.'"

This past summer, Thoene and two other teachers he's brought on (one of them is Shulman) created the curriculum, making sure it's in alignment with the Common Core (that only required a bit of tweaking, he says,) and enhancing the presentation they do at conferences by making it more interactive. The next step will be to train more trainers. Right now, Thoene, Shulman, and Jamie Holmes (an eighth-grade teacher at High Tech Middle Chula Vista) are the only three qualified to do so. The way the program is growing, he's going to need help.

On the kids site Thoene has created a

program that breaks down all the Common Core topics and allows kids to video record themselves solving math equations on a white board, and create a voice over explanation of the

process to share with other students. Other students can rate each video on how helpful it is on a five-star system.

"Some kids in South Carolina can be showing my kids over here how to

do the same exact type of math problem," he says.

Part of the plan for his year of sabbatical is to attend more conferences as a presenter, continue teacher training, and get a Kickstarter

campaign going to help finance all that travel. Sabbatical doesn't pay. He laughs at the idea that he's in it for the money. "If I make \$40K, I'll be happy," he says.

So, what about after

sabbatical? I ask. Does he plan to go back to the classroom or what?

"Well," he laughs. "The hope is that I'm Judo Math Dude all over the world." ■

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Apricus is also trying to develop a topical cream named Femprox for female sexual interest/arousal disorder, an affliction that some scholars think is a fiction — merely a marketing gimmick. The company is also working on various urology and rheumatology products. Standard & Poor's says Apricus's investability quotient is lower than 95 percent of companies it follows. That's low.

Innovus Pharmaceuticals has five nonprescription products: Zestra, to increase sexual desire in women; EjectDelay, for male premature ejaculation; Sensum, to increase the sensitivity of the penis; Vesele, to boost blood flow; and Zestra Glide, a lubricant. For its quarter ended September 30, it lost \$1.1 million, up from a loss of \$734,000 a year earlier.

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Revenue was only \$443,087 for the quarter, up from a minuscule \$166 a year earlier. Actual product sales were only \$118,087 in the quarter.

In late November, Innovus put out a news release saying that 246 women in the United Kingdom had tested Zestra over a two-week period. Fully 77 percent of the women reported a more intense sensation and arousal in sex, 66 percent reported an ease in orgasm, and more than half reported a more intense orgasm.

Standard & Poor's has no report on Innovus. ■

Under the radar

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— Matt Potter
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Matt Potter

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Religious organization to resume selling T-shirts

Spirit of the Environment, an eastern-philosophical-based organization that promotes Bhakti-Yoga teachings and environmental sustainability, may once again sell T-shirts and pass out literature at San Diego's most popular tourist destinations and public parks, ruled a federal judge on December 23.

The nonprofit religious organization, also known as Audarya, sued the San Diego Police Department on December 14 after the department's licensing division threatened to fine the group and its members for selling its merchandise on public land without first obtaining a "peddler's permit." Doing so, according to the complaint, violated the group's First Amendment right to free speech. Days after filing the lawsuit, United States district judge Cathy Ann Bencivengo granted a temporary restraining order. The larger question of whether the city and its police department can prohibit a religious-based group from promoting its message through the sale of T-shirts and from passing out free pamphlets moves forward.

Dorian Hargrove

Caltrans engineer's illicit remodel

Caught red-handed on personal job site, state worker let off with a warning

The end of the year is approaching, time again for the California state auditor's report of crimes and malfeasance by state employees, some of whom were attributed to a San Diego-based California Department of Transportation engineer.

"Through our investi-

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gations, we found theft of state funds, waste of public resources, improper headquarters designations, improper travel expenses, and incompatible activities," says auditor Elaine Howell's December 23 introduction to her latest official tally of worker horrors.

"In one case, we determined that a manager at the State Water Resources Control Board embezzled more than \$3500 in state funds that she received when she recycled surplus state property on behalf of the Water Board.

"In addition, the California Military Department failed to keep an accurate inventory of state property of its Camp Roberts training facility, which led to a loss of inventory valued at \$33,400."

In San Diego's case, the Caltrans motto "Give 'em a brake" took on a new meaning.

"Caltrans found that between June 2011 and December 2011, a transportation engineer used a passenger vehicle assigned to him and a pickup truck assigned to another engineer to visit a rental property that he owned and was trying to renovate," the report says.

"State records indicate that during this period, the transportation engineer used his state vehicle on 12 days to travel 747 miles and refueled the vehicle using a state credit card."

Despite being caught red-handed on his personal remodeling job, the unidentified engineer was let off with only a bit of cautionary advice, the report says.

"At the conclusion of the investigation, Caltrans issued a letter of warning to the transportation engineer in September 2013 for his personal use of the state vehicles and misuse of state time."

Matt Potter

Casino to Jamul: Drop dead

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across the country, and Jamul Indian Village announced the completion of a \$36 million site excavation, the first phase in constructing a long-contested casino in East County.

Despite a series of lawsuits that sought to block the construction, ground broke on the project in early 2014.

The lawsuits, including one from Jamul tribal members, contend that bodies and cremated remains were improperly removed from graves during construction, that the construction is damaging a nearby wildlife preserve, and even that the site should not be federally recognized as tribal land eligible for placement of a gaming facility.

Construction crews spent the past ten months moving over 452,000 tons of earth to make way for the 200,000-square-foot three-story casino and subterranean parking garage.

State Route 94, the area's main thoroughfare, is already believed by locals to be overburdened with traffic.

Hollywood Casino Jamul-San Diego, the name currently attached to the project, is slated to open sometime in 2016. Total construction costs are estimated to be \$360 million.

Dave Rice

Blame the geeks

Software not ready for Rapid 215

While the limited-stop Rapid 215 bus route has been operating since October 12 (it was scheduled to begin service August 31), it's a different story with the electronic sign technology called Variable-Message Signs. There are printed schedules posted at each new stylish station, but what's with the nonworking digital signs?

I asked Metropolitan Transit System public relations director Rob Schupp, but he referred me to SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments), since he said that organization is "working to get all signs functional."

SANDAG built the new

215 line in collaboration with the transit system. The budget was reported at \$44 million, including the new buses. Schupp also said the transit system is "anxious to get the

signs up and working."

Helen Gao, associate public information officer at SANDAG, explained on December 12 that the signs themselves are okay. "The

issue is related to the software, which is a separate purchase and which has to be installed separately," she said. "We resolved the issue this week, and we expect

the signs to be up and running in January....

"We purchased a total of 20 signs, including two spares, for the Mid-City Rapid project," Gao said.

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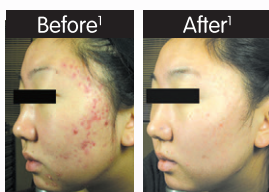
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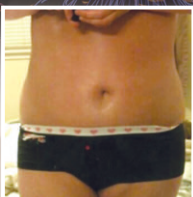


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LETTERS

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Ed Kravitz, December 25. In the item, Mr. Kravitz wrote, "Cox told me: 'I'm going to bury your little railroad under asphalt and there was [sic] nothing you can do about it.'"

I completely deny ever making those remarks that were attributed to me. I never said anything like that. I have always treated Mr. Kravitz with respect, no matter our disagreements.

The Bayshore Bikeway segment through Imperial Beach, the subject of Mr. Kravitz's comments, is a popular recreational amenity that has thousands of users of every week, resulting in fewer greenhouse gases and healthier citizens.

Greg Cox

Supervisor, District 1

They Contribute Nothing

Dave Good could not have made an effective argu-

ment against raising the minimum wage, or presented a less sympathetic cast of characters ("I Make 300 Cups of Coffee Every Day. I Get \$9 an Hour Plus Tips," December 18 cover story). Starting with Kara, who dropped out of school in the 11th grade to have a baby, and at age 25 has four children and is married to an illegal alien.

Miriam has been in the U.S. for 16 years and doesn't speak English, has three children, and is unmarried. Both receive public assistance.

Jon and Jessie are a couple of entitled, spoiled brats. Jon didn't feel the need for a job since he got a decent allowance from his parents. After graduation, Jessie backpacked through Australia and Europe, then was surprised to find she couldn't get a job. The stress caused her to have a mental breakdown.

Sherone has been to prison three times for identity theft and fraud. She at

least seems to be determined to improve her life.

Self-styled "activist" Emmanuel is working on an Associate Degree in Chicano Studies. What exactly does he plan to do with that degree?

All of these characters are lucky to have any job at all. They contribute nothing towards moving things forward.

Skip Baker
Temecula

Stay in Austin

Regarding the "No Twang in Paradise" article (Blurt, December 18), maybe Mr. Stuart should open his ears to the many country bands here in town that *do* call San Diego home. The country music scene and musicians here not only work hard, but side by side in a great supportive community. Perhaps Mr. Stuart should stay in Austin. We don't need you in San Diego.

Name Withheld
North Park

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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people using their new water toys, and a lot of people walking their dogs," Cole said.

After my career at the gas station, I worked at the Santa Fe Drive 7-Eleven. The owner at the time was Vance Van Vessler. He would come in at midnight and work 24 hours straight, each Christmas Day, so none of his employees had to. When he sold his store a few years ago, he had worked 33 consecutive Christmases.

KEN HARRISON

CARLSBAD

I-5 to get a few more drivers United Express stops flights into Palomar Airport

United Airlines announced this week that it will be closing its operation at Palomar-McClellan Airport. Operated as United Express through their partner, SkyWest Airlines, the up-to-seven flights daily to LAX will cease sometime before April 2015. United was the only airline with a regular schedule to fly out of the Carlsbad airport.

This may be good news for area homeowners, who often oppose airport expan-



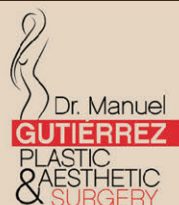
United Airlines counter in Carlsbad

sion — the same homeowners who purchased homes in the runway's flight path.

Soon, the small ticketing terminal will be empty. United Airlines graphics and those of a planned California Pacific Airlines, which never got off the ground, will be all that remain. The airport, with its 4897-foot runway, will remain open, in other parts of the field, to private aircraft operations, maintenance facilities, flight schools, and jet charters.

Unfortunately for local homeowners, corporate planes and chartered jets, soon to be the airport's mainstay business, have been increasing over the years. SurfAir, an all-you-can-fly membership airline, began serving Carlsbad to seven California destinations on November 17, out of the Premier Executive Jet terminal.

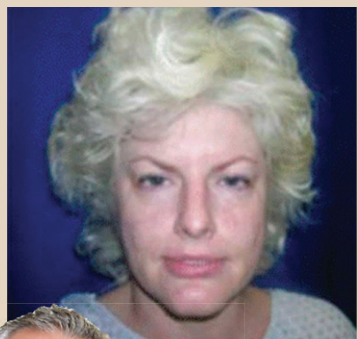
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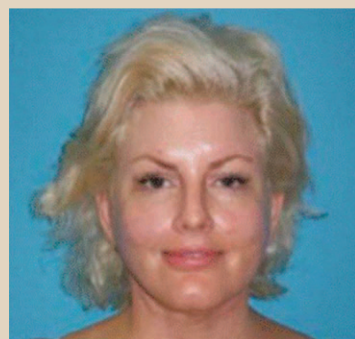
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WHEN: 12:25 p.m.

WHERE: Harbor Island Park, 1910 Harbor Island Drive, downtown San Diego. 619-221-8400; sdy.org/race/calendar/events/2808

fresh-caught seafood and aqua-farmed seaweed direct from local fishermen.

WHEN: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Fish Harbor Pier, 598 Harbor Lane, downtown San Diego. thdocksidemarket.com

Sunday | 4

THE LAST UNICORN WITH PETER S. BEAGLE

The animated classic is screening across the country with author and screenwriter Peter S. Beagle, the man who created it all. With a Q&A, signing session, and tour-exclusive merchandise. "We also encourage and reward cosplay." \$8.75–\$12.50.

WHEN: Noon to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Reading Town Square, 4665 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont. 858-274-3012; lastunicorn.tour.com

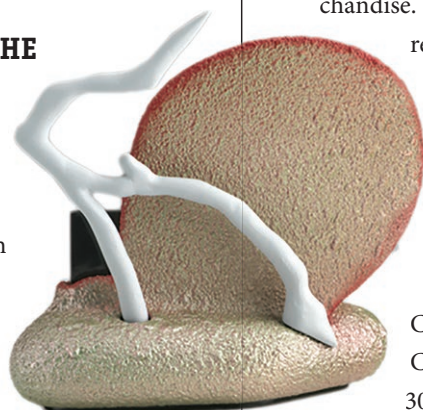
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DRAWING IN THE GALLERIES

A drawing workshop with objects from the museum's collection with instructor Damon Hitchcock. Gallery visit: Ron Nagle, Peripheral Cognition. \$12–\$15.

WHEN: 2 to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-7931; bit.ly/1AZqPoS



Monday | 5

WIFREDO LAM AND THE EUROPEAN TRADITION

Cuban artist Wifredo Lam (1902–1982) was one of the masters of 20th-century modern art. In this presenta-

Saturday | 3

TUNA HARBOR DOCKSIDE MARKET

A new open-air seafood market where both the public and professional chefs can purchase



SUNDAY, CATCH THE LAST UNICORN AND NET A SIGNATURE FROM CREATOR PETER S. BEAGLE

tion, art historian Marta Garsd will examine Lam's contributions.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Grossmont Healthcare Center, 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa. 619-232-7931; bit.ly/1B4b0Ni

inspired by this year of the Sheep/Goat/Ram. Free; donations welcome.

WHEN: 7 to 8:45 p.m.

WHERE: Rebecca's Coffee House, 3015 Juniper Street, South Park. 619-284-3663; storytellersofsandiego.org

Tuesday | 6

TEXTILE ART FOR KIDS

Explore a variety of fiber-art techniques in this class for ages seven and up. Projects include weaving, sewing, using dyes or paint on fabric, color exploration, and basket making. Four Tuesdays, through January 27. \$81–\$93.

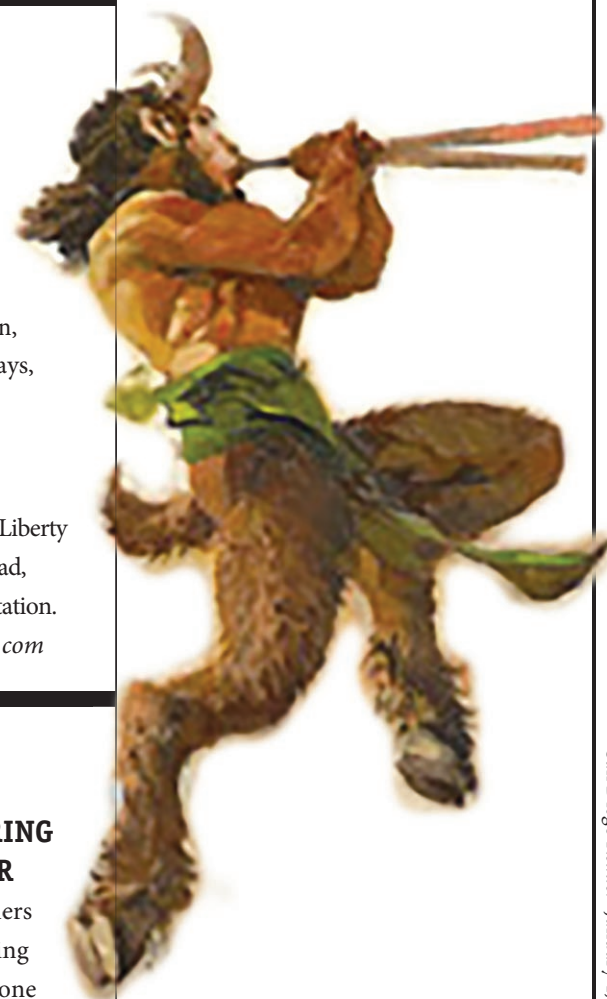
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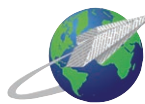
WHERE: Bravo School of Art at Liberty Station, 2690 Historic Decatur Road, Barracks 19, Studio 206, Liberty Station. 619-223-0058; bravoschoolofart.com

Wednesday | 7

STORYTELLING: RING IN THE NEW YEAR

Join members of Storytellers of San Diego for an evening of memoirs from bygone New Years and folk tales





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The Brooklyn Bridge. No shame in being a tourist when it involves sights like these.

New York road trip: Manhattan to Cooperstown

By Courtney Hartmann

New York City comes with enough nicknames that no matter how you spin it, you sound like a cliché.

I lived in the city for a brief period post-college and wanted to return to sightsee and check in on some old spots, such as Margon, a hole-in-the-wall restaurant in Midtown that always fed my soul with inexpensive, brimming plates of fish, fried plantains, rice, and beans. Or McSorley's, known as the oldest tavern in NYC, where they give you mugs two at a time with a light or dark variety of ale. When you order the cheese plate, think Saltines, Swiss, and spicy mustard.

Manhattan is a Choose Your Own Adventure book. You can travel to the city a hundred times and have a different experience every time you go. I like to tag myself a "permanent tourist" because there's no shame in exploring something you've never seen, even if a billion people have already experienced it.

This trip's main adventure: Cooperstown. In between chowing down on dirty-water dogs and the "original" Ray's Pizza, not to mention

subway-riding to both the Bronx and Queens to watch the Yankees and Mets, respectively, we planned a 24-hour trip to Upstate New York.

Following a day game to see Jeter playing his last year while eating an ice cream sundae out of a mini Yankees helmet, my fiancé and I rented a car to drive from Manhattan. All credit goes to him, as we arrived at every destination with not a car scratch to be found and all vertebrae intact. We drove part way to Albany for a short six-hour sleep.

An hour and a half on the road early the next morning led us into a humid day for the Baseball Hall of Fame Induction. Cooperstown is a village of less than 2000 people who put lemonade stands in their front yard and offer baked goods for under a dollar. There's a trolley that shuttles visitors from a larger parking lot on the outskirts of town to Main Street, since there is limited parking on the streets. It reminded me a bit of my hometown in Kansas, where events are announced on the bank sign and church fundraisers are hosted at the VFW.

The induction was held at a park a little less than a mile away from the Baseball Hall of Fame, and you could opt to walk it or wait in the long line for the shuttle bus. Not wanting to miss any of the action after coming so far, we hoofed it with hundreds of others to join the crowd of thousands. When you find yourself surrounded by so many people, the trick is to just keep moving. Switch direction, slow your pace if necessary, but never stop moving.

While Manhattan is hazy, smelly, and fantastically full of life, head further

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Other Adventures



K_Mennem: Santa Lucia, Honduras, at sunset



tlampe: Red Rock Scenic Highway (Arizona)

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San Diego Outdoors with the Museum Canyoneers

COAST TO CREST TRAIL — SAN PASQUAL VALLEY STAGING AREA TO YSABEL CREEK STAGING AREA

This segment of the San Dieguito River Park crosses an agricultural preserve.

Distance from downtown San Diego: About 36 miles. Allow 40 minutes. Go north on I-15 to Escondido. Exit at Via Rancho Parkway and follow the signs for San Diego Zoo's Safari Park, which will place you on SR 78 going east. After passing the Safari Park's entrance, continue on SR 78 an additional 3.4 miles to Bandy Canyon Road. Turn right on Bandy Canyon Road and then make an almost immediate right turn onto a gravel road. Follow it north, then west for about 0.1 mile to the San Pasqual Valley Trailhead and Staging Area. **Hiking length:** 6 miles out-and-back. **Difficulty:** Easy over almost flat ground. The trail is open to hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and leashed dogs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., but motorized vehicles are banned. There are no facilities or water at this trailhead or on the trail, so plan accordingly. Watch for patches of poison oak along streams.



Avocado and citrus farms are in the agricultural preserve

The San Pasqual Valley has continuous, completed segments of the planned, 55-mile-long, Coast to Crest Trail of the San Dieguito River Park. When finally realized, the Coast to Crest Trail will extend from Volcan Mountain near Julian to the coast at Del Mar. The San Pasqual Valley segment of the Coast to Crest trail provides access to a fascinating part of San Diego's history and a chance to explore the San Pasqual Agricultural Preserve, as well as some of the natural areas contained within it. However, some of the segments are very long in distance with just a few access points. Also, camping is not allowed anywhere in this part of the park, so an overnight is out of the question. The best way to explore this area is through a series of out-and-back hikes within the area starting from the various staging areas that include the San Pasqual Valley Staging Area at Bandy Canyon Road, Ysabel Creek Road Staging Area, Old Coach Staging Area, and the Mule Hill Trailhead at the Sikes Adobe Staging Area. This article looks at an out-and-back hike from the eastern end of the valley beginning

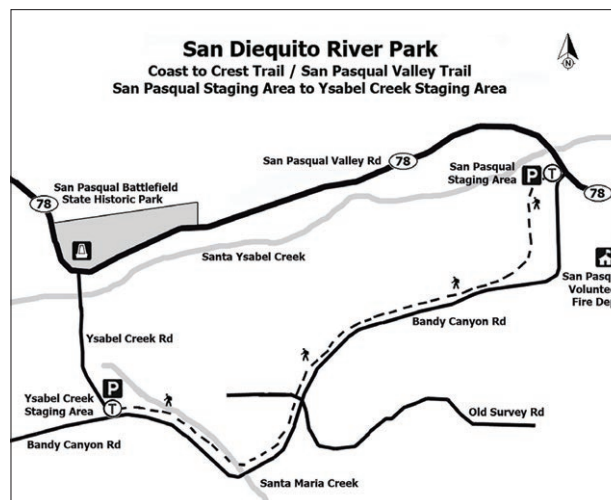
at the San Pasqual Valley Staging Area.

Begin hiking west from the trailhead, with Santa Ysabel Creek on your right and a large citrus grove on your left. The creek bed is choked with typical riparian vegetation, including arroyo willows, Fremont cottonwoods, mule fat, scattered sycamore trees, and even a few California black walnut trees. The creek is a haven for wildlife, particularly birds. In half a mile the trail makes a sharp turn south, leaving the creek. As it continues along the western boarder of the citrus grove, the view on the right is of a large turf grass farm. After walking another half a mile the trail turns west again and now follows Bandy Canyon Road. You will pass abandoned buildings and a recently closed dairy, all signs of the rapidly changing nature of farming in this Agricultural Preserve. Once the source of milk for most of San Diego, now only one operational dairy remains in the preserve.

Although there are many non-native invasive species on this segment of the hike, including eucalyptus, Mexican fan palms, tamarisk, and Indian cactus, there are also many hardy native species, including climbing milkweed, salt heliotrope, wild grape, tree tobacco, flat top buckwheat, black sage, prickly pear cactus, and deer weed.

At the Ysabel Creek Staging Area, turn around to complete the 6-mile out-and-back hike.

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



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ART

Art on the Green Every weekend COAL Gallery member artists display their paintings, glass work, photography, and sculpture on the lawn in front of the Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort. Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, February 22, **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

Experimental Surfaces Show First Friday with the Experimental Surfaces Show and juror Helen Hayes. Friday, January 2, 5pm; **free**. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #105. (POINT LOMA)

Friday Night Liberty With a preview of San Diego Dance Theater's *Dances of Love, Laughter, and Loss* before its premiere. See the premiere of *Time Is Love*, a roving international video art program on the theme of love in hard times at Expressive Arts Institute. San Diego Watercolor Society debuts their annual Experimental Show engaging the imagination of the beholder. Learn from artists working in their studios, hear live music from local musicians, and wander the campus of NTC at Liberty Station. Friday Night Liberty is a night of free open studios, museum, galleries, and performances with over 40 artists and galleries in a historic campus. Info: 619-573 9300. Friday, January 2, 5pm; **free**. NTC at Liberty Station, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Gifts of Our Sisters: Lost & Found Enjoy a glass of wine, snacks, and free admission to the museum to see our current exhibit, Gifts of Our Sisters: Lost & Found. This show runs from December 5 through February 1, 2015. Info: info@womensmuseumca.org. Friday, January 2, 5pm; **free**. Women's Museum of California, 2730 His-

toric Decatur Rd., Barracks 16, #103. (LIBERTY STATION)

Latino Art Opening reception for works of art by artists of Latino heritage or art influenced by Latino culture. Saturday, January 3, 5pm; **free**. Borrego Art Institute, 587 Palm Canyon Drive #105. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Southwestern Artist Association Exhibition Our featured artists are Gail Ackley, Codie Carman, Evelyn White, and our Alcove Artist is Dora Chen. Friday, January 2, 10am; **free**. Gallery 23 in Spanish Village, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

BEER

Firkin Friday with Green Flash Brewing Green Flash Palate Wrecker aka Hamiltons Ale from the cask. A legendary beer with a bounty of hop bite. Triple IPA, if you will, and deceptively easy drinking for the hop and alcohol that it carries. 2011 Michael Jackson American Cask Ale Award winner. This beer his made from a unique brewing technique and was originally brewed by request to commemorate our 2nd Anniversary. Friday, January 2, 3pm; Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

The Lupulin Loop: Dr. Rudi Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens Liberty Station Brewing Manager and Great American Beer Festival Gold Medal winner Kris Ketcham has created a one-of-a-kind beer for us to share with you. Thursday, January 1, 2pm; Stone Brewing Liberty Station, 2816 Historic Decatur Road #116. (LIBERTY STATION)

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)

Rhyme & Verse
New Year's Day
A poem by Kim Addonizio

The rain this morning falls
on the last of the snow

and will wash it away. I can smell
the grass again, and the torn leaves

being eased down into the mud.
The few loves I've been allowed

to keep are still sleeping
on the West Coast. Here in Virginia

I walk across the fields with only
a few young cows for company.

Big-boned and shy,
they are like girls I remember

from junior high, who never
spoke, who kept their heads

lowered and their arms crossed against
their new breasts. Those girls

are nearly forty now. Like me,
they must sometimes stand

at a window late at night, looking out
on a silent backyard, at one

rusting lawn chair and the sheer walls
of other people's houses.

They must lie down some afternoons
and cry hard for whoever used

to make them happiest,
and wonder how their lives

have carried them
this far without ever once

explaining anything. I don't know
why I'm walking out here

with my coat darkening
and my boots sinking in, coming up

with a mild sucking sound
I like to hear. I don't care

where those girls are now.
Whatever they've made of it

they can have. Today I want
to resolve nothing.

I only want to walk
a little longer in the cold

blessing of the rain,
and lift my face to it.



Kim Addonizio is an American poet who lives and teaches in the Bay Area. She is the author of two novels, two books about writing poetry, two collections of short fiction, and several engaging and edgy collections of poetry, one of which, *Tell Me*, was a National Book Award finalist. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. Of her recent collection of short stories, *The Palace of Illusions*, published in 2014 by Soft Skull Press, the novelist Katie Crouch has written: "The stories...are searingly beautiful, evocative and surprising. Kim Addonizio is a master who gives the traditional story form a startling twist." "New Year's Day" is from *Tell Me* and is reprinted with permission of BOA Editions.

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Family Drop-In Day: Exploring Post-Impressionism Offered every Sunday, Family Drop-In Days feature family-friendly, docent-led tours, gallery games, and art projects for families to complete together. Activities are suitable for all ages and skill levels and center around a specific theme. Art projects change weekly and themes change monthly.

Free with museum admission. Sunday, January 4, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Inventiveness with Positive and Negative Space 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: *Ron Nagle, Peripheral Cognition*. This workshop series offers broader instruction in drawing techniques and a deeper look

into the breadth of works on view. Friday, January 2, 2pm; \$12-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Painting & Vino: Starry Night Bridge Recreate "Starry Night Bridge" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. Sunday, January 4, 1pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Rasa Lila: The Energetics of Contemplation and Inner Healing Learn to help heal the wounds of time and memory and move forward into actualizing our deeper yearnings and potential. Through

playful practices of contemplation and healing, new life skills come together with other spiritual and healing practices and the fulfillment of personal goals. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, January 31, **free**. 21 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

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,

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Felipe Esparza A comedian and actor best known for his raw, real-life comedy that audiences can relate to. Recognized for his wild hair and his often-imitated phrase, "What's up, fool?," people are surprised to find out that Felipe is the same person referred to and imitated in infamous stories by fellow comedian

Gabriel Iglesias. Friday, January 2, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, January 3, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, January 4, 8pm; \$18. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

Argentine Tango Weekend A beginners intensive Argentine tango weekend in a waterfront setting. Two tango couples teach four hours of classes designed to get beginners dancing fast. Two mixer dances to practice what you learn. Info: 619-393-1974. Saturday, January 3, 3:30pm; Sunday, January 4,

3:30pm; \$55-\$80. Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Argentine Tango with Colette Take a first free class Monday, January 5 at 7pm or Wednesday, January 7 at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter). No need for a partner. We will introduce you to the passion and magic of tango. Visit tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio #106. (POINT LOMA)

Hot Guys Dancing Five of the southland's most dynamic and daring choreographers will be showcased in Diversionary Cabaret's dance series. Conceived and directed

by Michael Mizerany ("Miss Kitty's Wild West Revue") and featuring Michael, Melissa Adao, Erica Buechner, Ami Ipapo, Caryn Marie Glass (The Movement Initiative), and Kevin Williamson (Los Angeles). Friday, January 2, 8pm; Saturday, January 3, 8pm; Sunday, January 4, 2pm and 7pm; \$20-\$39. 18 and up. Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

FOOD & DRINK

Date Night: Chef's Favorites Learn alongside your special someone as you prepare a menu of scrumptious, chef-inspired dishes. The instructor will share secrets for cooking perfect pork and creating a balsamic pan sauce. We'll walk you through techniques for preparing potato pancakes, sautéing Brussels sprouts, and making pastry and filling for a chocolate tart. Saturday, January 3, 6:30pm; \$34. Sur la Table, 1905 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Little Italy Authentic Food & History Tour Every Saturday we host a behind-the-scenes tour of Little Italy's entertaining history from 1871 to today's modern-day renaissance. We include a Sicilian pastry, pizza, pasta entrée, and a drink as part of the experience. Saturdays, 10am; \$30. Café Zuccherio, 1731 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

New Year's Day Brunch at The Blind Burro A breakfast buffet with a build-your-own breakfast burrito station, churro waffles, and a shot

of tequila to build your own seafood cocktail. Thursday, January 1, 11am; \$30. Blind Burro, 639 J Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Tuna Harbor Dockside Market Focused on San Diego's historic commercial fishing and aquaculture industries, local customers — both the public and professional chefs — can purchase fresh-caught seafood and aquafarmed seaweed direct from local fishermen. Saturdays, 8am; **free**. Tuna Harbor Dockside Market, 598 Harbor Lane.

Wine Tasting, No Sulfites A wine tasting with six pours of wine made naturally — unfiltered, without added sulfites. Friday, January 2, 4pm; Vinavanti Wines, 9550 Waples St., Suite 115A. (MIRA MESA)

FOR KIDS

First Five First Friday: Story Time A festive story time for ages four and under. Friday, January 2, 10am; \$10. New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

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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: Kids 5-7 Ranger Heidi invites 5-7 year-olds to join her for a nature story embellished by an activity and arts-and-crafts project based on the story theme. Meet in the Visitor Center Library. Saturday, January 3, 10am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Scientists and Engineers of Tomorrow This is a program for kindergarten through sixth grade with fun science/math games and building projects. No registration required. Saturday, January 3, 1pm; **free**. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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

OUTDOORS

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,

New York *continued from page 35*

north and things significantly slow down and clear up. If you're traveling there in the summer, it's like driving into a screensaver of serene, green hillsides and lush, leafy trees. The break from the city chaos was a welcome one — the baseball pilgrimage well worth it.

Prior to our direct flight cross country, we researched hotel deals, checked baseball schedules, made a list of must-sees, and managed to fit everything into a five-day span. Here are my tips:

Book a hotel near a subway station, ideally in a central part of the city.

Take advantage of free hotel breakfasts and free Wi-Fi and keep in mind that a cab from JFK is a set fare; budget accordingly.

Carry Band-Aids and a fully charged cell phone every time you step foot outside the hotel door. Above all, drink copious amounts of water.

When traveling to New York, it's nice to have a local to guide you to

their favorite spots as we did — but embrace the beauty of being a tourist. We covered four boroughs in one day, visiting all five by the time our trip was over. We ran into Bane and Batman in Times Square and got photobombed by Elmo. We ate lobster rolls aboard a boat that floats diners around the Hudson for free. We ate frozen desserts at Serendipity3 and stopped for the requisite selfies along the Brooklyn Bridge. We walked so much my blisters popped and reformed without me missing a step.

Whether it's a day trip upstate, double-fisting beers at McSorley's, or taking a stroll across the Brooklyn Bridge, embrace New York in all its glory. Manhattan will grind you into the ground, but somehow make you yearn for more. Every street has something interesting, every neighborhood its own personality. It's truly my city soulmate, and cliché or no cliché, we had the time of our lives.

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Trek with the Trackers Discover and identify tracks, scat, bedlows, and other evidence of critters living in local underbrush and trees. Join a Mission Trails Regional Park guide for two hours of dirt-time fun — wear long pants! Meet in front of Visitor Center. Saturday, January 3, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Whale and Dolphin Watching Adventure A 3.5-hour whale watching excursion with the opportunity 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; through Friday, April 24, \$39-\$44. Hornblower Cruises, 970 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Wildland San Diego Your New Year's resolution for more family fun and outings is easily met at Mission Trails Park. Join our trail guide-led walk and learn facts about wildland San Diego, its history, unique landscape, and animal/plant populations. Meet inside Visitor Center. Saturday, January 3, 9:30am; Sunday, January 4, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Go Skydiving This Weekend Free video of your tandem skydive this Sunday for people who read *The San Diego Reader*. Just tear out our half-page ad in this week's issue and bring it with you. Skydive San Diego is San Diego's largest and oldest operation. Scenic views of the ocean, downtown skyline, and the mountains. Gift certificates are available and make great presents. Must be 18 years of age and weigh less than 230 pounds. Sunday, January 4. skydivesandiego.com; 619-216-8416. Skydive San Diego, 13531 Otay Lakes Road. (JAMUL)

International Auto Show The San Diego International Auto Show feature over 400 2015 model-year vehicles, ride-and-drives, and an expanded exotics salon. Thursday, January 1, 10am; Friday, January 2, 10am; Saturday, January 3, 10am; Sunday, January 4, 10am; San Diego Convention Center, 111 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Last Unicorn Screening with Peter S. Beagle The animated classic *The Last Unicorn* is screening across the country with author and screenwriter Peter S. Beagle, the man who created it all. Audience Q&A, free raffle prizes, signing session, and tour-exclusive merchandise. We also encourage and reward cosplay. Saturday, January 3, 12pm; \$8-\$12. Reading Gaslamp, 701 Fifth Avenue. Sunday, January 4, 12pm; \$8-\$12. Reading Town Square, 4665 Clairemont Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO, CLAIREMONT)

Logan Heights Branch Library: 100th Anniversary The Logan Heights Branch Library celebrates 100 years of service. Can you believe that the library first opened to the public in a small building on January 4, 1915 for 16 days that month? We have come a long way since then. There will be plenty of things to do, see, and taste. Sunday, January 4, 1pm; **free**. Logan Heights Library, 567 South 28th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Better Breath, Better Life with Yoga Join us for 15th Anniversary of Yoga at The Cove with a spectacular ocean view. Jaruska Solyova will offer tips on how to make meditation easy and a pain-free experience. Saturday, January 3, 10am; \$5-\$15. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

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unto the body of him that was crucified.

— from *The Life of St. Bonaventure*”

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he was arrested in 1605 for trumped up charges connecting him to the Gunpowder Plot, after which he spent a year in the Tower of London. As an indication of his religious fervor, he translated a popular life of St. Bonaventure, Doctor of the Church, from which part is quoted here.

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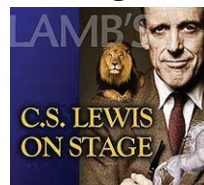
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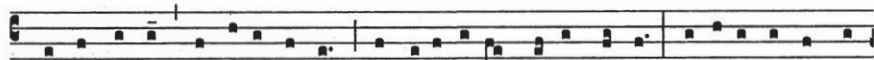


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Escondido Senior Anglers Escondido Senior Anglers meet the second Friday of each month with guest speakers on fishing and camping trip plans. The club focuses primarily on fresh water fishing and week-long camping trips. Open to all anglers aged 50+. 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

Hanohano Huki Ocean Challenge 2015 The Hanohano Huki Ocean Challenge is one of the longest-running paddlesport races in California (OC-1, Surfski, Traditional Paddleboard, Standup Paddleboard, and Kayak) with a mix of professional athletes and beginners from age 7-80. The short course goes around Vacation Isle; the long course leaves Mariners Basin, south of the Bahia, heads out the channel and up past Crystal Pier, out to the Yukon, and back in. The Mission Beach Jetty is a good vantage point for the long course. No charge for spectators. Saturday, January 24, 7am; \$25-\$30. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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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)

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Sunroad Marina Boat Show The San Diego Sunroad Marina Boat Show features new and pre-cruised sailboats and motor yachts with dozens of marine vendors with the latest nautical products and services. With food and drink from local restaurants plus live music, boating events, and boat rides for kids and adults. Children 12 and under are free. Active military, EMTs, and police and fire personnel are free on Thursday and Friday with ID. Thursday, January 22, 12pm; Friday, January 23, 12pm; Saturday, January 24, 10am; Sunday, January 25, 10am; **free**-\$12. Sunroad Resort Marina, 955 Harbor Island Drive. (HARBOR ISLAND)



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The purpose of the drag

I spent about three hours at Legg Lake near Whittier, about 12 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. I caught a bluegill at the South Lake. Then moved to the North Lake at another spot. No bites there. As I walked back toward the parking lot, I saw this man with four kids who were fishing. I said hello and asked if the kids had caught anything. Dad said, "No, not really." It was just his second time taking the kids fishing, and they didn't know much. I heard the reel zizzing and zizzing as the oldest kid, Samantha, turned the handle on her reel. Her line wouldn't reel in. I asked Samantha for her pole and noticed that all three of their poles had big plastic saltwater-type jigs. Samantha's drag was too loose, which is why her line wouldn't reel in. I gathered all four kids around me and explained the purpose of the drag on the

reel. I told the dad I could set up their lines for lake fishing,. He said, "*Seguro que sí.*"

We sat at a table where I could re-tie all their lines. Then, instead of walking back to my truck, I walked them to the spot where I caught my fish earlier in the day.

They knew how to cast, which was funny to me.

— Daniel Powell

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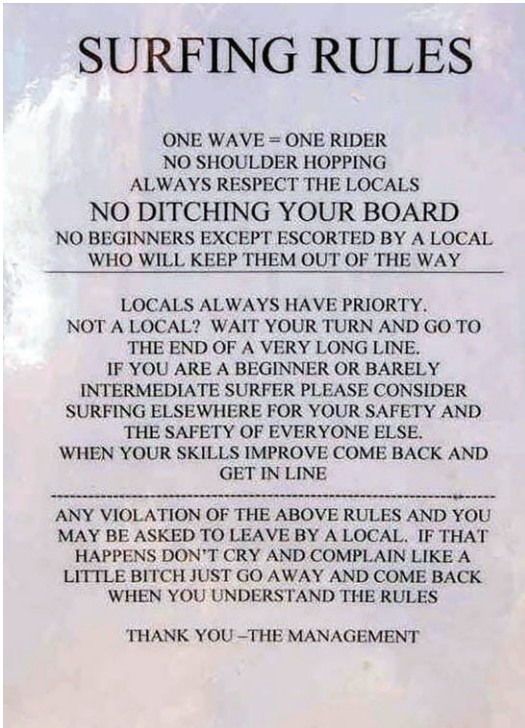
VISIBILITY
5'-20'

Relatively flat seas and light winds will set in by late Thursday along with clear skies and cool temps coastally. With the AM High tide ebbing through the day and the PM tide swing being the lesser, late afternoon will probably have the best visibility. 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



Setting up lines for lake fishing



You have to pay your dues, Barney.



What's with this guy?

Most (if not all) of the surfers know each other at the most popular surf breaks. While everyone knows about the *aloha* spirit and that the waves belong to all of us, in reality surfers can be aggressive to any new surfers who try and break into the lineup. I asked my friend Josh Hall about how a new guy can get into the lineup and his answer was “You have to pay your dues.” This started me thinking about exactly how does one go about paying dues?

Surf breaks can be categorized by several different factors. Each characteristic of the break decides what is required to be allowed into the lineup. Some breaks have a lot of peaks, which allows several surfers to be on the same wave with enough distance between them to be safe (like Pipes at San Elijo). Some

are really just a one- or two-takeoff spot, which only allow for one surfer going left and one surfer going right. The great and well-known surf break at Windansea in La Jolla is like that. But that one peak is absolutely “worth fighting for.”

You have to surf the same break every day, or the nearby break. If Sunset Cliffs isn’t going off, everyone will be at Ocean Beach. So you surf there, too. If Windansea isn’t working, most of those guys go to the Shores (La Jolla Shores), where there might be something to surf. The goal is to reach a point when the regulars recognize you and know that you play by the rules.

Paying your dues means that you don’t wear a leash. What? At P.B. Point, if you lose your board it goes into the rocks. But that is

what they mean by paying your dues.

Just because you know someone who regularly surfs the break doesn’t automatically get you a “bye” into the lineup. Being a regular surfer at Tourmaline does not give you rights to surf at P.B. Point. But it is a start. It depends on the size and quality of the surf as to whether you are welcome or not. On a small day the regulars are not out there so anyone is welcome. That is a good time to learn where the rocks are, and how to avoid them.

On a medium day, a few stragglers might be able to catch a few waves without being totally abused (verbally) by the most local regulars. But on a big surf day it is probably a good idea just to stay away and let the regulars have it to themselves.

You can always surf any break if no one is there. This works great on rainy and stormy days. The wind and choppy waves usually ruin the surf. But it is a good time to learn how the waves break and where the rocks are. Checking out a surf break on a small day at low tide is a good idea.

No matter what you do, there is always at least one loud-mouthed jerk. If you know you are being courteous and following the rules, ignore him. Some of those guys have serious mental issues and yell at everyone.

Remember the *aloha* spirit. The waves belong to everyone. But keep in mind that there is protocol at the best breaks. Learn that protocol before you grab your board and head out to the big surf.

— Russell Goltz

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Fish Report

½ Day–¾ Day: Anglers are catching the normal winter fare of Rockfish, Sheephead and Lingcod on the local kelp beds off Point Loma and La Jolla with a few Yellowtail and calico bass still in the mix. Better numbers of Yellowtail are being caught at the Coronado Islands.

1 Day–2.5 Day: Boats fishing off Ensenada to San Martin are getting steady action on Yellowtail, Sheephead and Rockfish.

Long-range–Baja: The boats working off Mag Bay and Alijos Rocks further south are finding lots of school-sized Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo. The La Paz area seems to be between seasons, with Pargo, Cabrilla and Sierra now showing while Roosterfish and Dorado are still hanging around.

Freshwater: The Trout are starting to hit more consistently. Worms, Power-bait, mini jigs, spoons and spinner-baits are all getting results as the lakes are cooling down and recently stocked fish are getting hungry. Look for the largemouth Bass deep off points. The drop-shot is working well. Remember “Slower and Lower“ is the wintertime motto for the big bucket-mouths.

Whale report: It certainly has been an interesting year in the cetacean realm. There have been sightings of big Blue whales and Orca in the local waters, most likely due to the warmer conditions bringing all the bait and the frenzy of odd tropical catches so far north this past year. The whale-watch season has officially just kicked off and there are lots of Grays migrating south. A friend at a Christmas party at a La Jolla residence reported sighting at least 20 spouts in the span of one hour from the patio. It’s going to be a good season.

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Endless Joes

His dream was always to make this the #1 jazz spot in the country. Or at least the county.

The president came by the other day, to chat.

“He was so nice, so natural,” says Mario. “I couldn’t believe my eyes. We talked about music, jazz, health care, and when he left, I wondered what a man like him was doing in a place like this.”

This is so Mario. Haven’t seen the guy in 11 years, and it’s like yesterday. I’ve just walked lonely Hancock Street through this little old industrial area north of Les Girls and The Body Shop. Lonely. Dark.

Then, suddenly, you’re in this island of light around a big bright Christmas tree, red booths, three garden benches, a couple of rickety café tables, and an old surfboard that says “Café.” And then the big black and white sign: “Hancock Street Café. Live Jazz & Blues.”

Still here! The restaurant at the end of the universe!

This is a kind of pilgrimage for me. Mario the musician and health freak (he has walked clear across the United States) turned this unlikely spot into an Italian food and sandwich joint and musicians’ hangout. His dream was always to make this the #1 jazz spot in the country. Or at least the county.

And here was the kicker: He always kept a piano out back in the hope that one day Herbie Hancock, the famed jazz pianist, would come and jam here on, well, Hancock Street with his biggest fan. Ever since Herbie finally did come to San Diego (in 2011), I had to know if Mario’s dream had come true.

I’m also hoping he’s still got some food going — I am hungry! I remember Mario’s Polish hot dogs, the thin-crust pizzas he’d make, the hot polska kielbasa sandwiches. His potato pancakes. And heck, his endless coffees. You needed that because no way you could hurry in and hurry out of this place.

Kinda surprised that he’s even open. This

is a Monday night. Inside, jazz music’s on the system. Hats and black vinyl records compete for space on the ceiling. Hand-painted food specials line the upper walls. “Hot pastrami sandwich, \$5.99.” “Chili, large bowl, \$4.99.”

“Gyro sandwich, \$5.99.” “Breakfast calzone with two eggs, cheese, sausage, onions, and spinach, \$4.99.”

Three gents are standing around talking. Then from behind the counter, this big ball of dough rises. A ball of dough with a voice. “My God! Eleven years!” it says.

Mario. Totally amazing that he even remembers. “Guess who we had come through that door last week?” he says, and tells me about the president’s visit, like we’d just left off talking a week ago.

“The next morning, Mr. Obama comes back, and he has this poster. He signs it ‘Reggie Brown.’ The comedian! A poster imposter! Reggie’s the guy who impersonates Obama. He was incredible. I couldn’t see the difference. But I still don’t know why he came.”

I do. Mario always seems to have people like that coming. They hear about him on the circuit. Hey, one of T. Rex’s latest line-up was in the other day. “We jammed for hours. Beat Farmers, too. But you’re hungry, right?”

Maybe he saw my eyes climbing down the bunch of wall menus. Polish deals like the Breakfast Plate of potato pancakes, a two-egg omelet, and veggies for \$8. Or a two-egg omelet stuffed with bacon, cheese, veggies, or sausage. For lunch he has just about any “thick or thin personal pizza (\$7 with one topping. Choices go from goat cheese to eggplant to cactus to anchovies to meatballs).” Hot sandwiches are all \$7. Hot dogs go for \$3, and potato pancakes are \$6.50.

We’re all hungry. So Mario says, “Okay. I make a pizza. Simple like in Napoli or Roma. Don’t worry. Talk with these guys.”

“People love or hate this place,” says Joe



Mario in his role as Mariochi



Best wurst in town

S. “Their lives just seem to cross here. Joe has just seen his daughter for the first time in 13 years. Half hour ago. Right here! Mario just has that vibe.”

The other Joe says he’s a musician, and half Lakota. He’s just telling me the Lakota word for “man” (“wicasa,” pronounced “wichasha”), when Joe #1 comes out wearing a marching-band cap, followed by Mario in a British bobby’s helmet with a whistle in his mouth and carrying our steaming \$7 pizza. He lays it down right in front of a Christmas crèche scene. (He’s Polish Catholic. He has a photo on the wall of him meeting Pope John Paul II.) The pizza has large halves of pepperoni circling on top of the melted mozzarella and provolone cheese base. They look like Pac-Man faces chasing each other.

He puts down a bottle of hot sauce labeled “Mario Gringo Salsa.”

“This has a spicy cayenne and turmeric mix, with honey,” he says. “Very healthy.”

I splot some on my slice. So good. Heat, yes, but a kind of sweet orange, gingery heart. Really adds to the pizza. And so does the Mexican Jarritos mandarin orange soda I get (\$2).

It doesn’t take us long to scoff this baby down.

“But this is nothing,” says Joe the Lakota. “Every Sunday, Mario has a pizza brunch,



Mario (middle) with regulars Joe and Joe

\$9.99. Six different pizzas. I’m from Chicago and some are like from home, almost like quiches.”

“Next Sunday I’m doing a thin crust, shredded apple, sliced banana, cinnamon, chocolate,” Mario says. “I’m still working it out, but it will be a dessert pizza.”

Oh, and Mario is doing a free day-long New Year’s Eve buffet where you just leave a tip. And I’ll bet he has a dozen musician friends drop by to make noise.

Who knows, maybe even the president himself will turn up this time. Or Herbie Hancock.

“Did you see him when he came?”

“I missed him. He’s not interested in me. He’s too big.” ■

(@SDReader_EdBed)

The Place: Hancock Street Café, 3354 Hancock Street, Midway area, 619-408-2101

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De rigueur in Del Mar

1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. I'd only ever been to Pacifica Del Mar around sunset, most often with reservations so I could be sure to sit at one of the primo tables that are cleverly arranged so diners are half-facing each other, and half-facing the spanning view of the ocean through a thick pane of wind-blocking glass. It seemed odd when David and I arrived at lunchtime and found ourselves asking for a seat that was farther from the view so as to shield our heads from the sun overhead, but once seated, we could still feel the ocean breeze and see enough of the horizon to be content.

I was dismayed when I realized the lunch menu substituted sandwiches for most of the entrées available at dinner (I'd gone craving their sea bass dish with soy glaze, sticky rice, bok choy, and green curry sauce). But relief overtook me when I spotted my other favorite, the calamari, so we decided to do starters and cocktails while figuring out the rest.

The calamari (\$14) contains similarly crispy cherry peppers that add a kick of spice and vinegar. Along with the Vietnamese dipping sauce and red pepper aioli, this is one of my all-time favorite versions of the classic appetizer. David ordered the Japanese clam chowder (\$7). I'm not a clam-lover and I wasn't feeling particularly adventurous, so I didn't go in for a bite, but David made it clear that he enjoyed this shiitake mushroom, water chestnut, and scallion version, which is a diversion from his favorite New England style.

We received the drink menu on an iPad. At first, this seemed modern and hip, but after David and I passed the clunky thing back and forth over our glasses (it was strangely heavy, I imagined there were extra battery packs in the case), and after tapping back to the main menu repeatedly to get to another section of drinks, and then scrolling up and down (you could only view four drink options at a time), I longed for a one-sheet that simply listed all available drinks, sans the giant and unnecessary color photos.

Both of our cocktails were a little on the sweet side for our tastes. Had the bartender dialed back the sugar, and added a pinch more booze, I would have ordered seconds. We expected the Strawberry-Balsamic cocktail (\$11) to be sort of girly, with vodka and muddled strawberry, so the hint of excessive sweetness, slightly tampered by the balsamic, wasn't egregious. About the vodka: Pacifica Del Mar's Ocean Bar features more than 200 kinds. They've chosen to highlight a spirit that is eschewed by a number of the city's most sophisticated craft cocktail bars, mostly for its lack of flavor. I can only surmise that fruity and frilly is de rigueur in Del Mar.

When I veered away from vodka, I was disappointed to not be able to taste the Hendrick's gin in my Cucumber Rosemary martini (\$10). I didn't really taste the cucumber either. Mostly what I tasted was simple syrup and a bit of the rosemary needles that were floating around in the glass. There was a time (my early 20s) when this innocuous concoction would have been right up my alley, but just past my mid-30s on a sunny Saturday afternoon, I was hoping for the refreshing crispness I'd come to associate with cucumber and gin.

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FEAST!



David was happy with his grilled local yellowtail with chile de árbol BBQ sauce.

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Curbside Café's "artisanal" cinnamon roll, still waiting on a contender, is declared number one in Vista.

main dishes. Our server was beyond helpful, taking extra time to go through the menu with us, especially when he realized how distraught I was over missing out on the sea bass. I took his recommendation and ordered the angel hair pasta with rock shrimp, artichokes, chili flakes, and spinach (\$14). I had been reluctant about the pesto, but our friendly server insisted it was a light, un-oily version, and he was right. The dish overall was teeming with flavors and textures as deliciously distinct as they were compatible with each other. Because I had quickly filled up on calamari, I ended up taking half of the angel hair home, and it was just as toothsome reheated. Let's put it this way: I enjoyed the angel hair with rock shrimp so much, that upon my first bite, I stopped missing the sea bass and made a mental note to order this dish again on my next visit.

David was just as happy with his grilled local yellowtail (\$19), with chile de árbol BBQ sauce, sugar snap peas, more of those shiitake mushrooms, orzo, and spring onion-yogurt sauce. The peas were fresh and crunchy, the orzo a nice al dente, and the tasty sauce did not overwhelm the delicacy of the fish.

Pacifica Del Mar is a pricey place, but their food and service is up to par. On the drink front, now that I realize it's not my kind of cocktail scene, I've made a mental note to go for the wine list the next time David and I decide to splurge.

—Barbarella Fokos

When in North County, seek comfort food

307 Main Street, Vista. What drew me to the Curbside Café was its claim to be "Home of Vista's #1 Cinnamon Roll." Now, I can't speak to how many cinnamon rolls in Vista vie for this distinction, but seeing as I was in the area I decided to give it a shot.

Located beneath the Deco façade of the AVO Playhouse on the village's main drag, Curbside Café's interior feels more like a

small town diner, with tile floors, casually set tables, and an old school coffee counter.

The menu reads fairly middle America, with standard breakfast fare along the lines of chicken fried steak, corned beef hash, and egg scrambles. Lunch includes a tuna melt, club sandwich, and BLT. But a closer look reveals the chef at Curbside cut his teeth cooking at the Four Seasons, and whether for pride or quality's sake uses fresh ingredients whether making potato pancakes, smoked salmon benedict, or fruit salad.

I arrived soon before the 2:30 p.m. closing time, but felt like going for breakfast (served until close), eventually settling on biscuits and gravy for \$7. The thick gravy and chunks of sausage slathered over dense, chewy biscuits fairly hit the spot, especially when I broke the yolk of the sunny side up eggs that came with them and mixed everything into a goopy, salty, stick-to-your-ribs kind of meal. This might not register as outstanding in a southern state, but for southern California they're easily getting the job done.

The cinnamon roll satisfied a craving as well. The \$3.50 pastry showed up hot, sticky, and sweet, loaded with nuts and immensely satisfying. It's what the kids today might brand artisanal, but really just what we used to call homemade — made from scratch, baked (and reheated) soft and gooey and immeasurably rich. They're served with a fat pat of butter, and though I'm sure sufficient butter went into the recipe, I did try spreading it on a couple bits of the roll, to



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I'm a fan, and as I live a little too far from the getting-better-all-the-time streets of Vista Village, I'm really hoping the next craft-breakfast sweet sensation downtown turns out to be a million gourmet takes on the classic cinnamon roll. But until such a day arrives, I'm glad the affordable — if out-of-the-way — Curbside holds it down with what could turn out to be the best cinnamon roll in a large chunk of North County.

— Ian Anderson

Surf's flat

4657 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. In a city filled with taco shops, everybody's got their local favorite. And in a place like Pacific Beach, it doesn't seem out of character that — to many — Taco Surf garners that distinction. A block from the beach, with dozens of surfboards strung from the ceiling, the place effectively captures the P.B. zeitgeist. And whatever else could be said about P.B., it's loaded with zeitgeist.

A sandwich board sign in front of the restaurant declares Taco Surf to have the "Best Burritos in America" — at least according to Fox News and

USA Today (the nation's premiere authorities on burritos, pie charts, and false claims). So who am I to wander in and pass judgment? Just a lowly Feast! writer with far too many taco shops under my belt.

Despite such bold assertions, I skipped the burritos here, and went instead for the namesake tacos. Specifically the very particularly priced \$2.78 carne asada, \$2.78 adobada, and \$2.55

the top 30 this year. **The West Bean** clocked in at number 20 with a Kenya Nyeri Giakanja bean awarded 95 points. The notes describe the medium roast as "richly and deeply pungent" with notes of blood orange, honey, and roasted cacao and a "plush, buoyant mouthfeel." A planned Broadway location has yet to open, but the 95-point beans may be ordered from the West Bean web store.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters earned two spots on the list, starting at number 10 with a Guji Zone bean from Ethiopia's heralded Sidama province. The medium-light roast, which also garnered a 95 rating, is described as delivering jasmine, chocolate, and brandy with a "sweeter and deeper-toned" profile resulting from dry-processed beans. This means the coffee beans (also called seeds) were dried while still inside the coffee cherry rather than the more conventional wet-process which skins, pulps, and ferments the fruit before washing, and then drying the beans in the sun.

Even more impressive was the rank given Bird Rock's 96-point, wet-hulled Indonesian bean,



Big new roaster for a big new year at Bird Rock

Sumatra Ulos Batak. Claiming the number 2 spot overall, this medium roast is said to possess notes of "Pungent fruit...moist pipe tobacco and sweet, freshly turned clay." The wet-hull method refers to removal of the coffee seed's protective outer "parchment," allowing wet-processed beans to dry quickly despite the region's humid climate,

which contributes to their unusual complexity.

While the limited batches of these beans have long since sold out, a new lot of the Sumatran Batak coffee is expected for 2015, and a current Ethiopian selection called Boke Konga resembles the Guji Zone in character. Owner Chuck Patton plans to further expand Bird Rock's unique direct trade selection with a trip to Uganda, tentatively scheduled for February.

These feathers in Bird Rock's cap come just as the vaunted micro-roaster takes strides to become less micro. It just moved primary roasting operations into a new location at 1270 Morena Boulevard, upgrading from a 15kg-capacity Giesen to a 35-kilo Loring roaster.

The increased production will help the growing company meet rising demands of added wholesale accounts as well as a recently opened retail shop in Little Italy. Another Bird Rock coffee counter will open at the roaster on Morena in early 2015, and Patton says he's "actively looking for new locations" for further retail expansion in what promises to be an even bigger year for local coffee buffs.

fried fish.

I found a plastic bottle of salsa and took a seat near the window, which looks out onto Mission and its menagerie of skaters, beach cruisers, and bikini babes. Aside from the surfboards, the shop reads like any other bare-bones taco shop in the city — slightly grimy in appearance, however often it's cleaned. I'm not phased by such things, and have had some pretty legendary

meals in similar establishments.

However, these tacos did not earn any sort of epic description. First I tried the carne, topped by onions and guacamole. I found it to be a fairly bland asada, a little too chewy, and I actually wasn't too thrilled with the potency of the salsa either, though I pretty heavily doused my taco with it.

The cabbage and white-sauce-topped fish taco came next. Tilapia. Not my least favorite

fish, but always in the conversation. Yeah, this cheap seafood option can find redemption in the right deep fryer, but usually in a "Wow, that's pretty good for tilapia" sense. Here, it was more like, "Yeah, that's tilapia."

Now the adobada — here we've got something to talk about. Also topped by guac and onions, it's not the best I've had, maybe a little salty but otherwise well seasoned — succulent

and tasty. I'm glad I ate it last because it damn near salvaged my lunch. Sadly, the corn tortilla didn't have the stamina to wait through two quickly eaten tacos and fell apart at first bite. I enjoyed the remainder of my taco with a plastic fork.

Maybe if I lived in P.B., read *USA Today*, watched Fox News, and never, ever walked across the street to try the reliably delicious Oscar's Mexican Seafood or La Perla Cocina, I might convince myself Taco Surf was a neighborhood classic. But with so many great and cheap alternatives so ridiculously close, even the cachet of surfboards overhead won't lure me back.

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There's gonna be a resolution. New year, new resolutions. Whereas “normal humans” resolve to accomplish goals such as losing weight, swearing less, and cutting back on alcohol, musicians come from a different mindset. They're “cut from a

fine resolution as “pretty much the same thing as a confession,” this will make perfect sense. Reilly then coughed up an actual resolution (sort of), “I want to drive to Texas and throw my phone in the Gulf of Mexico. This will allow me to spend time writing about

my side music. So far, I know two beats. My current level of drumming is about as good as Ritchie Valens's brother Bob from *La Bamba*...remember the scene in the bar? ‘Oh boy!’ My inspiration is Lety from Schitzophonics. If I could be even half as good as she is, I will be stoked. Practice practice.” “Oh boy” is right, Mishey. Better hope Esai Morales isn't reading this, he is notoriously sensitive about his onscreen drumming.

And speaking of Lety [Beers] from Schitzophonics and the Rosalyns, she chimed in with her own resolutions: “My New Year's resolution is to finally finish up the Schitzophonics LP! We have a bunch of high-energy stompers in the works! Also, I plan on getting more handy dandy with my sewing machine. Anja Stax is the mastermind behind The Rosalyns look, and I plan on working with her on future clothing projects.”

Perhaps Lety and Anja could collaborate on a hip new look for local old-timers Geezer. Until then, Adam Gimbel Sr., leader of the hearing and contextually impaired band, says, “The New Years Revolution will be slow but mighty. The elderly will rule again! On your knees, teenager! You *will* turn down that crap! You *will* get off of our lawn...right after you mow it. Wait, what was the question again?”

— Dryw Keltz

Phaser finger. In December, Timothy Joseph took over as host of the Local 94/9, a radio show on FM94/9 that features local bands. This, following long-time show host Tim Pyles's move to the Loudspeaker, also a locals-only broadcast on rival station 91X. “They called me one night to fill in for him,” Joseph says. “That first show was a test,” he tells the *Reader* by phone in the days before Christmas. “They liked it. They called me the next day and wanted me to come back. I said, ‘I'm busy.’ I run a studio. I'm recording with my own band. I'm still bartending, trying to make ends meet and pay a mortgage.” But he thought it over for a day or two and came back with an offer: “I didn't want to be a fill-in guy. I said, if you want me for a full-time host, I'm interested.”

Joseph says he considers himself something of a mouthpiece and proponent for the local music scene. “There's a responsibility I feel to the local music scene.” Few could argue that, considering that the singer/guitarist records and performs with a couple of local groups, one called the Palace Ballroom and the other a trio called Phasers on Stun. He also owns Phaser Control, a Grantville-area recording studio and rehearsal facility. “On any given day, 75 to 100 local musicians are in my rehearsal studios. I talk to them. I've got my finger on things.”

Already a known commodity to the staff and management of 94/9, Phaser Control had been a sponsor of Pyles's old show. “And we

guests will include Casbah's Tim Mays and the band Transfer. “The goal of my hourly program,” he says, “is to shine a light on what's going



Local musician/studio head Joseph has a new venture: radio host.

held their listener parties and private events at my studio.” But what does Joseph bring to the Sunday night radio show? “Since I'm not a radio personality and I don't come from a journalism background, when I talk to artists, I go direct and cover them from the inside. For example,” he says, “what's it like to be an artist in today's short-attention-span market?”

That, and Joseph's broadcasts feature more range. “The first show, I had on Nena Anderson,” along with one of the members of the Locust. “It had kind of a diverse feel.” He's played metal, had a deejay as a guest, and a hip-hop artist as well. “I want to rep all genres in San Diego. I'm gonna comb through genres I don't know or even like, and I'm gonna find great music, and I'm gonna talk about it.” Future

on in this city.” Local bands can post demos for consideration to Timothy Joseph at sbmitlocal94.9@gmail.com.

— Dave Good

Uber for bands. When Andy Altman came home from Coachella this year, he had a revelation.

“I'd been relying on Uber a lot,” he said. “At the same time, my dad mentioned, ‘If I wanted to hire a pianist over to play, what's stopping me?’”

Andy's dad just happens to be former Qualcomm president Steve Altman and the two tried to figure out if there was a way to make an Uber-style app that would make it easier for music fans to connect with local musical acts.

“We toss around ideas

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different cloth,” as the saying goes, and as you'll see by the following list of resolutions from your local noise-makers.

Brian Reilly, who plays in the New Kinetics, the

the drive back on 66 and not wasting time reading the ‘Best of Craigslist.’” May as well “hold the phone,” Brian. There won't be a ton to write about regarding a road that hasn't



Touchies guitarist Mishey's goal? To become a better drummer.

Hiroshima Mockingbirds, the Diddley Daddies, and the Little Richards, complains, “My posture sucks. I look like I should be pushing a walker with tennis balls on it.” Okay, when Oxford decides to rede-

technically existed since June 27, 1985.

Mishey Touchie of the Touchies says, “My New Years resolution is to become a better drummer. I don't play drums in my band, it's just

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all the time,” Andy, 25, said. “This was the first time we couldn’t knock the idea down.”

Instead, a new app took



The Altmans come up against an idea “we couldn’t knock down” — GigTown.

flight: GigTown, an app now in beta testing in the San Diego area.

The app allows users to quickly find and book local musicians, ranging from solo guitarists to eight-piece bands at prices ranging from \$60 to \$4000 per hour and book them using a stored credit card.

GigTown takes a 17 percent commission on any gigs booked through the app and Stripe, the payment processor, takes an additional 3 percent.

Steve Altman, 53, retired from Qualcomm in January,

but is excited about the possibilities of GigTown.

“This could change the music industry,” he said. “Less than one percent of musicians make a living, and local artists have a hard time creating a fan base. To become a fan of a group, you have to hear them live, then you have to

like them so much that you will look them up on Facebook.

“But if you think it’s hard to discover local music, it’s even harder for the average person to book them,” he said.

The hyperlocal focus of GigTown could help bands play in places where there is currently no live music, Steve said.

“We can show a club or a restaurant

that a group has 5000 fans living nearby and maybe they’ll book that group,” he said.

Andy said there are currently 40 bands registered on the website and hopes more local groups sign up before the app launches commercially in mid-January.

“We’ve got a good variety, but no bagpipe players yet,” he conceded. “We thought it would be easy to get musicians to sign up, but it takes a while to get them to send content.

“A lot of them wonder what they want to put as their

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hourly rate. We understand that a band will charge more for, say, a wedding rather than a backyard barbecue, and these are the things we’re working out with the app.”

— Patrick Henderson

Two new stages. A new venture called Quartyard will take over two-thirds of a downtown city block and present live concerts May through October. Attendees will be served by a full-bar, beer gardens, and food trucks.

Quartyard is the concept of an urban planning group called Rad Lab. Partner Philip Auchettl says the first Quartyard show features Seattle indie-folk artist Kris Orlovski and band, February 21 (\$7 admission). He says the smaller shows (600–800 capacity) may have seating. Fans will stand for the bigger (1100) shows. Auchettl says

his group is speaking to the Belly Up and others about booking the rest of 2015.

Quartyard is on 30,000 square feet of city-owned property bounded by Market and G Streets and Park

midnight on weekends.

Meanwhile, the man who co-founded Brick by Brick 21 years ago is getting back into the live-rock business.

Chris Haney helped put that 400-seat showcase on

even if it wasn’t as big as it once was,” says Haney, who also owns the live-jazz venue the Rook in La Mesa.

Haney and two partners just got a 16-year lease on the San Carlos bar formerly known as Second Wind, Navajo, and will host original and cover bands. The new Navajo Live is set to open February 1. He says he will welcome outside promoters and touring national acts, but acknowledges he may not be able to pull in the names he did at Brick because his new bar is about half as big.

And it won’t be a Til-Two or Soda Bar. “I’m 50, I’m into ’80s rock, and I have a mullet, so it won’t be the hippest bar in town.”

— Ken Leighton



Rad Lab’s Phillip Auchettl explains the Quartyard concept.

Boulevard that will one day be developed. “But we will be here for a couple of years,” says Auchettl. “Then we will pick up and move on to a new area.” The city allowed 48 amplified shows, with music ending at 10 p.m. weeknights,

the map by remodeling and renaming the old Spirit Club, and then by bringing in Les Claypool, Portishead, Ice T’s Body Count, among other international acts to play that Bay Park nightspot. “There is always a need for live music,

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BY DAVE GOOD

Crime rock from the nation's capital! No, it's not a new genre, but more of a joke thing from a rock and roll front man with an excess of dynamism. You get the feeling that Ivan Svenonius, 45, would be a comedian if he could only hunker down and focus on one thing. But no. Svenonius has started way more bands than just Chain and the Gang, a Washington D.C.-based outfit, and he also writes books, hosts radio talk shows, makes films, and probably does more that we don't know about. Chain is merely the newest of his ventures.

With four albums to their credit, they are presently touring behind *Minimum Rock and Roll*, a record that poet/punk icon/maga-

zine columnist Henry Rollins included in his own list of faves from 2014. Svenonius has a background in political indie rock and borderline post-punk, but strangely enough, he was first singled out of the crowd by a teen magazine 25 years ago. He had a band then called Nation of Ulysses. Kurt Cobain liked them enough to paint that band's name on his and Courtney's apartment wall, this according to the *Washington Post*. Whether or not he got his security deposit back, they did not say.

Chain is a garage-rock band with subtle Blaxploitation undertones in the ambiguous bass lines and Svenonius's neon suits and Motown moves. There's the safe haven of a keyboard, but the guitar is tense and tinny and borders on out-of-tune. A listener may hear subtle Marxism in lyrics like "Youth is wasted on the young/ wealth is wasted on the rich/ looks are wasted on the beautiful,"



or in Chain's wonderful elegy to consumerism in "Certain Kinds of Trash": "Pop tops from a 12-ounce can/ you just don't see 'em/ Unh unh." The message? Never ever forget that rock and roll is all about a good time.

Beehive and the Barracudas also perform.

CHAIN AND THE GANG: Hideout, Friday, January 2, 9 p.m. 888-512-7469. \$10

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Croce's Park West:
Sunday, noon — Nina Francis. Free.

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Saturday, 8pm — Dance Party with DJ Alex.
Wednesday, 8pm — Karaoke Night.

Encinitas Library:
Sunday, 2pm — Zimbeat. Free.

Hideout:
Sunday, 8:30pm — Pants Karaoke.

House of Blues:
Monday, 8pm — Pity Sex and Whirr.
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Tuesday, 8pm — Karaoke with Rodeo Mike.

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Kava Lounge:
Monday, 8pm — Ascension.

Tuesday, 8pm — High Tech Tuesdays.

Kona Kai Resort & Marina:
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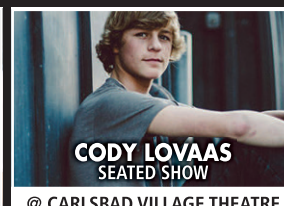
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EVERYONE’S A CRITIC

Nots
We Are Nots
By Emily Reily

Any band that says they’re punk but then tries to sneak in a slow song — impos-

ters. If you’re looking for authentic, brazen punk, the four women in Nots have it.

There’s a bold intensity to debut *We Are Nots*, fueled by youthful abandon. That lack of fear drives young music and ideas — it’s what makes punk rock relevant. If you listen to “Dust Red” from Nots’ earlier seven-inch, their garage sound was muffled in darkness and deso-

lateness. It’s good to hear that for *We Are*

Nots, they’ve turned on the lights and swept away the lo-fi scuzz dust.

With the blazing opener “Insect Eyes,” Nots display their signature sound, although they sometimes veer off with indie-rock melodics, as on “Strange Rage.” Besides strong showings by bassist Madison Farmer and guitarist Natalie Hoffmann, Charlotte Watson’s drumming is delivered machine-gun style, and Alexandra Eastburn’s synth layers a pall of creature-feature blackness over it all.

Most tracks on *We Are Nots* surpass the punk-approved two-minute mark, but that’s a bonus here, allowing Nots to deliver complete ideas. “Reactor,” clocking in at nearly four minutes — eons for a punk song — is not overdone, but a few more minutes of fun.

It’s exciting to hear these four Memphis women blasting up such a hardcore sound from the underground. Not what you’d call “a breath of fresh air,” though, this gust is pungent with sex and sweat, and you just can’t get enough.



Fueled by youthful abandon

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Run the Jewels put a beat on Porter’s Pub
By Austin Mackin

“This place is ratchet as f##k!” exclaimed a damp El-P to the Porter’s Pub crowd, summoning cheers from the dank pit of restless angst. The recently formed duo Run the Jewels, an amalgam of former Def Jux founder El-P and Killer Mike, a member of the Dungeon Family, took in a breath before the riot continued. A Zach De La Rocha vocal sample heeded the arrival of “Close Your Eyes and Count to F##k,” a rollicking number, brutal in its relentlessness.

El has long spit cleanly over his own crunchy beats, but the addition of Mike has weaponized his music with political lyrical audacity and bombastic vocals. “All My Life” acted as a hypnotic intermission, momentarily conquering the chaos. The snake-like bass line spilled out of an auto-tuned vocal intro, working in unison with the subdued nature of the bars being spit. But the eye of the storm soon passed. “Early” soon claimed the speakers with its thumping bass and vicious critique of police brutality.

With the audience in hysteria, a mosh pit enveloped the stage-front crowd and churned like Jupiter’s Great Red Spot. And in just under an hour, it was done. No encore. Why would they return to the scene of the assault?

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January 24 — Prayers, Slashes, Sleeping Giant.
January 30 — Chris Vitas: Jean-Luc Ponty tribute.

The Air Conditioned Lounge: 4673 30th St., North Park, 619-501-9831.
January 9 — Junior the DiscoPunk.
January 10 — DJ Mike Czech.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
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January 21 — Ben Wendel Quartet.
February 6 — Kevin Hays New Day Trio.

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January 9 — Ass Pocket Whiskey Fellas.

The Bailey Wood Pit Barbecue: 2307 Main St., Julian, 760-765-3757.
January 31 — Rio Peligroso.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.
January 31 — Patti Smith.
February 6 — Kodo One Earth Tour: Mystery.
February 8 — Avett Brothers.

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January 9 — 24K Gold.

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January 24 — Gone Baby Gone, Schitzophonics, Loons.

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January 20 — Stranger.
January 21 — Junior Reid and Natural Vibrations.
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January 27 — The Wailers.
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January 29 — Keller Williams and the Motet.
January 30 — Dave Alvin, Phil Alvin & Guilty Ones.
January 31 — Lovebirds, Tolan Shaw, Dr. Seahorse.
January 31 — Abbey Road vs Jumpin’ Jack Flash.
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February 3 — Lettuce and Break Science.
February 4 — Vonda Shepard.
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January 12 — Metal Mondays.
January 15 — Saving Abel and Reef Bound Sol.
January 16 — Slaves Against the Machine.

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January 20 — Graham Nancarrow.
January 24 — Markland and Cardboard Truckers.
January 26 — Metal Mondays.
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January 29 — Karma to Burn.
January 30 — Philm featuring Dave Lombardo.
February 4 — James Otto Acoustic Show.
February 5 — Brett Scallions Unplugged.
February 6 — Big Smo and Haden Carpenter.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 N. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.
January 17 — Westminster Chorus.
January 21 — Jazzreach featuring Metta Quintet.
January 24 — Jesse Cook.

California Sol Greek Sombbrero: 12891 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-669-1979.
January 9 — Black Market III.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
January 8 — Sean Watkins and Lauren Shera.
January 9 — Whitey Morgan & the 78s and Jake Loban.
January 11 — Flesh Eaters and Skating Polly.
January 13 — Midge Ure.
January 14 — Pinback.
January 17 — Kid Congo & Pink Monkey Birds, Uke-Hunt.
January 18 — White Arrows.
January 19 — Mariachi El Bronx.
January 21 — Waters.
January 25 — The Coup.
January 27 — Fictionist and Mates of State.
January 30 — We Are Scientists and Schitzophonics.

January 31 — Beacon.
January 31 — Beacon.
February 5 — Hanni El Khatib.
February 6 — Generationals.
February 8 — Mustard Plug, the Toasters, OSD.

Club Rio: 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley.
January 30 — 2nd Annual 45 Reggae Soundclash.

The Congregational Church of La Jolla: 1216 Cave St., La Jolla, 858-459-5045.
January 23 — Society Cabaret.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD: Russell Lane at Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-2230.

January 21 — Wadada Leo Smith & Anthony Davis.

Croce's Park West: 2760 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-232-4338.
January 10 — Nina Francis.

The Dana Hotel on Mission Bay: 1710 West Mission Bay Dr., Mission Beach, 619-222-6440.
February 2 to 6 — Jorma Kaukonen’s Fur Piece Workshops.

Dirk’s Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
January 14 — Karaoke Night.

Dizzy’s: 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467.
January 8 — John Mills Times Ten.
January 9 — Sinne Eeg and the Peter Sprague Trio.
January 10 — Brian Lynch Quartet.
January 15 — Chase Morrin Trio.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.

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January 31 — World of Pain and Impale Thy Neighbor.

Fifty Seven Degrees: 1735 Hancock St., Mission Hills, 619-234-5757.

January 16 — Ass Pocket Whiskey Fellas.

First Presbyterian Church: 320 Date St., Downtown San Diego, 619-232-7513.
January 18 — Tim Flannery and the Lunatic Fringe.

The Hideout: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-501-6540.
January 12 — California X and Happy Diving.

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

January 9 — Goner9, Madman, Arena.

January 10 — Lola Demure's Burlesque & Variety Show.

January 16 — Disgorge, Last of Lucy, Fractalline.

January 16 — Anthony Green.

January 18 — G. Love & Special Sauce.

January 21 — Guster.

January 22 — Scott Bradley's Postmodern Jukebox.

January 23 — Local Blues Local Grooves.

January 27 — The Green.

January 28, January 29 — Devil Makes Three and Joe Pug.

January 30 — Badfish: A Tribute to Sublime.

January 31 — Silverstein and Beartooth.

February 2 — Club Cosplay.

February 4 — Rocco Deluca (Voodoo Room).

February 5 — Tiny Moving Parts and Roswell Kid.

February 7 — Strangelove: Depeche Mode Tribute.

February 7 — Kalin and Myles (5th Avenue Stage).

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.

January 28 — Debora Galan & Silk.

February 7 — West of 5.

The Irenic: 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335.

January 8 — Aesop Rock, Rob Sonic, DJ Abilities.

January 11 — Tig Notaro and Boyish Girl Interrupted.

January 30 — Brooke Fraser.

Java Joe's: 3536 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-882-0902.

January 17 — Coco and Lufe.

January 21 — Robin Henkel Band.

Kaffee Meister: 9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard #30, Santee, 619-928-9225.

January 8 — Kaffee Open Mic.

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

January 13 — High Tech Tuesdays.

Kensington Cafe: 4141 Adams Ave., Kensington, 619-640-0494.

January 17 — Nina Francis.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington, 619-284-2848.

January 20 — Calabrese and 13 Wolves.

Ki's Restaurant: 2591 S. Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-436-5544.

January 23 — Robin Henkel, Whitney Shay, Billy Watson.

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Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505.
January 10 — Cardboard Truckers.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
January 11 — Robin Henkel Band with Horns.
January 14 — Joe Marson and Anthony Hall.
January 17 — Allison Lonsdale and Eben Brooks.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
January 15 — The Nomads, HM3, Joshua White.
January 24 — Danny Green Trio.
January 31 — Charlie Arbelaez Quintet.
February 4 — Tony Furtado and Western Collective.

Main Street Promenade at the Trolley Depot: Broadway at Lemon Grove Avenue.
January 17 — Martin Luther King Jr. Choir Honors Dr. King.

Manchester Grand Hyatt: One Market Pl., Downtown San Diego, 619-232-1234.
January 8, January 9, January 10 — Jazz Educators Network Conference.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop: Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-764-6950.
January 8 — Marujah (album release).

The Merrow: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
January 16 — Kooties, Tape

Waves, Flags.
January 23 — Tolan Shaw and Dr. Seahorse.
January 24 — Ben Miller Band and Crow Moses.
February 8 — Catfish & the Bottlemen.

Mingei International Museum: 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-239-0003.
January 18 — Camarada: Salt Water Jazz.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
January 9 — Nemesis.
January 23 — Stone the Giant.
January 30 — The Alternatives.

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla: 700 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-3541.
January 11 — *Depicted Vibrations, Volume 2.*

Nate's Garden Grill: 3120 Euclid Ave., City Heights, 619-546-7700.
January 24 — Robin Henkel.

Nicky Rottens: 100 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-537-0280.
January 23 — West of 5.

North Park Library: 3795 31st St., North Park, 619-533-3972.
January 15 — Little Catbird.

North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
January 17 — Little Hurricane.
January 24 — Steam Powered Giraffe.
January 31 — Wale and Doja Cat.

Pacific Beach Library: 4275 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-581-9934.
January 9 — Sing-Along.
January 14 — Concert: Benedetti Trio.

Pacific Beach Shore Club: 4343 Ocean Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-272-7873.
January 14 — DJ Mike Czech.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
January 9, January 10 — Fab Four.
January 16, January 17 — Sarah Geronimo.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-213-3890.
January 8 — Too Short.
January 9 — Planet Asia.
January 17 — Something Nasty.
January 22 — Bad Suns.
January 23 — Ras Kas.

Pounders: 125 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-739-1288.
January 16, January 17 — West of 5.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.
January 24 — Felix Cavaliere's Rascals.

Poway's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-486-0764.
January 10 — West of 5.

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-0800.
January 9 — Robin Henkel, Billy Watson, Marty Dodson.
January 11 — Weekly Jazz Jam.
January 14 — Weekly Blues Jam.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.
January 24 — Neo-Burlesque Cabaret Show.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
January 10 — Frank Hannon and Taz Taylor.
January 10 — Pink Froyd.

February 8 — John 5 & the Creatures and Mursic.

Rancho Bernardo Library: 17110 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-538-8163.
January 28 — Camarada Quartet & Beth Ross-Buckley.

The Rook Bar: 7745 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-469-1840.
January 9 — Charlie Arbelaez Jazz Jam.

Ruocco Park: 585 Harbor Lane, Downtown San Diego.
January 17 — Sheila Hardin Multicultural Festival.

Salk Institute for Biological Studies: 10010 North Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-453-4100.
January 25 — Science & Music: Guiseppe Mentuccia.

The Salty Frog: 992 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1120.
January 8, January 15 — Thursday Night Karaoke.

San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist: 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-236-0011.
January 9 — Poetry & Art Series.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: 8364 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-1797.
January 9 — Fridays with Frank & Friends.

Sand Crab Tavern: 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722.
January 11 — Robin Henkel.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.
February 7 — Winter Concert With Besos de Coco.

Seven Grand: 3054 University Ave., North Park, 619-269-3819.
January 12 — Makossa Mondays.
January 14, January 21 — Gilbert Castellanos Weekly Jazz Jam.

Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego: 700 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-3541.
January 23 — Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
January 8 — Cumbia Machin, La Diabla, Dj Viejo Lowbo.
January 10 — Ignite, Common War, True Rivals.
January 11 — The Darlings and Dime Runner.
January 12 — Swim Team, Joyce, Diatribes.
January 13 — Hibou and Bruin.

January 14 — The Red Paintings.
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January 17 — The Dickies and Midnight Eagle.
January 19 — Swim Team and Island Boy.
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January 22 — The Mast.
January 25 — Russian Circles and Mamiffer.
January 26 — Swim Team, Idyll Wild, Marqay.
January 27 — Cult of Youth.
January 28 — My Goodness and Crash Kings.
January 30 — Nothing, Tony Molina, Witness 9.
February 2 — Jukebox the Ghost and Twin Forks.
February 7 — Excel, Rotting Out, Xibalba.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
January 10 — Frights, Makos, Neveready, Sandy Cheeks.
January 16 — Down With Webster.

St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church: 743 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-459-3421.
January 11 — Tapestry: Song of Songs.
January 18 — Stanford Mendicants and Counterpoint.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-651-0707.
January 9 — DJ Slynkee and Disco Pimps.
January 10 — Hott Mess and DJ Miss Dust.

Sunshine Brooks Theatre: 217 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, 760-433-8900.
February 8 — Wayne Riker: Beatles from Bach to Bebob.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights.
January 11 — Christine Parker and Cleopatra Degher.

Sweetwater High School: 2900 Highland Ave., National City.
January 16 — Hot Club Of Cowtown.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.
January 17, January 17 — Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone.

The Tavern: 1310 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-0611.
January 15 — Velvet Cafe featuring Stacy Antonel.

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park: 14134 Midland Rd.,

Poway.
January 9 — Duncan Phillips & Erin Inglish.
January 16 — Chris Stuart and Janet Beazley.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-516-4746.
January 8 — Rvivr.
January 9 — Atom Age.
January 21 — Deep Sea Thunder Beast.
January 30 — Darlington, Fantasy Arcarde, Dan Padilla.

Tin Roof: 401 G St., Downtown San Diego.
January 14 — Rock Out Karaoke.
January 18 — Grayson Erhard and Morning Bear.
January 21 — Rock Out Karaoke.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Bay Park, 619-542-1462.
January 11 — Missy and Heine Andersen.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
January 16 — Desert Suns, Munsens, Toke.
January 17 — Jason Lee & the R.I.P.tides.

True North Tavern: 3815 30th St., North Park, 619-291-3815.
January 8 — DJ Demon.

U-31: 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188.
January 13 — Rad Karaoke.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
January 23 — Pierce the Veil and Sleeping With Sirens.
February 6 — Juan Gabriel.

Westfield University Towne Centre: 4425 La Jolla Village Dr., La Jolla, 858-546-8858.
January 18 — Whitney Shay and Robin Henkel.

Whistle Stop Bar: 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.
January 30 — Speaker in Reverse and Chateau.


The Wine Lover: 3968 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-9200.
January 19 — Nina Francis.

Winstons Beach Club: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
January 9 — GrooveSession and Sister Speak.
January 11 — Jose Sinatra hosts O.B.-o-ke.
February 6 — AJ Froman and the Routine.

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January 17 — Robin Henkel.



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BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Most improved breweries of 2014

Coronado Brewing Company
170 Orange Avenue, Coronado
Let me be clear. This was already a superb member of the local suds scene, which makes it all the more impressive that they found a way to up their game. They did so with beers that have become extremely reliable in the quality department despite an unbelievable level of variety and constant rotation. Proof is provided in Coronado being named Champion Medium-sized Brewery at the 2014 World Beer Cup.

Acoustic Ales

1795 Hancock Street (Mission Brewery Plaza), Mission Hills
Hoppy beers that were formerly

a bit confused and all over the map now exhibit finesse and poignant flavors that will keep lupulin addicts coming back for more. Meanwhile, their Belgian-style ales remain solid as ever.

Aztec Brewing Company

2330 La Mirada Drive #300, Vista
I've always loved the team behind this operation, even when I didn't love their beers. A head brewer shift has translated to much-improved beers, especially the hoppy stock. Double and triple IPAs offer massive hits of tropical fruit and resin that make keeping a finger on Aztec's pulse a pleasure.

Mission Brewery

1441 L Street, East Village
The majority of this company's beers are meant to be pleasing to the masses. Doing that means sacrificing boldness of flavor, but the brewing team has explored more tasting room-only and seasonal releases, and that helps not only to round out their portfolio but significantly enhance it as well.

ChuckAleK Independent Brewers

2330 Main Street, Suite C, Ramona
This husband-and-wife interest had oodles of heart, but lacked experience early on. Nearly two years later, they've made a good name for themselves by reviving old, forgotten

beer styles, to the point where they recently garnered the backing and support of **Boston Beer Co.** via its Brewing the American Dream

point where there's lots more to love at either of the company's tasting rooms — Santee and Pacific Beach.

Barrel Harbor Brewing Company

2575 Pioneer Avenue #104, Vista
They started off under the radar in the thick of brewery-dense Vista with brews that were timid, murky, and not all that desirable, but in one brief year, they made nice strides to produce beers that helped them to rise to a respectable level among neighbors.

Indian Joe Brewing

2379 La Mirada Drive, Vista
A member of the review panel for my guide to local breweries put it best when speaking of the owners of this nano: "The duo



Coronado Brewing Co.'s high-quality operation keeps getting better.

competition.

Twisted Manzanita Brewing Company

10151 Prospect Avenue, Santee
This company's fast growth was a bit confounding in the early days, as the quality of the beer didn't match the sales numbers. But each year they've dialed in the system a little more, to the

is an example of how to recover from a near-failed brewery start-up during which early beers were inconsistent and flawed." Nowadays many are not only good, but quite interesting as well. ■

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CHULA VISTA

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$2 all beer.

CITY HEIGHTS

The Hideout: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, \$3-\$5 drafts

Nate's Garden Grill: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off cocktails and wine.

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

Fat Tony's Pizza: Monday-Thursday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic beer. \$3-5 food specials.

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Bangkok Poco: Daily, 11am-3pm: \$2 for 12 oz beer.

Oggi's Pizza Express: Saturday, 10am-midnight: \$3 Oggi's beers and

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DEL MAR

Coastal Kitchen: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2 off specialty cocktails.

Hilton Del Mar: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$5 local draft beers, well cocktails, select wines and \$2 off handcrafted cocktails.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Chianti: Daily, 4-7pm: \$5 martinis, house wines.

House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 Bud Light drafts, \$2/3/4 select draft beer, \$5 well drinks, well martinis and house wine and margaritas.

La Gran Tapa: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cask wines & sangrias. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

Magnolia Tap & Kitchen: Daily, 3-7pm: \$4 local drafts, \$4 wells, \$6 wine and specialty cocktails.

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: Monday-Thursday, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: \$4 domestic drafts, \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.75 well drinks \$5 call drinks, \$3.75 tall boys. Friday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$4 domestic drafts, \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.75 well drinks \$5 call drinks, \$3.75 tall boys. Sunday, 10am-8pm: 11pm-close: \$4 domestic drafts, \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.75 well drinks \$5 call drinks, \$3.75 tall boys.

Sevilla: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-7pm: Half-price drinks and appetizers.

The Shout House: Monday, 7pm-close: \$4 Shock Top drafts, \$4 Jameson, \$4 Fireball. No cover. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$3 Karl Strauss bottles, \$5 Smirnoff drinks, \$3 fish tacos. No cover. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$3 domestic bottles. \$5 wings. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Miller Lite drafts, \$5 Red Bull bomb shots, \$12 Miller High Life buckets. Friday, 5-7pm: Half-off all drinks, half-off all appetizers. Saturday, 6pm-close: \$15 keep-the-glass Hurricanes with \$12 refills, \$8 keep-the-glass Big Ass Beer with \$6 refills. Sunday, 7pm-close: \$3 Budweiser drafts, \$4 wells, \$3 shot special, \$1 off appetizers (except fries). No cover.

Time Out Sports Tavern: Daily, 3-7pm: \$4 wells, \$1 off all draft beer. Appetizer specials.

Yard House: Monday-Wednesday, Sunday, 3-6pm and 10pm-close: \$2 off select drafts and house martinis. Half-off select appetizers and pizzas. Thursday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$2 off select drafts and house martinis. Half-off select appetizers and pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

Monkey Paw: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts and drinks.

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.

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Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$.50-1 off liquor. Everyday special all day.

ENCINITAS

Encinitas Ale House: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off premium drafts, 1/2-off all starter appetizers. Bar and front house only.

ESCONDIDO

Sand Crab Tavern: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-6pm: Half-price appetizers.

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

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

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

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

HILLCREST

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: *Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3 beers, \$4 select house red and white. Half-off appetizers. *Thursday, Sunday*, All day: \$3 beers, \$4 select house red and white. Half-off appetizers.

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.

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

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.

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$4 select drafts, \$4 bourbon slushies, \$5 premium wells. \$5 appetizers.

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: *Wednesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$5 select drafts, \$2 off sample flights of beer and wine.

LA JOLLA

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

LA MESA

Mr. G's Tavern: *Monday-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.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3 wells.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less.

LIBERTY STATION

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm: \$5 tapas, wells & wine. \$2 off craft cocktails & beers. *Sunday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$5 tapas, wells & wine. \$2 off craft cocktails & beers.

LINDA VISTA

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

LITTLE ITALY

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

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Desi's Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2 off well drinks and specialty cocktails.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.50 select drafts, well drinks, wine. \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: *Monday*, 4-10pm: Buy one get one 1/2 off. *Tuesday*, 4-10pm: \$1 tacos, \$3 Corona & Dos Equis, \$5 Patron shots. *Wednesday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Vodka Rockstars. *Thursday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jack & Coke. *Friday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Fireball. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$4 Jager Bombs. *Sunday*, 4-10pm: \$1 off all beers.

The Filling Station: *Monday-Friday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$3.25 domestic beers, \$3.25 wells, \$8 domestic pitchers.

MISSION BEACH

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.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$3 bottle beer, \$5-6 draft beers, \$4 wells, \$5 calls.

MISSION VALLEY

Dave & Buster's: *Monday, Friday*, 4:30-7pm: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers. *Tuesday-Thursday*, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers. *Sunday*, 10pm-close: 1/2 price cocktails, beer specials, 1/2 off selected appetizers.

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Friday*, 11am-sunset: \$7 appetizers, \$3 brews, \$5 wines. Jumbo shrimp and avocado cocktails, Angus beef sliders, calamari, buffalo wings.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster & Sushi Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$1.35 fish tacos. 3-6pm: two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Rosie O'Grady's: *Monday-Tuesday*, 11am-2am: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers. *Wednesday, Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers. *Thursday*, 11-2am: \$3-4 local drafts. *Saturday*, 9am-6pm: \$1 off all craft beer cans.

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls. \$1 off Heineken.

HOPE 46: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 4-6pm: \$4 wells, \$4 drafts, \$2 off wine. *Friday-Saturday*, 4-6pm, 10pm-midnight: \$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.

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.

West Coast Tavern: *Monday-Tuesday, Sunday*, 4-6pm: \$4 wells, drafts, house wine, \$6 specialty cocktails. \$6 food selections. *Wednesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$4 wells, drafts, house wine, \$6 specialty cocktails. \$6 food selections.

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.

Bar 1502: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Half-off beer, half-off sake, \$4 wells.

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).

Ocean Beach Kabob: *Daily*, 2pm-6pm. 50% off all beers. \$2.99 Sapporo.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: Drink and food specials.

D'Vino Cafe and Wine Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Half-price appetizers. \$1 off craft beers. \$5 wines.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. Half-off select appetizers.

OLD TOWN

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!

Sushi Tadokoro: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: Half-off all draft beers, half-off hot sake. \$2 edamame, \$3 gyoza.

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.

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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.

Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge: *Monday, 6pm-close:* \$3 drafts, 1/2-off specialty drinks, \$2 mini-inferno burgers. *Tuesday, 6pm-close:* \$6 draft and a shot, 50-cent ribs. *Wednesday, 6pm-close:* 1/2-off bottle of wine, \$1 oysters. *Thursday, 6pm-close:* \$3 wells, drafts and bottled beers, \$2 fish tacos. *Friday, 6pm-close:* \$3 fireball shots til 10pm.

Good Time Charlie's: *Daily, 4-6pm:* \$3.5 wells, domestic bottles, \$3 crushes. \$4 Red/White house wine. Draft selection discount price range.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint: *Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm:* Two slices & soda \$6.50, two slices & beer \$8.50; \$3 pints, \$10/\$12 pitchers. *Friday-Sunday, 12-7pm:* Two slices & soda \$6.50, two slices & beer \$8.50; \$3 pints, \$10/\$12 pitchers.

JRDN: *Monday, 4-7pm:* \$7 specialty cocktails.

Miller's Field: *Monday, Open-7pm:* \$5 double wells, domestic Mason jars, and double Skyy drinks. \$6 Blue Moon Mason jars. 3pm-midnight: 2-for-1 burgers. 7pm-close: \$2 Jaeger. *Tuesday, Open-7pm:* \$4 pints. \$5 double wells, domestic Mason jars, and double Skyy drinks. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball. *Wednesday, Open-7pm:* \$5 double wells, domestic Mason jars, and double Skyy drinks. 7pm-close: \$3 Jameson shots, Fireball, and Deep Eddy drinks. *Thursday, Open-7pm:* \$2 wells, Jaeger, and Skyy drinks. \$3 domestic bottles and pints. \$5 double wells, domestic Mason jars, and double Skyy drinks. \$6 Blue Moon Masons. 3pm-midnight: all large pizzas \$12. *Friday, Open-7pm:* \$5 double wells, domestic Mason jars, and double Skyy drinks.

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.

Typhoon Saloon: *Monday-Saturday, 5-10pm:* Nightly specials. Call for availability and hours. *Sunday, 5-10pm:* Nightly specials. Call for availability.

POINT LOMA

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily, 5-7pm:* 1/2-off select drinks & discounted menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: *Monday, 3-6pm:* \$3 draft beer, well drinks & selected wines. \$3 off all appetizers. 3pm-close: Any burger & draft beer for \$12. *Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$3 draft beer, well drinks & selected wines. \$3 off all appetizers. *Sunday, 10am-3pm:* Sunday brunch bottomless Champagne, \$10.

Old Venice: *Daily, 4-6pm:* \$3.50 drafts, \$5 house wine and wells, \$8 cocktails & martinis. Half-off all starters and salads.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Daily, 3-7pm:* \$3 well drinks, \$2.75 domestic bottles; \$6.75 domestic pitchers.

The Pearl: *Monday, 4-close:* Half-off all drinks except bottles of wine. \$1 oysters, \$2.50 Tacos Perla mahi mahi taco, \$5 side of fries, \$10 The Best Burger sliders, \$7 curry wings, \$8 eggplant parmesan sliders, \$6 seasonal salad. *Tuesday-Wednesday, Friday, 4-6pm:* Half-off all drinks except bottles of wine. \$1 oysters, \$2.50 Tacos Perla mahi mahi taco, \$5 side of fries, \$10 The Best Burger sliders, \$7 curry wings, \$8 eggplant parmesan sliders, \$6 seasonal salad. *Thursday, 4-6pm:* Half-off all drinks except bottles of wine. \$1 oysters, \$2.50 Tacos Perla mahi mahi taco, \$5 side of fries, \$10 The Best Burger sliders, \$7 curry wings, \$8 eggplant parmesan sliders, \$6 seasonal salad. 8:30-10:30pm: Half-off all drinks except bottles of wine.

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.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3:30-6pm:* \$1 off draft beers. Appetizer specials.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm:* \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm:* \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

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.

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday, 11:30am-6pm:* Half-price all drinks except top shelf. Food specials. *Saturday, 5-6pm:* Half-price all drinks except top shelf. Food specials. *Sunday, 4:30pm-close:* Half-price all drinks except top shelf. Food specials.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily, 4-7pm:* \$1 off all beer.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, Sunday-Thursday 2-6pm, All Day Monday:* \$2 Bud Light draft and domestic bottles. \$1 off all other drafts and bottles. \$4 select glasses of wine. \$3 Jack or Fireball shots. \$3.50 Jack and Coke. \$4 appetizers.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$4 draft beers and well drinks. \$5 red and white house wine. \$8 margaritas. Food specials.

ROLANDO

Effin's Pub & Grill: *Monday, Noon-7pm:* Half-price pints. Chef's choice food special. *Tuesday, Noon-7pm:* Taco Tuesday specials all day & night, \$10 margarita personal pitchers, \$3 Dos Equis pints. *Wednesday, Noon-7pm:* 60¢ boneless or regular wings with over 20 sauces, \$3 select drafts. *Thursday, Noon-7pm:* \$1.50 sliders, \$5 personal pitchers on select drafts. *Friday, Noon-7pm:* \$5 burger & beer combo, \$5 crafty cocktails. *Saturday, Noon-7pm:* \$5 you-call-its. Chef's choice food special. *Sunday, \$10 all-you-can-drink mimosas.* Half-price wings.

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!

The Jumping Turtle: *Monday, 11am-6pm:* \$1.50 cheeseburger sliders, \$2 chicken sliders. 11am-7pm: \$3 wells. 3-6pm: \$3 appetizers. 7pm-close:\$4 Heineken. *Tuesday, 11am-3pm:* \$5.50 for 3 tacos of the same kind. 11am-7pm: \$3 Coronas, Pacificos, Dos Equis & margaritas. 3-6pm: \$3 appetizers. 7pm-close: \$4 Heineken. *Wednesday, 11am-6pm:* \$5.50 Turtle Nuggets. 11am-7pm: \$4.75 Paradise Iced Tea. 4-7pm: \$4 Strongbow. 8:30pm-midnight: \$4 Heineken. *Thursday, 11am-close:* \$5 Pinnacle Atomic Hot Shots. 3-6pm: \$3 appetizers. 3-10:30pm: \$.25 chicken wings. *Friday, 11am-7pm:* \$3 Hefeweizen pints. \$5 one-topping pizza. 3-7pm: \$3 appetizers. *Saturday, 11am-6pm:* \$3 appetizers; \$5.75 cheeseburger and fries. 11am-close: \$4.75 Raz-Taz Tea. *Sunday, 11am-5pm:* \$3.75 bloody marys; \$3 appetizers.. 2-7pm: \$4 New-castle pints.

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

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Monday, all night monday:* \$2-off appetizers, draft beers, cocktails. \$2.50-off house wine, \$1-off bottle beer. *Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$2-off appetizers, draft beers, cocktails. \$2.50-off house wine, \$1-off bottle beer.

The Fish Market: *Monday, 3:30pm-close:* Drink specials. Food specials. *Tuesday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm:* Drink specials. Food specials. *Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm:* Drink specials. Food specials.

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.

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Year of the Lamb

San Diego is finally catching up with the rest of the world, which has been “wall-less” for decades.

The year in review: 2014 was the Year of the Lamb. Even in hindsight, it's hard to imagine all that Lamb's Players Theatre achieved. Along with running well-crafted shows in two spaces — their Coronado home and the Hahn downtown — Lamb's staged an unforgettable *Les Miserables* and broke a *Guinness Book* record.

Les Miz could still be packing them in if the cast didn't have other commitments. Director Robert Smyth gave the sprawling epic a clean, minimalist approach. In the original, the characters come at you as oversized legends: Jauvert is obsession; Jean Valjean is a saint in the making; Eponine's the epitome of Rejection. Lamb's made them people first, with fragile interiors and brittle hopes. The staging, music, 20-member ensemble, and designs combined for one of the city's all-time best musical productions (further proof: most of the critics saw it more than once). And all involved were local.

Earlier in the year, Lamb's broke the Guinness record for longest-running continuous performance. A group in India held it by reading the Bible for 72 hours straight. Lamb's read full plays and sang musicals for 76 hours and

18 minutes, with only a five-minute break in between. Then, though sleep-deprived and bumping into each other and knocking down music stands, they did 24 more unofficial hours. The grand total: 100 hours, 42 minutes.

THEATER

JEFF SMITH

Some outsiders thought it was just a goofy stunt. Anyone who saw the core group toward the end knew better: it was an ordeal, an insane marathon made more so by strict rules and officious Guinness judges — i.e., one second more than a five-minute break and game over; less than 20 people in the audience at all times, same deal. One also saw an amazing spirit glinting through bleary eyes and strip-mined emotions. I suspect that spirit carried over into *Les Miz*.

Last month, SDSU did a *Les Miz* that out epic'd the epic. Director Paula Kalustian and musical director/conductor Robert Meffe put over 200 singers, musicians, and performers on the Don Powell stage and all but blasted down the barricades. How they coordinated the event boggles the brain. The result was a soundscape and a grandeur like few ever in San Diego theater.

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Lamb's Players' *Les Miz* would still be packing them in if the cast didn't have other commitments.

On tour: Touring shows can be such a grab-bag. 2014 had two that were special: Broadway/San Diego's *The Book of Mormon* (a neophyte missionary founds a new religion in Uganda) lived up to some of the biggest pre-show hype in memory; the Rep hosted *The Pianist of Willesden Lane*, Mona Golabek's intimate account of her mother's life as a Jewish teenager in England

during World War II. Golabek told the tale simply and movingly and played a shiny black Steinway like a god.

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Fringe benefits: this year's second annual Fringe Festival was at least twice as large and twice the success. The Fringe now has its feet on the ground and looks to become an important

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San Diego fixture. The festival is also part of a local trend: theater “Without Walls,” to use the La Jolla Playhouse’s phrase. We’ve seen more site-specific work — plays staged outside of theaters — than ever before. Among other benefits, audiences become more immersed and active in these events, and San Diego is finally catching up with the rest of the world, which has been “wall-less” for decades.

One of my favorite productions of 2014, the San Diego Rep/La Jolla Playhouse’s *El Henry*, was site-specific. The “set,” cracked pavement, battered and graffiti’d walls, and chain-link fences, was an industrial lot in the East Village, where cars made cameos. It was perfect for Herbert Sequenza’s contemporary, homegrown remake of Shakespeare’s *Henry IV, Part One*.

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Welcome aboard: two new companies, with very different aims, promise to expand our theatrical menu: Richard Baird’s New Fortune Theatre Company opened with a blazing *Henry V*, and somehow managed to stage the Battle of Agincourt in Ion Theatre’s intimate BLKBX space. Baird excelled as the grown-up Prince Hal, and the ensemble work was tops. New Fortune will stage “original classics.” Immediate future projects: adaptations of Oscar Wilde’s *The Portrait of Dorian Gray* and Emily Brontë’s *Wuthering Heights*.

The only glaring problem with *The Trip*, Tom Dugdale and Josuha Brody’s relatively new group: finding a space to produce in for more than a long weekend. The Trip does internally what site-specific shows do externally. They relocate the traditional in unfamiliar settings and frames. In their most recent work, Orpheus and Eurydice are a contemporary pair made famous for their long-distance courtship on the internet. Just folks, who then live the tragic story. This brave, inventive company merits much larger audiences.

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If I had a hammer: 2014 marked the return, after

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THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

JAN. 17 8PM, JAN. 18 4:30PM, JAN. 24 8PM, JAN. 25 1PM
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many years, of Scott Feldser’s Sledgehammer Theatre. Near-legendary for bombarding scripts and audiences, Sledge’s *Happy Days* was the opposite: a minutely faithful rendering of the Samuel Beck-



Cashae Monya was “brilliant” in Moxie’s *Crumbs from the Table of Joy*.

ett classic. Instead of manic externals — blinding floodlights, ear-splitting shrieks — the production drew precise and telling nuances from the text. It also featured one of

the year’s most astonishing performances: Dana Hooley as Beckett’s flickering beacon of hope — though neck-deep in a dirt mound — Winnie.

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Could we start again, please? Theater’s like a Doppler effect: it comes at you, blazes past before you know it, then it’s gone for all time. Some work I reviewed I wish I could review.

Intrepid Shakespeare’s *I Hate Hamlet* — a title I can’t hate enough! — boasted Ruff Yeager’s extraordinary John Barrymore. Actually, his ghost, who can’t decide if he’s “dead or just incredibly drunk.” In either event, he’s a colossus. So was Yeager, whose silver-screen-sized Barrymore turned Paul Rudnick’s daffy script into an unforgettable evening.

At New Village Arts, Samantha Ginn played Carnelle Scott with truckloads of “gumption” in Beth Henley’s *The Miss Firecracker Contest*. Carnelle didn’t just wear her

AUDITIONS

Annie

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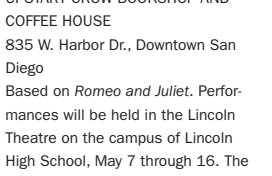
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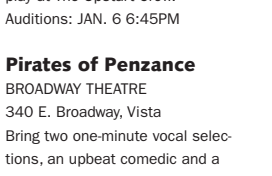
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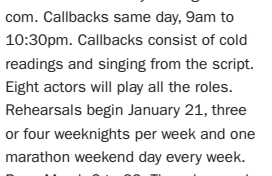
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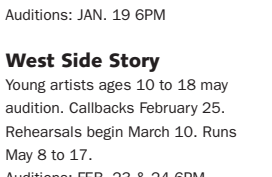
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make it, Monya read the part “brilliantly.” She got the role and was terrific. The moral of the story, says Turner Sonnenberg: “Don’t be late for an audition.”

On further re-view: It will be impossible to forget Alexander Dodge’s set for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at the La Jolla Playhouse, especially when those monstrous medieval bells dropped down from the rafters, or Howell Brinkley’s excellent lighting. I also won’t forget what that limp, hearts and flowers, Disney-ized book has done to Victor Hugo’s far richer, funnier, more complex, much edgier novel.

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Let there be a re-review: San Diegans all across the county go for staged readings. Along with sheer love of the spoken word, an obvious reason: they cost less than a theater ticket. Another: the scripts are often too expensive or have too large a cast to mount locally. Ion Theatre’s recent reading of Marsha Norman’s *’night, Mother* will be an exception. Sylvia M’Lafi Thompson and Yolanda Franklin read the play, about Jessie Cates’s last night on earth, with such conviction, Ion’s doing a full production beginning January 10. Ya know, Virginia, sometimes there just might be a Santa Claus! ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage
Broadway/San Diego hosts the North American touring production of the musical, based on the movie about 17-year-old Francis “Baby” Houseman. She’s on vacation in the Catskills and becomes “mesmerized by the racy dance moves and pounding rhythms” in the resort’s staff quarters. Songs include: “Hungry Eyes,” “Hey Baby,” and “(I’ve Had) The Time of My Life.” James Powell directs. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 11.

I am my brother

You don't have to be crazy to survive in Italian politics, but *Viva La Libertà* makes the case that it certainly helps to have a certifiable (but witty) identical twin on hand when things get dicey. Toni Servillo, so mordant and melancholy in last year's brilliant *Great Beauty*, here gets a chance to split the traits. Wimpy Opposition leader Enrico is melancholy, and with good reason: his polls are lousy, and he doesn't have the moxie to do much in the way of opposing. So, in classic midlife fashion, he

splits for France to pay a visit to an old lover (now married to, of all people, cinephile Enrico's favorite film director). Crazy philosopher Giovanni is mordant: just out of the nuthouse, he seizes an opportunity to impersonate his brother, a man who is, he says, "never able to be himself." When it turns out he gives good press, Enrico's campaign manager brings him on-board in an effort to stave off disaster, and the fun begins. Except the movie's not really interested in fun, nor even in trenchant political satire. It's interested in Enrico: getting older, losing his way,

and going backward in the hope of finding the place where he stepped off the path. Giovanni isn't playing a prank; he's setting the stage. This here is a slightly sweet, slightly sour tale of brotherly love. Emphasis on "slight."

— Matthew Lickona

REVIEW: THE INTERVIEW

Seth Rogen and James Franco leave no "Suk," "Poon," or "Dong" unturned in their quest to whack North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un in *The Interview*. Worth seeing, if just for the schizo opening logo and its anomalistic marriage of a '70s 'Scope Columbia torch lady underscored by a '30s *Three Stooges* introductory fanfare.

An inspiration disintegration soon takes hold, leaving six reels in which to contemplate the one burning question on everyone's lips: How in the hell was a major Hollywood player brought to its knees by two hours of penis jokes and elaborate depictions of how to insert objects in men's rectums?

Franco stars as Dave Skylark, a vapid entertainment talk-show host who sports more facial tics than a



Viva La Libertà: If this is January, you must be Toni Servillo.

barrelful of Bill Buckleys and a wardrobe made up of the Joker's hand-me-downs. Jong-un (Randall Park), a big fan of *Skylark Tonight*, invites the teleprompter-dependent moderator of the *60 Minutes* of schlock TV to go "dick to dick" with him in an unprecedented interview. The CIA intervenes

in the form of Lizzy Caplan's cleaving cleavage, assigning Skylark and his affable producer, Aaron Rapoport (Rogen), the job of administering the lethal handshake.

Before being assigned the task of global assassin, Rapoport undergoes a *Sullivan's Travels* moment, an epiph-

anic yearning to do something more with his life than simply entertain the masses with gossipy drivel. The sympathetic soul initially denounces America for what it's doing to foster hatred among the North Koreans. But what could have added conflict to a script desperately in need of shaping



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is inexplicably done away with the second a gung-ho Rapoport gets a gun in his hand. So much for consistency of character.

The suffocating level of redundancy on display kneecaps any legitimate chance the film had at embracing social satire. Visually, it's strictly a master shot/close-up/reverse angle depiction of life in CGK: a computer-generated Korea that uses Canada as a live-action backdrop. One is generally inclined to turn a more generous eye to comedy, particularly if there's compensatory quick-witted dialogue to pick up the slack. But Skylark cites the lyric "Suck a weiner, sit and spin" during the taping of an interview with Eminem, in one of the film's many guest cameos. Cut to the control room where Rapoport is so tickled by the depth and subtlety of the verse that he can't help but repeat it out loud to a colleague. Repetition is the key to learning in a Seth Rogen/Evan Goldberg production. If you missed the payoff the first time around, don't worry: the sledgehammering duo are skilled in the art of echoing every phallic aside.

In this homoerotic universe, females represent nothing more than man-eating playmates, glamorized Stooze women acting as potential harbors for drooling men to dock their penises. It's only fitting that Skylark and Rapoport sail off together in the sunset.

The Interview offers more laughs (four, to be exact) than all of Rogen and Goldberg's previous pairings combined. And if nothing else, the film's haphazard booking pattern helped to draw much-needed attention to our own little theater that could, the Digital Gym. Here's hoping that in the future, Amy Pascal returns their calls.

— Scott Marks

THE TEN BEST FILMS OF 2014

By way of indicating just how terrible a year it's been for movies, for the first time in I don't know how long, American films outnumber foreign entries. For runners-up, performances of note, and technical commendations, be sure and check out the long version of the list on *The Big Screen*.

10. *Alan Partridge*

Is this Steve Coogan's way of paying reparations for his ill-at-ease semi-dramatic turn in *Philomena*? Capable of self-assured incivility, measured with just enough obsequiousness to avoid getting punched in the nose, Coogan brings his quick-witted and eminently inflated fictional radio and television



Nashville

GRAYSON MORAN

Science fiction writer

I keep getting surprised by *Scandal*, the political series from Shonda Rhimes, who also wrote *Grey's Anatomy*. It's all, *West Wing* should have been but much, much more. Each week some client/crisis gets dealt with, but the ongoing plot of the crack "problem cleaner's" affair with POTUS gets eclipsed by a deepening conspiracy and the already incredible characters keep getting more and more complex. Excellent cast, and some of the best writing on television, ever.

I came to *Nashville* because of the Stella sisters' wonderful YouTube videos but stayed because it's the greatest soap opera ever... every beat moves you to more character conflict, everything ties in and escalates. But it's not a soap. The writing is superb, the characters perfect, and every show has a couple of great original songs. One of the great serials ever.

SCANDAL: THE SECRET IS

OUT (USA) 2013, City TV
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NASHVILLE (USA) 2012, ABC

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I Know That Voice

KRISTIN NAOMI GARCIA

Actor/movie and TV fan

From the man who voiced the most famous animated robot of the 21st century (Bender in *Futurama*), John DiMaggio brings us the little known world of voice acting. *I Know That Voice* lets you listen to actors become some of our favorite characters. It's also extremely entertaining to hear the hijinks and wit these hard-working actors bring to the sound studio. It includes such stars as Ed Asner, Hank Azaria, Billy West, Rachael MacFarlane, and Mark Hamill.

Orange Is the New Black is a must-binge for anyone who hasn't gotten around to watching it yet. Based on Piper Kerman's memoir, this adaptation about lady prison life offers laughter, tears, a cockroach drug smuggling ring, and the occasional stabbing. What this show really centers on is the lives of these wonderful characters before they've entered into this woman's correctional facility and who they become and befriended inside these prison walls.

I KNOW THAT VOICE (USA)

2013, Video Services
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ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK

(USA) 2013, Netflix
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Contact

E. BOWMAN

Sci-fi fan

In the sci-fi movie *Contact*, Matthew McConaughey's character (the religious leader) and Jodie Foster's character (the scientist) debate the search for universal truth using religion and science. After watching this movie, I realized the extent of elitism inherent in my agnostic skepticism of religion, and the necessity for faith in either approach. This was a watershed moment for me that instilled a more fundamental understanding of faith-based decision-making. Any movie that can adjust a deeply held belief is one I would highly recommend.

Leonardo DiCaprio leads an amazing cast in *Inception*'s visually rich trip down the rabbit hole. Sci-fi films such as *The Matrix*, *Total Recall*, and others have explored the need for man to escape from the harshness of life, even at the cost of losing touch with reality. *Inception* leaves you pondering the idea that maybe, for some, avoiding the pain of this world might be worth the price.

CONTACT (USA) 1997,

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INCEPTION (USA) 2010,

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ogy of Depression" with the funniest movie of his career. Stellan Skarsgård heads an all-star international cast as a book-learned virgin who hits the jackpot upon discovering a battered and bloodied sex addict (Charlotte Gainsbourg) — one who is eager to recount her multitudinous carnal encounters in vividly lurid detail — half-unconscious in the alley next to his house. Not all of the episodes pan out — the sex tape Shia LaBeouf and his girlfriend allegedly submitted as an audition reel probably coaxed a more cogent performance. But Von Trier's serrated take on a society so covetous and steeped in jaded lust that nothing short of a raw sexual encounter can get them off makes this the most darkly amusing satire of its kind since David Cronenberg's *Crash*.

7. *Like Father, Like Son*

Children switched at birth is both a parent's worst nightmare and the basis of untold movie-of-the-week melodramas. Master filmmaker Hirokazu Koreeda spins this heartbreaking tale of Ryota Nonomiya (Masaharu Fukuyama), a businessman whose idea of mentoring his son is seven days a week spent at the office. When the boss puts in a rare Sunday appearance, he comments on how his employees' dedication frees up time for him to spend with his family. It takes five reels and a family-splintering act of titanic proportions for Ryota to finally grasp the importance of his boss' seemingly offhanded remark.

6. *Force Majeure*

An ominous "controlled avalanche" at a Swiss resort sparks a tidal wave of emotion when Ebba (Lisa Loven Kongsli) discovers her work-addicted husband, Tomas (Johannes Kuhnke), places his own safety, and that of his smartphone, ahead of that of their two kids. Unrest and tinges of black comedy lurk beneath every one of director Ruben Östlund's strikingly placid exterior shots, with arrhythmic editing patterns and crisp dialog aimed at further contributing to audience anxiety. One suggestion: leave five minutes before it ends and draw your own conclusion.

5. *Boyhood*

Would it really have made that much difference had *Boyhood* been filmed over a period of three months with a range of actors playing the leads at various stages of their lives, as opposed to a 12-year shoot that affords its cast the relatively unheard-of luxury of literally aging before our eyes? Much of the picture's appeal stems from its structured commitment to chronicling growth, without relying on improvisation as a crutch. The film's facile attempt at Republican-bashing and dull lead tend to make it drag a bit,

host to American multiplexes. The result is the funniest film of 2014. Ten minutes of *Partridge* yields ten times the laughs of both *Anchorman* films combined.

9. *A Most Wanted Man*

A Chechen Muslim enters Hamburg in the guise of a homeless man seeking

asylum and captures the attention of intelligence operative Philip Seymour Hoffman's anti-terror unit. Those who find excitement in dry-as-a-crumpet British spy snoozers like *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* will want to stay away; too much excitement is bad for the heart. Venturesome viewers will

delight in Anton Corbijn's intelligent adaptation of John Le Carré's espionage best-seller. This was to be Philip Seymour Hoffman's last role. If had to make an early exit, at least he did it with style.

8. *Nymphomaniac Parts I & II*

Lars von Trier caps his so-called "Tril-

but overall, Richard Linklater’s casual hand at storytelling — dealing out reel after reel of naggingly forthright enlightenment — turns this simple tale of a mother trying to do best for her kids into something much more than an exquisite gimmick film.

4. *Pompeii*

Slow to start, and the Orlando Bloom stand-in who stars should try his luck at modeling underwear. Still, the 3D effects are nothing short of spectacular, particularly the all-seeing and ever-present volcano’s-eye view aerial shots, complete with fireball vapor trails banding across the deep ’Scope foreground. Keifer Sutherland has fun vamping on Karloff, but God forbid he should get a period haircut: he looks like he just walked in off the Sunset Strip. The climactic 40-minute spectacle of destruction is an absolute delight, with enough sweep and visual complexity to leave the standard issue CG video games Marvel pumps out in the ashes. Those quick to fawn over *Grand Budapest Hotel* clearly put their faith in the wrong Anderson. PS: There will be no sequel. Everybody dies in the end. Amen!

3. *Nightcrawler*

Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Louis Bloom, a determined drifter who taps his inner-video journalist to become a successful network news stringer. This scraggly effective modern-day noir deserves a bucket of best screenplay Oscars if for no other reason than coining the term “flirtationship.” (A dinner date in the Mexican diner yields a delightful serving of chutzpah and slime with a wedge of lime.) 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.

2. *Heli*

“You’ll get to know God in the land of the damned,” mutters one of the vast array of scumbags on tap in Amat Escalante’s shocking crime drama *Heli*. From its bold opening long take — one of the most audaciously disconcerting and seductively executed lead-ins in many a moon — Escalante sends viewers hurtling downward on a topsy-turvy journey through his hellish depiction of Mexico’s war on drugs. Those quick to fault movies for glamorizing criminal behavior will be glad to learn that *Heli* is far from a hoodlum recruitment film. Some will find the film’s graphic “do the crime, do the time” tack difficult to brave. Not for the faint of heart, but then, brutal honesty seldom is.

1. *Tracks*

Whatever you look for in a movie —

action, adventure, drama, romance, integrity, spiritual and artistic enlightenment — is contained within these 112 minutes. In what can only be called the thinking-person’s *Wild*, a young woman (Mia Wasikowska), wanting to escape her bigoted, misogynistic small-town upbringing — and with little but four camels, a dog, and her wits to guide her — embarks on a 2000-mile trek across the Australian desert. We may never grasp the motivation behind the real-life Robyn Davidson’s harrowing journey, but as her surrogate “crazy camel lady,” the exceptional Ms. Wasikowska never gives cause to question veracity. An uplifting, profoundly moving experience that left me in tears, and though not through any willful manipulation on the part of director John Curran.

— Scott Marks

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Big Eyes — What could Tim Burton have possibly seen in the story of a monotonous, marginally talented, yet enormously successful “artist”? Something of himself, perhaps? Another one of the director’s triumphs of production design over storytelling, as structurally spiritless as the ocular-enhanced, *Children of the Damned* urchins generally associated with the paintings Walter Keane (Christoph Waltz) appropriated from his wife, Margaret (Amy Adams), and passed off as his own creation. Waltz, badly miscast, brings an exasperating tinge of Broadway Danny Rose cloying condescension to every comment, inquiry, request, command, and exclamation the script requires him to utter. Everything in the film — from the overlit endeavors to reproduce the look of ‘50s Technicolor to a Beach Boys cover version — looks and feels

artificial. Burton had a chance to make a powerful statement on the struggle woman confront when trying to achieve artistic recognition, and instead settled for another childlike fairy tale. With Krysten Ritter in a role once reserved for Lisa Marie. 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. ★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; KRIKORIAN VISTA VILLAGE; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Boyhood — Would it really have made that much difference had *Boyhood* been filmed over a period of three months with a range of actors playing the leads at various stages of their lives as opposed to a 12-year shoot that affords its cast the relatively unheard of luxury of literally aging before our eyes? Mason (Ellar Coltrane) and Samantha (Lorelei Linklater) are the product of good people (Patricia Arquette and Ethan Hawke) who couldn’t make their love work. Much of the film’s appeal stems from its structured commitment to chronicling growth without relying on improvisation as a crutch. Richard Linklater’s casual hand at storytelling, dealing out reel after reel of naggingly forthright enlightenment, turns this simple tale of a mother trying to do best for her kids into something worth every second of the time it took to produce. With Marco Perella, chilling as Dad #2, a Jekyll & Hyde type who tends bar in the laundry room. 2014. — S.M. ★★★★★ (READING GASLAMP)

Dumb and Dumber To — Hey, remember *Dumb and Dumber*? 2014. (REGAL OCEANSIDE)

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 Pharaoh is underwhelming and ill-conceived. First, the underwhelming: nearly everyone — from Christian Bale’s doubtful, grouchy Moses 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

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MOVIES

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 vice versa. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)

Gone Girl — A long and twisty argument for the notion that somewhere along the way, talented, high-style director David Fincher stopped liking people: the characters onscreen, the souls in the theater, even the abstract mass of humanity. Pathology still interests him, though, and so we get toxic parents, toxic lovers, toxic siblings, toxic friendships, and a toxic cultural swamp in which they can all go about the nasty business of living. The story tells of a below-average guy (Ben Affleck, hulking and yet expressive) whose wife

(Rosamund Pike, lean and impassive) goes missing “under suspicious circumstances,” intertwined first with the tale of their gradually curdling romance and then with an account of “what really happened.” Fincher’s chief delight seems to be in playing with genre conventions: what looks like an especially moody whodunit morphs first into a psychosexual thriller and then into what might just be straight-faced (and utterly black-hearted) satire. With Tyler Perry as a surprisingly human celebrity lawyer. 2014. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Hobbit: The Battle of the 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 nearly 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 moping: 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. None. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Homesman — *The Searchers* houses one of the most famous (and dramatic) camera movements in cinema history, a swift dolly-in on John Wayne’s evil-eyed examination of young women ravaged by the Comanche. At its best, *The Homesman* adds credence to the Duke’s towering look of disgust. Tommy Lee Jones directs and co-scripts this bleak western account of a horse-faced spinster (Hilary Swank) and the base drifter (Tommy Lee Jones) she claims ownership of to assist in her carting a trio of shell-shocked women on a cross-country journey to an Iowa insane asylum. One expects impeccable acting, but it’s production designer Merideth Boswell and her attention to detail — love the flecks of straw in the mortar — that gives the eye reason to wander the frame. Jones provides juicy supporting roles for several of his acting pals, including James Spader, whose tardy emergence as the well-heeled proprietor of a remote hotel pushes the proceedings past the point of no return. With Tim Blake Nelson and Meryl Streep. 2014. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Horrible Bosses 2 — Remarkable: a sequel that actually scales down from its predecessor. The high concept — workers of the world, kill your boss! — dispensed with, our working class heroes Nick, Kurt, and Dale (Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, and Charlie Day, clearly enjoying themselves and each other) can relax and get down to the business. And this time, instead of three horrible bosses, they need deal with only two. Well, one and a half: a corporate shark (Christoph Waltz) and his never-good-enough son (Chris Pine). Pine provides a lot of the fun this time around, sending up his James T. Kirk smarm-and-smarts persona to great effect. The writers keep what worked in the original (Jamie Foxx’s [Expletive Deleted] Jones, Jennifer Aniston’s horny dentist), and tamp down on what got tiresome (Sudeikis’ skirt-chasing, Kevin Spacey’s bullying). The result is a modest comedy, content to entertain and leave it at that. It’s silly, it’s cheerfully dirty, and it’s fun. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Hundred-Foot Journey — Noted down-home small-towners Steven

Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey produce traditionally minded director Lasse Hallstrom’s (*Chocolat*, *The Cider House Rules*) film version of Richard Morais’ novel about a displaced Indian family (“There was an election of some kind.”) who decide to open a restaurant in a French village, right across the street from a staid Michelin one-star joint run by a flinty widow (Helen Mirren). Oof. The food is, of course, suitably gorgeous (like the French countryside, like the young stars Manish Dayal and Charlotte Le Bon); all brightly colored and richly textured and artfully presented. But the story is not really about the food, and not at all about the real workings of the restaurant business and/or being a chef, any more than, say, *Robin Hood* is about sound tax policy. The characters here exist for the plot, and the plot exists for swooning sensuality, adorable romance, and warm feelings about our shared humanity. Even a moment of ugliness is merely an occasion for more sweetness. 2014. — M.L. ★ (SANTÉE DRIVE IN)

The Imitation Game — Or, *If it Hadn’t Been for Schoolboy Bullying, We Might Have Lost the Second World War*. Alan Turing famously invented something like the world’s first computer as part of the British effort to crack the code employed by Germany’s Enigma machine. And this is the story of that, told with gorgeous, tweedy Englishness by director Morten Tyldum and starring the effortlessly superior Benedict Cumberbatch. (At least, he makes superiority *seem* effortless.) See, young Turing was an outsider from the get-go: ostracized for his oddity as a boy, and later, removed from the standard operations of society by his (then illegal) homosexuality. So-called “normal” life operates by a code he must somehow crack if he is to get along, and it proves to be ideal training for his eventual ascent into the heady realms of British spycraft. Of course, there’s room for plenty of hiding and heartbreak and heroism along the way, especially since his straight colleagues are either cads, sops, traitors, or lovely, sympathetic women. Consider the code cracked, translated, and laid out for all to see: different is special is good, and ordinary morality is a sham, anyway. But as the film buries the man beneath the message, you might wonder:

did we really need to be told in such blunt, artless fashion? 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. With no costumes other than space suits for his characters to hide behind, brainiac Nolan displays a mastery of the space-time continuum while once again finding it impossible to pen a coherent third act. ERs across the country had best stock up on brain specialists to care for the sudden rash of exploding heads this too-hip-for-the-galaxy space opera will foster among fanboys. There are many words to describe *Interstellar*. Entertainment isn’t one of them. With Matthew McConaughey whisper-speaking his lines and guests in space Anne Hathaway, Michael Caine, Matt Damon, and Jessica Chastain. 2014. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

The Interview — Reviewed this issue. 2014. — S.M. ★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

Into the Woods — Steven Sondheim’s musical theater meditation on the complication, compromise, and carnality that adulthood brings to the fairy-tale world of children’s fairy tales, gently Disneyfied for younger audiences eager to sing along. (Don’t fret when Johnny Depp’s leering Big Bad Wolf lifts his leg to block Little Red Riding Hood’s progress; all he wants to show her is the candy under his coat! Tee hee!) It works well enough for the first half, as the story weaves together a passel of classics into a single yarn that takes various characters into the realm of change, uncertainty, and possibility that is *The Woods*. But then, into this happy fantasy comes the great buzzkill of mundane reality: when you win at life, who loses? Who suffers so that you may get what you want? And what happens when you get what you want and you’re still unsatisfied? (“Ever after” is an awfully long time to live happily, after all.) The fairy tale endings start to unravel, and *The Woods* become more of a swamp: the drama bogs down, the characters get besmirched, and the best we can hope for is a murky lesson in the difficulty of making family fare out of a cautionary tale for parents. The haunting line, *Careful the things you say, children will listen...* might well be rendered, *Careful the films you see, children are watching...* But if you don’t mind a little subversion, the songs are catchy, and the cast — notably Emily Blunt as the Baker’s wife, Anna Kendrick as Cinderella, and Chris Pine as Prince Charming — is fine. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

Night at the Museum: 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, our hero is also gifted with another 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

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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**

Pride It’s the summer of 1984. Margaret Thatcher is in power and attempting to crush the miner’s union. The film celebrates the impassioned attempts of a rag-tag band of gays and lesbians to raise money and find common

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Film Forum: Blow Out Brian DePalma’s reflection on movie-making features John Travolta as a sound-effects man who believes he has accidentally recorded a political assassination. With its jolting stylistic flourishes and intricate plot, DePalma has fashioned an enthralling paranoid thriller. Co-starring John Lithgow and Nancy Allen. 1981. 107 minutes. Rated R. Free parking, free popcorn. **Tuesday, January 6, 6:00pm**

Film Forum: Capital Oscar-winner Costa-Gavras’s (*Z* and *Missing*) critique of “cowboy capitalism” swirls us up in a whirlwind of power struggles, greed, deception, and erotic distractions. The Machiavellian young CEO of a powerful French bank slugs it out with a ruthless hedge fund manager (Gabriel Byrne) for supremacy in the global financial markets. 2014.114 minutes. Rated R. Free admission, free parking, free popcorn. **Sunday, January 11, 2:00pm**

Film Forum: Calvary This impassioned moral inquiry blends passion play, black-hearted farce with detective story. Brendan Gleason plays a defiant man of the cloth continually saddened by the spiteful inhabitants of his small country town. After being threatened

during confession, he must battle the dark forces closing in around him. Co-starring Chris O’Dowd and Kelly Reilly. 2014. 100 minutes. Rated R. Free admission, free parking, free popcorn. **Tuesday, January 13, 6:00pm**



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Jumanji The Carlsbad Film Series theme for the month of January is a Tribute to Robin Williams. Join us for a free screening of *Jumanji* (1995, PG, 104 minutes). The story centers on 12-year-old Alan Parrish, who becomes trapped in Jumanji while playing the game with his friend Sarah (Bonnie Hunt). Twenty-six years later, two kids find and play the magical board game, unwittingly releasing the now-adult Alan (Robin Williams) and a host of dangers that can only be resolved by finishing the game. Arrive any time after 5:30pm to watch special features; film starts at 6pm **Wednesday, January 14, 6:00pm**

Dallas Buyers Club Cinema Series of Carlsbad presents *Dallas Buyers Club* (2013, Rated R, 117 minutes) starring Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner, and Jared Leto. A biographical drama based on electrician and hustler Ron Woodroof (McConaughey) who works around the system in the mid-1980s to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he is also diagnosed with the disease. **Saturday, January 17, 2:00pm**

of Natural History is corroding, and the gang must travel to the British Museum to unravel the mystery. A mildly good time is ultimately had by all. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

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 doe-eyes, hands-in-pockets demeanor, and proverbial gift of gab fool you. Within minutes of meeting Bloom, screenwriter and first-time director Dan Gilroy casts a purposeful light on his character's basest instincts. What follows is a gritty urban comedy noir, a scathing, *Network*-worthy disembowelment of television newsgatherers that will leave you craving a 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. ★★★★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK KEN)

Pioneer (Pionér) — A fine thriller, old-fashioned in the best senses. The grounded (but still otherworldly) setting: American diving experts assisting the Norwegian government in building a deep-sea oil pipeline. (The tension is there at the outset: technicians from the two sides arguing about what sort of gas mixture to give the divers in the simulated-dive tank.) The human motive: a desperate man investigating the circumstances of his brother's death. (They're both industry veterans, and the survivor knows that something doesn't add up.) The gradually increasing murk and rapidly increasing peril. Director Erik Skjoldbjærg (*Insomnia*) makes excellent use of the high-tech, low-glamour world he depicts, and manages an ending that is happy without being farcically so. The film belongs to balding, vulnerable star Aksel Hennie, but Americans Wes Bentley and Stephen Lang give good menace in supporting roles. 2013. — M.L. ★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Top Five — As a director, Chris Rock makes a fine stand-up comic. Like a good

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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

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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)

Unbroken — Angelina Jolie strikes a pose behind the camera for a vanity production that delights in torturing audiences as much as it does the film's characters. On land, sea, and air, the charmed celeb stops at nothing when it comes to cataloging human suffering in this fact-based, CGI-encumbered account of Italian-American soldier Louis Zamperini (redheaded Irishman Jack O'Connell, ethnically altered by a tin of Kiwi black), who was held captive during WWII in a Japanese POW camp.

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Ethan and Joel Coen receive top writing credit for their work as script doctors. Pen the word “gift” in the memo line of their paychecks for this comic-book approach to heroics. And break the fingers of the imbecile who thought it wise, under the conditions presented, to add a flagrant nod to *Jaws*. Like the movie star who signed it, the film is aloof, emotionless, and (thanks to cinematographer Roger Deakins) beautiful to look at. Scott Rudin is right! 2014. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE — SEE SHOWTIMES)

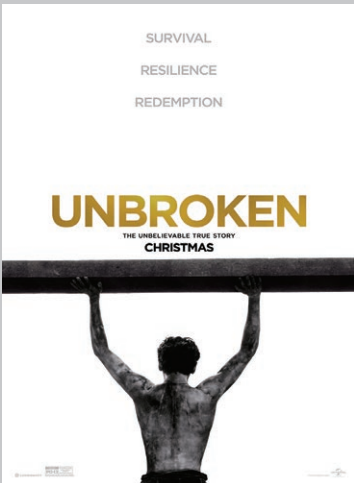
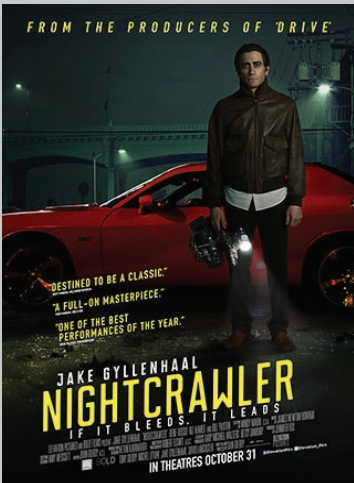
Viva La Liberta — Reviewed this issue. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

Whiplash — If this cautionary tale keeps just one kid from selling his soul in the name of artistic greatness, then it will have done its job. What's that? It's not a cautionary tale? It's a searing exploration of the sacrifices demanded by art, as exemplified by a driven jazz student (Miles Teller) and the sadistic drill-sergeant teacher (J.K. Simmons) who drives him? Says you. At least we can agree on this: Simmons plays the hell out of his part, beating on wannabe drummer Teller's psyche far harder and faster than Teller can possibly pound the skins. The ordinary world, including Teller's thoroughly decent dad (a subdued Paul Reiser), can only watch in confused horror as the boy delves into his chosen niche, searching after immortality. Writer-director Damien Chazelle's short-film version of the story won at Sundance, and he makes the most of his expanded runtime and budget. (The jazz even *looks* great.) Think of Simmons' verbal tirades as extended riffs, virtuoso variations on the theme of trial by ordeal. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 Vallée (*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)

Woman in Black 2 — Amazingly, they resisted adding “Back in Black” as a subtitle. Maybe there were copyright issues? 2015 (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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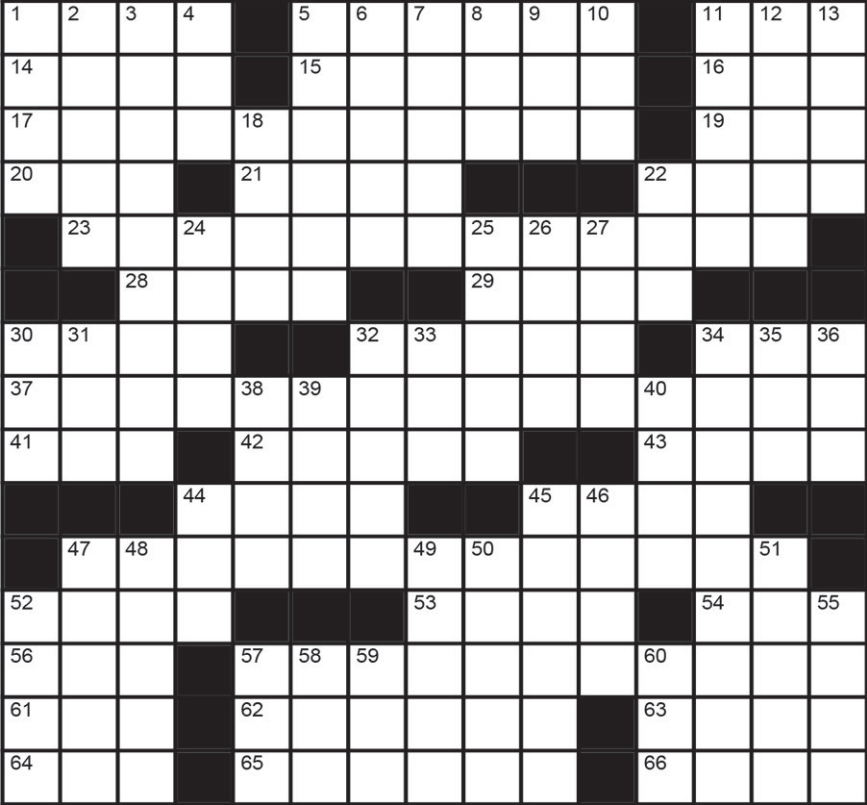
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15. London insurance giant
16. Palindromic girl's name
17. Hit a famous microbiologist in the head with a baseball pitch?
19. LIII + LIII
20. "It's ch-ch-chilly!"
21. Have _____ to pick
22. Burrito alternative
23. Wallop someone who likes to put on airs?
28. Some reef dwellers
29. Diabolical
30. Banks on a runway
32. Actor Robert of "The 39 Steps"
34. Stephen Colbert's network, as of 2015
37. Traveling nighttime vigil?
41. Adams of "American Hustle"
42. Shaggy locks
43. "Roll in ze hay" enthusiast in "Young Frankenstein"
44. "Aaay!" sayer of TV, with "the"
45. Forever and ever
47. What someone averse to lip-puckering might cry when handed a pickle?
52. TomKat's kid
53. Mineralogist with a scale
54. Was up
56. Piece in the Middle East?
57. "Correctamundo!" (or a hint to solving 17-, 23-, 37- and 47-Across)

61. "Yo mama's so poor, she can't even pay attention," e.g.
62. Pertaining to a son or daughter
63. Floor
64. Witness
65. "The Andy Griffith Show" costar
66. In the mail

Down

1. Lettuce variety
2. One side of an 1899-1902 war
3. Like some reports
4. ID thief's target
5. Valuable (and valueless) Scrabble tiles
6. _____ the Cow (Borden symbol)
7. Bunch of, casually
8. Grease dissolver
9. Follower of brown. or rice.
10. Belarus, until 1991: Abbr.
11. Asian gambling mecca
12. '80s-'90s entertainment combo
13. Sony laptop line
18. Beach toy
22. _____ Aviv
24. Word on American Library Association posters
25. Remains undecided
26. Elliptical
27. Online destination
30. "_____ Carter III" (bestselling album of 2008)
31. _____ Kippur
32. Tony of "Taxi"
33. Unified
34. Government building

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



35. Creepy-crawly
36. Relative of Mme.
38. Mine, to Monet
39. Doesn't have what it takes
40. Two-time All-Star Martinez
44. Memo-heading initials
45. Antiknock fluids
46. _____ buco
47. "_____ Q" (1968 hit)
48. Issue (from)
49. "Somebody shot me!"
50. Absent from
51. Any "Breaking Bad" showing, now
52. Brewskis
55. Impression
57. Subj. of the 2006 film "Bobby"
58. "There's no _____ team"
59. Mop & _____ (floor cleaner)
60. Navy ship letters

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- Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 4.
- Susan Williams, North Park, 4.
- Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4.

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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

EASY:

			3		9	4	6	7
	9		6			2		
		3			2			
	7	8	9		5		2	
3	5						1	9
	2		4		3	8	5	
			2			1		
		6			1		4	
1	8	7	5		4			

HARD:

	6				7		1	9
						3		
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	7				9			
			7	2	6			
			3				9	
1	9			8		6	2	
		4						
2	3		1				5	

- 4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered to our **new** location, 2323 Broadway in Golden Hill; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. **Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.**
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

MEDIUM:

5				3	1			
	3	1		2				
6					9			
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EVIL:

		9		1			7	
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EASY:

4	6	3	9	5	1	2	7	8
1	9	2	8	6	7	4	3	5
5	8	7	3	4	2	9	1	6
6	7	1	4	9	8	5	2	3
8	3	4	1	2	5	6	9	7
2	5	9	7	3	6	1	8	4
9	1	6	5	7	3	8	4	2
7	4	5	2	8	9	3	6	1
3	2	8	6	1	4	7	5	9

MEDIUM:

4	8	6	1	9	2	7	3	5
1	5	7	4	3	8	6	2	9
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3	6	8	2	5	9	1	7	4
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7	9	1	8	4	6	3	5	2
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8	7	9	5	1	3	2	4	6
6	3	5	9	2	4	8	1	7

HARD:

2	1	5	4	7	8	3	6	9
8	4	3	9	6	5	2	1	7
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EVIL:

4	9	8	2	7	6	5	3	1
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- Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 4.
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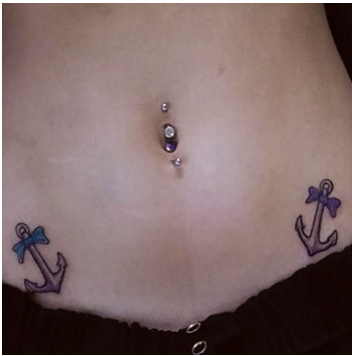
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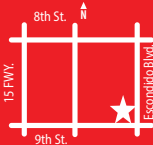
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— Dutch inventors Bart Jansen and Arjen Beltman struck again recently when Pepeijn Bruins, 13, called on them to help him grieve over his pet rat, Ratjetoe, who had to be put down because of cancer. Having heard of the inventors' work, Pepeijn asked if they could please have Ratjetoe stuffed and turned into a radio-controlled drone. Jansen and Beltman, who had previously created an "ostrichcopter" and are now working on a "turbo shark," created Pepeijn's rat-copter but remain best noted for their epic taxidermied cat, "Orvillecopter," created in 2012 (which readers can view at nydn.us/1r0WmmA).

Updates

— In August, a state appeals court overruled a lower court and decided that Thomas and Nancy Beatie could divorce, after all. The first judge had determined that their out-of-state marriage was not valid in Arizona because they were both women, but Thomas has had extensive surgery and hormone therapy and become a man — although he is also the spouse who bore the couple's three children, since he made it a point to retain his reproductive organs.

— In August, for the 12th straight year, a group of Japanese adult-film actresses has volunteered their breasts to raise money for an AIDS-prevention charity event shown on an X-rated cable TV channel from Tokyo. The 12-hour-long "squeeze-a-thon" ("Boob Aid") sold individual fondles to men for donations of at least (the

equivalent of) \$9, with donors required first to spray on disinfectant. In all, 4100 pairs of hands roamed the nine actresses.

Recurring Themes

— In June, Robert Pullar, 30, Minot, North Dakota, subsequently charged with DUI, fell out of his car and was run over by it. In July, Joseph Karl, 48, jumped out of his truck to confront another driver in a road rage incident in Gainesville, Florida, but as he pounded on that driver's window, his own truck (left in gear) crept up and ran him over. Pullar and Karl were not seriously injured, but in July, a 54-year-old St. Petersburg, Florida, man was hurt badly when, attempting to climb onto the street sweeper that he operates for the city, he fell off, and the machine ran over his upper body.

— For patients who are musicians, deep brain stimulation (open-brain) surgery can provide entertainment for operating-room doctors as they correct neurological conditions such as hand tremors. In September, the concert violinist Naomi Elishuv, who has performed with the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra, played for surgeons at the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center so they could locate the exact spot in the brain for inserting the pacemaker to control the hand-trembling that had wrecked her career. (In fact, last week's winner of the annual Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass, Eddie Adcock, 76, had finger-picked some tunes in the operating room in 2007 for his own deep brain

surgery.)

— Buddhists continue to believe in the whole-sale "mercy release" of living creatures, with smaller and less consequential animals making even stronger statements of reverence, according to a July *New York Times* dispatch from Yushu, China, describing the freeing of river shrimp the size of a fingernail clipping. These specks of life, an advocate told the *Times*, "could very well be the reincarnated souls of relatives" who perished in the 2010 earthquake that demolished the local area. "We" workers, said another, "have the same feelings as the fish," alluding to his own occupation of "digging in the mud."

— A court in Leer, Germany, ordered a medical examination of the manhood of Herbert O., 54, to help decide a criminal charge of exhibitionism. The man's wife testified that Herbert's organ is "too short to hang out of [his] trousers," as claimed by the victim of the flashing. The judge asked a local health official to make an exact measurement.

Oh, Doctor

— Surgeons at the University of Arizona Medical Center removed a 47-pound tumor from a woman's stomach in April — likely the only such large tumor appearing in a post-operative photograph being cradled in the arms of a member of the surgical team. (The patient, without insurance, had been putting off the surgery for months, which allowed the tumor to grow and to complicate the surgery — but credits "Obamacare" with finally allowing her

to afford the procedure.)

— Previous reports of obsessively vengeful ex-lovers seem concentrated in Japan, where some heartbroken girlfriends have relentlessly harassed their exes with thousands of phone calls for months after the breakup. However, in a September report from Rhone France, a 33-year-old man was sentenced to prison for ten months for harassing his ex-girlfriend with a total of 21,807 phone calls and texts over the ten months following the split (an average of 73 a day). The man insisted that he only wanted the woman to thank him for the carpentry work he had done on her apartment.

Least Competent Criminals

— Alfred J. Shropshire III was charged in June with burglarizing a home in Lakewood, Washington, identified by his having accidentally dropped at the scene a plaque from a local Mazda dealer naming Alfred J. Shropshire III Salesperson of the Month.

— John Martinez, 68, was arrested for allegedly robbing a Wells Fargo bank in Denver in July, having been identified by bank personnel who remembered that the robber wore a black T-shirt with "John" on it and in part because video revealed that a silver Honda registered to "John Martinez," was waiting outside for his getaway.

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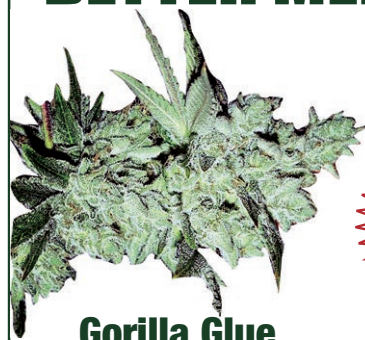
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